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Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Tuesday 6th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2024**. 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 St Mark's and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver as part of our curriculum.



We have committed to raising the profile of internet safety even further by continuing to provide a weekly Digital Citizenship lesson called **Natterhub**. Natterhub is an online safety teaching tool which has been developed specifically for children at primary school.

As children spend an increased amount of time online, we felt it necessary to take further steps to ensure their online safety and help them navigate the digital world. The lessons aim to support your children in all aspects of their digital lives and are aligned to both the Computing curriculum and the updated compulsory RSE curriculum, which makes online safety a compulsory element in primary school teaching.

Family Agreement

On Safer Internet Day your children will bring home an important online safety Family Agreement document. **We would ask that you share this document with your children and spend some time reflecting on its content. Rather than returning the form, please display it where it can be seen and not forgotten so that you can refer back to it regularly.**

Non-Uniform – Tuesday 6th Feb

We are also asking for the children to come to school wearing non-uniform and including anything that contains the colours **orange and/or blue** (the colours of the Safer Internet Day logo).

As well as introducing the Family Agreement we will be completing several activities during the day next week on Tuesday 6th. 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 resources for parents and carers which is available at:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> Here you will find top tips, quizzes, and films which you can use at home with your child.

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

Thank you in advance for your involvement in this important learning experience.

With kind regards

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