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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day 2021. Every year on this day, myself and a group of talented Digital Leaders, give online safety presentations across the school to our different age groups of children throughout the day. Obviously this year will be very different, so I'd like to take this opportunity ask for your support and direct you to our school website.

On the St. Anne's website if you click on 'School Information' at the top of the webpage, you can then select 'Online Safety' from the drop down menu. As you scroll down the page you'll find a wealth of online safety information for yourselves and your children to discuss, and at the bottom of the page there are several links to a list of online safety websites.

The ones I'd like to draw your attention to in particular are kidSMART at <https://www.childnet.com/resources/looking-for-kidsmart> which contains beautifully illustrated e-books about Digi Duck for our early years children and e-safety cartoons for older children on, 'The Adventures of Kara, Winston and the SMART Crew.' Also <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> has some great online safety videos for 5- 7 year olds, and 7-11 year olds, and <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> contains e-safety cartoons for 4-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds.

The online safety and protection of our children at St. Anne's is vitally important to us as a school, so we hold Safer Internet Day each year (in addition to regular reminders on e-safety) to keep all children well educated in best practise and above all, safe. When setting up Microsoft Teams for our children recently we made the decision not to issue them with email addresses or allow access to the online calendar for safeguarding reasons. Quite honestly, after many discussions with staff and governors, we didn't see that it was appropriate at such a young age. Teams wasn't developed to be used as a teaching tool, so a lot of time and planning has gone into how we utilise it in a safe way as a school. As a result we are delighted with the outcome.

We are very fortunate at St. Anne's to have such supportive parents, therefore I'd like to thank you for helping our children to use Microsoft Teams, and for supporting them in their understanding of online safety during such a demanding time.

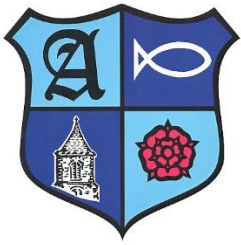
Yours sincerely,

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