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Dear Parents/Carers

At Cromwell Academy we believe that the use of IT and the internet is an essential educational tool and we take online safety very seriously. We recently took the opportunity to reinforce the message of online safety through engaging in Internet Safety Week.

Internet Safety Week 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 wider, to join together in helping to create a safer internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key part of the computing curriculum covered in school and marking Internet Safety Week was a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we consistently deliver throughout our teaching.

Some of the activities that children participated in include:

- Looking at how a digital footprint is created,
- Understanding what information should or shouldn't be shared online
- Becoming aware of what the age ratings of films and games
- Understanding that not everything you read online is true
- Learning the SMART internet safety rules
- Talking about what they would do if something they see online upsets them.

We would be grateful if you could continue your child's learning at home by talking to them about what they have found out and reinforcing the key messages of keeping themselves safe online.

To support you with this, we have attached a 'Parenting in a Digital World' information booklet.

The link below also offers a **free** Safer Internet resource pack which is available to download.
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your children 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](#)



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- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)
- Information and reporting of actual or attempted grooming or abuse online with [CEOP](#)

In order to help us recognise how we can support you further with this matter, we would be grateful if you would complete the attached questionnaire entitled 'Parent Carer Voice Computing and Online Safety,' and then return it to the school at your earliest convenience. From this, we will be able to design a bespoke support programme for parents to ensure you are equipped to work confidently with your children in this area.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your children safe online, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support; in partnership we can ensure our children get the best out of the internet to support their learning journey, equip them for their future and ensure their safety in doing so.

Kind regards

Mrs Connor-James
Headteacher