

'KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION'

Dear Parents,

Today's Safer Internet Day is taking place around the theme of 'Want to Talk About It?'.

The UK Safer Internet Centre is asking the country's youth three questions 'What issues really matter to children and young people?', 'what changes do they want to see?' and 'how can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?'. Please check out the UK Safer Internet Centre site for videos, resources and guides for parents **and grandparents** to help understand the dangers of mobiles, smart tvs, game consoles and other technology devices that could put your child at risk. You can find all that and more by following the link below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>

'Internet interview' and 'No tech or better with tech' - attached below are just two of the activities created by the Safer Internet Centre to provide families with an opportunity to start conversations about staying safe online.

Parenting is a great responsibility in today's modern world, all staff in school share this responsibility while your children are in our care.

'Keeping children safe in education' is our priority above all other aspects of school life and we rely on your support to keep your children safe online while at home.

The following is a reminder of our Safeguarding duty in school.

We must ensure that your children are 'safeguarded' from all forms of harm, particularly in the following four categories;

- Physical - actual or risk of physical injury
- Emotional - emotional ill treatment or rejection causing actual or risk of emotional and behavioural development
- Sexual - actual or risk of sexual exploitation of a child or adolescent
- Neglect - failure to carry out important aspects of care resulting in significant impairment of health or development

Please see our Safeguarding Policy on the website for further examples of harm and symptoms we should all be alert to within each of these categories.

Any incident which causes harm to a child can be reported by any member of staff, parent, child or member of the public. We are duty bound to report the allegation and it is then the responsibility of the social services or police to investigate.

Mrs Pasha, Mrs McInroy and I are the lead safe-guarding members of staff and deal directly with MASH (Tower Hamlets' Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) and follow their guidance when a safeguarding allegation is brought to our attention. We are duty bound to report the allegation and it is then the responsibility of the social services or police to investigate the allegation.

The latest version of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' September 2023 was shared at staff training in September and presented to the Governing Body. Teachers will add safeguarding to the pupils learning experiences where appropriate and of course keep you informed of any updates or changes.

Tower Hamlets have support and advice services available for parents. Mrs McInroy has contact details for parent support groups and practical parenting activities which we can share with you.

It is important that you keep us informed of any changes to your children's welfare needs so we can help support them and you.

Your support and cooperation would be much appreciated to ensure the safety and happiness of all in our community.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent

Name:

No tech or better with tech?

For each of the activities below, discuss as a family: is this better when completed with tech or without tech? For example, would you rather ask a question you have to someone face-to-face, or a voice assistant like Alexa or Siri or Google?

Circle the symbol that best matches your verdict for each one. Different family members could use different colours pens and pencils to show their opinions.

	Better without tech	Better with tech	Undecided
Chatting to friends and family			
Playing games			
Learning and research			
Asking a question			
Getting help & support			
Saying sorry			
Shopping for clothes			

Reflection time

Overall, we prefer to do things... without tech / with tech / no clear winner

We all agreed that...

We really disagreed about...

The most interesting one to discuss was...

I changed my mind about...



What internet-connected devices do you own?

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How much time do you spend online each day?

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What is your favourite thing to do online?

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What do think MY favourite thing to do online is?

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What is your least favourite thing to do online?

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What is your top tip to keep safe online?

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What would you like to know more about?

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