

Dear Parents and Guardians,

SUBJECT: EXPLORING THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI – SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026

Tomorrow, our school will join others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,' focuses on teaching children and young people the skills to use AI technology safely and responsibly, and highlights available support.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about AI technology at home. Here are some helpful resources:

- You can complete the [UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes](#) with your child.
- The UK Safer Internet Centre have created resources for use with children and young people about this year's theme. These were designed for learning settings but can be adapted to use with your child. You can find these [here](#).
- Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's tops tips for parents and carers [here](#).
- You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's [top tips for children and young people](#) with your child.
- You can visit the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland's [Online Safety Hub](#) website for lots of advice and support about how to keep your child safer online. It is split into two sections, one for adults and one for [young people](#). It signposts to local support if help is needed.
- The Department of Education also continues to fund the [Safer Schools NI App](#) which is available to all school communities and families to help them manage a wide range of safeguarding issues. For more information visit the E-Safety section on our school website.

A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for you to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,
Mr McCaughey