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Re: Safer Internet Day 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you today to draw your attention to Safer Internet Day 2022 which is celebrated today and will be centred around the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. At Corby Technical School, we consider it an important part of our curriculum to educate our students with up-to-date information about how to stay safe in the online world.

As part of Safer Internet Day this year, students will be presented with special assemblies, and will complete activities in form time, exploring some of the topics in more depth with their tutor. We will also be refreshing our internet safety boards around the school to ensure every computer room has this information for students to access. As well as educating our students, we have also subscribed to a web resource, *National Online Safety*, that allows you as parents/carer to access information about how to support your child in staying safe online. I have linked some resources from this below that are in line with the topics we will be covering in assemblies, so will be particularly useful for you to refer to if your child wishes to continue the conversations about online safety once they get home.

'What parents need to know' resources

There are a wide range of one-page information posters outlining what parents/carers need to know about certain web based apps, sites and games (e.g. Snapchat, Youtube, Fortnight, Tiktok) . Click here to access the site, then search 'what parents need to know' for the full list. You can select the apps/sites/games that you know your child has access to and get tips on how to manage accounts safely and what to look out for to protect them.

4-5 minute Explainer Videos:

These short videos give you an overview of the topics listed. There are many more on the site, but the three below are relevant to the information that will be shared with students this week:
Trolling and online abuse
Social Media apps
Online Bullying Explained
Longer course:

If you wish to complete a longer course for more in-depth knowledge, you can click on the link below. These are certified courses and provide a comprehensive level of information provided by experts. Please select the link relevant to your child's year group. The first is Year 7-9 and the second Year 10-13.

[Annual Certificate in online safety for parents of children aged 11-14 (115mins).](#)

[Annual Certificate in online safety for parents of children aged 14-18 (110mins).](#)

Live webinar with East Midlands Special Operations Unit

Additionally, there is a free online event tonight where you can join East Midlands Special Operations Cyber Protect Officers, as they host a free Webinar on how you can keep yourself safe online. They will cover how to protect your hardware, software and data, and outline the latest threats to you and how to stop them from happening. To sign up for this event, click the link [here.](#)

I hope this information is useful for you, so that we can continue to work together to ensure that our students are informed, protected, and prepared for adult life in the ever-evolving digital age.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school at enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Reynolds
Principal