



# Our internet, our choice

## Understanding consent in a digital world



Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Tuesday 5th February will see Excalibur Primary School joining lots of other schools around the country and the rest of the world to take part in **Safer Internet Day**. This year's theme is, "Together for a better internet". E-Safety is a huge part of the computing curriculum and the whole school will take part in different activities on the day. The learning and activities will be shared on the school website so keep an eye out over the next few weeks!

The assemblies on the day will have an E-Safety focus, linking to the theme of "Together for a better internet" and understanding consent in a digital world. There is a real emphasis on the fact that they have a choice about what they do online and we hope to encourage them to make positive choices and be good digital citizens;

The Key Stage 1 assembly shows the importance of asking for permission when using the internet. It centres around a story with the characters, Zap and Zoom who are seen asking for permission to play on their favourite game. Whilst playing, Zap comes across something that he is unsure about - a message pops up asking him to fill in some personal details so he can receive extra points - so he asks his Dad for advice. Zap's dad deletes the message, highlighting the dangers of sharing personal information online. The children are then asked to consider why Zap had made a good choice and what might have happened if he hadn't. The assembly ends by giving the children ideas of how they can ask if something is safe online.

The Key Stage 2 assembly also focuses on consent, exploring what this means and different online situations where consent may be required, including sharing photos and playing age-restricted games. The children are asked to consider the best course of action in a variety of different circumstances. The closing message of the assembly is that the children should always consider whether their choice affects anyone else and whose permission they may need to ask, as well as empowering them to seek advice if they are unsure or if they see something that upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable.

As well as taking part in activities in the classroom, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will also take part in bCyberwise workshops run by the Life Education Van. These aim to promote positive cyber citizenship and teach children how to be respectful and safe online, focusing on conduct on the internet, safe sharing and age limits.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding keeping safe online, please look on the school website for information and links to sites such as CEOP and the NSPCC's site, net aware. There is also further information on the UK Safer Internet Centre's website.

Yours faithfully

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