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Dear Parents / Carers



Internet Safety

Social media and the internet is in so many ways a wonderful resource, however it can be a real source of worry to parents and to ourselves here in school.

Frequently we are delivering the message to our students and staff advising them how to stay safe when using the internet or the many different social media sites they like to use. We encourage them to think, spot and speak out if they feel compromised in anyway about something they have seen, heard or read, or have been subject to via the internet.

During the recent National Child Exploitation Awareness day in March we used the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board (NYSCB) campaign toolkit 'Stop CSE It is never the child's fault'.

It is everyone's role to try to ensure young people are doing all they can to stay safe on the internet. Here in school we use other professionals and agencies to help support us in re-enforcing this message, but wonder how do you as parents feel about how your child can be safe using the internet and social media?

As well as information on our school website, below are some really useful websites that give advice and guidance for parents. I have also included a link for parents to complete the online quiz to see how much you know about child sexual exploitation.

If you feel in any way we can offer you or your child any further support please do not hesitate to contact me, and if you would like to share these resources with other parents / carers please do so.

Online quiz: <https://northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=151853433158>

More information regarding online safety can be found at:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

www.internetmatters.org

www.saferinternet.org.uk/advise-andresources/parents-and-carers

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk

www.ceop.police.uk

Yours sincerely

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