



Friday 5 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**Internet Safety Week – Monday 8 – Friday 12 February**  
**Safer Internet day – Tuesday 9 February**

In these strange times of remote and online learning, now more than ever we want to ensure that our students reflect on their increased use of technology and for us to continue to educate them in staying safe whilst working online. Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day but here at Broadstone First and Middle Schools we have dedicated the whole week to exploring themes and educating our students on how to be as safe as possible when they are online, for our students to feel empowered to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

This national campaign aims to reach out to children and young people, parents and carers, teachers, educators and social workers, as well as industry, decision makers and politicians, to encourage everyone to play their part in creating a better internet. By celebrating the positive power of the internet, the Safer Internet Day slogan of “Together for a better internet” encourages everyone to join the movement, to participate, and to make the most of the internet’s potential to bring people together.

As part of daily ‘Ready, Set Go’ ad ‘Meet and Greet’ sessions from Monday, staff will be sharing information and starting discussions around the theme of ‘an internet we can trust?’. There will be videos and activities that students can take part in. We will also be uploading information for parents/carers that we would strongly encourage you read through – please check the Catlive website for more information. There is a family online safety plan that you can go through and discuss with your families to help everyone in your household to be/feel safe and happy online.

Safer Internet Day/week coincides this year with Children’s Mental Health week. Both focuses are very important to us and we would rather give dedicated time to exploring both areas. As we now know that a wider opening of schools will now not commence until ‘at least the 8 March’, we feel it would be more beneficial to move and focus on Children’s mental Health Week in the first week back after the half term (Week beginning 22 February). We know that this Lockdown has been harder on most than the first one and it is more important than ever for our community to support each other and those who are struggling with their mental health. More information including advice and support will follow but we would always invite you to call/email if your child is struggling with their mental health. Our Inclusion team is here to help!

Please support us remotely with this year’s Internet Safety Week! Stay safe online!

Kind regards

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