

St Andrew the Apostle



Greek Orthodox School

9th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Safer Internet Day and Safer Internet Information Event

Today, 9th February 2021, is <u>Safer Internet Day</u>. This is a good opportunity to remind our students and parents the importance of acting safely and sensibly on the internet, whether on social media, during online 'remote learning', or when using the internet for any other purpose.

As ever, key messages are as follows:

- Don't share personal information online.
- Use the internet and social media for positive reasons only. It can be a crime to send abusive messages.
- Never meet someone in person you have only met online.
- Everything is permanent on the internet your 'digital footprint' lasts forever.

With this in mind, we have relaunched our safer internet advice pages on our website. Please <u>click here</u> to take a look. These pages have a wealth of information surrounding keeping your children safe online.

We know that many of our students use the internet appropriately – and we can be proud of how sensible they are. It's not easy being a teenager in 2021 with the additional worry of being safe on the internet. That's why we will be hosting an event for parents to discuss safer internet issues where we will be explaining some key principles on how to keep your child safe. This will be on **Thursday 25 February at 5.30pm** and will last around 30-40 minutes, with an opportunity for parents to raise issues which concern them. We hope it will be useful and offer a useful chance for dialogue on this important issue.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor using our contact page, <u>https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/contact</u>, with any issues you wish to raise, whether regarding internet safety or any other matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Sweet, Assistant Headteacher Mr C Martin, Assistant Headteacher