Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 9th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2021**. The theme for this year will be 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.' Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and more to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Starbank School, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. Some of the activities we'll be participating in on the day include:

- Use the internet to find things out – investigate and research questions and find answers.
- Explain the difference between things that are fact / untrue / opinion.
- Describe and demonstrate how to get help if they find content that makes them feel upset, confused or worried.
- Quizes
- Watch Safer Internet Day films
- Create posters and informative literature to share our understanding and create awareness.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: **saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents**.

There are also **top tips**, a **quiz** and **films** which you can use at home with your child. Some

other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from **Childnet**
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the **UK Safer Internet Centre**
- Guides on popular apps and games from **NetAware**
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from **Common Sense Media**
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from **Internet Matters**
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from **CEOP**

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching our pupils about.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr Ahmad

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