



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that St Olave's Grammar school is participating in the Safer Internet Day which is taking place on Tuesday 9th February 2021. Safer Internet Day is celebrated every year in around 170 countries around the world. The UK Safer Internet Centre in partnership of three leading organisations: [Childnet International](#), [Internet Watch Foundation](#) and [SWGfL](#), has a mission to promote the safe and responsible use of technology for young people. This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated in the UK with the theme "An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world". Students will participate in range of activities to raise awareness on reliability in the online world and how to separate fact from fiction?

As a parent or carer, you can play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You do not need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. The UK safer internet centre has advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibility and positively. We encourage all parents to have an age appropriate conversation with their children about issues related to the use of internet. Parents can use controls offered by their home internet service provider (ISP), can read parents' guide to technology available on UK Safer internet centre(link included below) and can encourage their children to use safety tools on social networking sites and online services. I am including below some links which hopefully will guide you to find right resources to help keep your child stay safe online.

The UK Safer Internet Centre- advice centre for parents

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/resources-parents-and-carers>

- 1) Parents guide to technology: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>
- 2) Safety tools on social network and other online services
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/safety-tools-social-networks-and-other-online-services>
- 3) Parent control offered by your home internet provider
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>
- 4) Resources for parents and carers: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/resources-parents-and-carers>

Thanks for playing your part in making internet a safe and reliable place for all.

Regards,

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