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9 February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Internet Safety Week and General Reminders of School Expectations

On Tuesday 7 February 2023 (Internet Safety Day) all of our students attended a session, led by an external facilitator, on Internet Safety. This was part of the education our students are receiving this week in their Tutor Groups and assemblies in support of Internet Safety Week. The theme of this year's Internet Safety Day is 'making space for conversations about children's life online'.



Please see below a few tips and resources that you may find useful to help keep your child /children safe online:

1. **Start early** - Ideally, start talking to your child about online safety as soon as they are accessing internet enabled devices - it is never too early! This will normalise such conversations as well as reinforce important messages.
2. **Be open and interested** - Ask your child to show and tell you what they do online. What apps, games and sites do they access? How do they use these e.g. do they speak/interact with others? Appreciate the opportunities and benefits, as well as help your child to understand any risks. This will create a positive and open climate so that your child is more likely to talk to you if something goes wrong. If you want to understand more about an app or game, then have a look [here](#).
3. **Make it regular** - Create regular opportunities for conversation so that you keep up to date with your child's online activity. It doesn't matter how you do this, and it shouldn't be formal.
4. **Be a good role model** - Remember that your child will see you using devices and so it is important that we try to practice what we preach! Consider using the [Family Agreement](#) as a great way of opening up a conversation about this.
5. **Seek help** - If during a conversation your child tells you something of concern, stay calm and reassure them. Speak to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for advice or see [here](#) for other support.

Further Information

- Our School Online Safety Policy which can be found <https://www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1938&type=pdf>
- ParentSafe – (parentsafe.lgfl.net) for more resources and information about key online safety topics, sex and relationships, parental controls and good quality screen time.
- Internet Matters parental control guides – <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Safer Internet Day parent resources – <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

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General Reminders of School Expectations:

- All students are expected to wear the school uniform to and from school. This includes blazers. It is the expectation that a blazer is worn at all times and if a coat is needed it is worn over the blazer.
- If trousers are worn they are to be mid grey and not black
- We do not allow any piercings or jewellery except one pair of small stud earrings.
- We do not permit mobile phones in our school.
- Students are expected to attend school every day, on time, unless there are extenuating circumstances preventing their attendance. All absences must be communicated to Attendance and supported by evidence. The expectation for each student is 96% attendance and 97% punctuality.

Finally, we welcome the opinions of our parents / carers when reviewing policy and procedures and we would really appreciate it if you could complete the following short survey on attendance:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdONHGk5DG1D1jZ832sN1tJwPjW2UkEkLAJD_iQetrAuUXyaQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

All participants of this survey, who supply their email details, will be entered into a draw to win a £50 'Dining Out' card'.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely

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