

Dear Parents/Carers

Children at Lister Infant School use the Internet on a regular basis as part of their learning. Technology enhances learning, and we want to ensure pupils get the most from it, by encouraging responsible online behaviour. The children are supervised whilst using the Internet and we ensure the children learn about online safety, online bullying and responsible use of the Internet. We teach these messages through planned lessons, PSHE lessons, themed weeks and ensure children are reminded of online safety rules every time they use the computers.

Tuesday 11th February is National Safer Internet Day, a day that is very important to our school and pupils. Safer Internet Day is run by the INSAFE network and is celebrated every year. In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre (www.saferinternet.org.uk), and this year's theme is "**Together for a better Internet.**"

As you are probably aware, inappropriate use of social media sites and online gaming through mobile phones and other devices is an increasing concern in society today. Children can very easily say and send inappropriate words and images over phones, tablets, gaming consoles and other internet devices. We will be supporting Safer Internet Day by learning about and carrying out activities linked to staying safe online. The children will be focusing on respecting each other's differences and reporting inappropriate behaviour online.

Children are made aware and reminded of our Online Safety rules regularly and these are displayed around school. All parents are asked to discuss the Online Safety rules with their child and both parents and pupils are asked to sign an Internet agreement form.

At home, sometimes children can be given unsupervised access to the Internet via mobile devices such as mobile phones, iPads and other tablet devices. This, potentially, allows them to access a range of content (both good and bad) during their time online. Here are some tips and useful links to help you to keep your children safe online: (please see our school Twitter and school website for these links too)

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

I hope you find this information helpful and we would encourage all parents to continue to regularly discuss online safety with your child at home.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Manley
(Computing/Online Safety Lead)