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## Re. Online Safety Update - Autumn 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope your child has settled well into the new academic year. I am writing to provide you with an update on online safety, which is one key area of our work with students, both in Life Skills (PSHCEE) and our wider Pastoral Curriculum.

The online world is an essential part of our daily lives and learning how to use technology safely is an essential skill for young people. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children and your role as a parent/carer can make a significant difference. Following the parent information evenings at the beginning of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some updates to share more about the work we are doing in school, and to help ensure you are in the best possible position to support your child at home. These updates will be provided on at least a termly basis.

## Hertfordshire Online Safety Newsletter - Autumn 2022

Firstly, I am pleased to be able to share the Autumn 2022 online safety newsletter for parents/carers from Hertfordshire, which you can access [here](#). The newsletter is designed to help promote the safety of children and young people online, and covers a variety of important topics including gaming communities, online grooming and live streaming.

## In-person parent/carer workshops - NSPCC

We are currently exploring offering a series of in-person workshops from the NSPCC. If you would be interested in attending, I would be grateful if you could complete this short [Google Form](#), both to express your interest in principle and to indicate the area(s) you would most like to learn more about. Further information will be shared after we have established the level of interest from the parent body.

## Cybercrime Awareness Day

On Thursday 20 October 2022, Miss Moody (Head of KS4) has arranged for all students to complete a training session focused on cyber crime awareness and prevention. A one-hour workshop will be delivered by specialist Cyber Protect & Prevent Officers who are based at the County's Serious Fraud & Cyber Unit (SFCU).

The school is working closely with Hertfordshire Police with the aim of educating students who are perhaps unaware that their Cyber actions can have such serious implications, including criminal. Hertfordshire Police are aiming to Engage, Educate and Inspire via their #Cyber Choices initiative, a national programme coordinated by the National Crime Agency, to deter and divert young people from cyber criminality and help them make informed choices about the use of technology in a legal way.





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The Cyber Prevent/CyberChoices training will cover topics including:

- Explaining the difference between legal and illegal cyber activity
- Encouraging individuals to make informed choices in their use of technology
- Increasing awareness of the Computer Misuse Act 1990
- Promoting positive, legal cyber opportunities

The training will also cover basic cyber security advice including guidance on general e-safety and good password hygiene.

For more information about the #CyberChoices Initiative you can follow the link below.

[Cyber Choices: Helping you choose the right and legal path](#)

## Useful links

For ease of access, please find below a selection of useful resources.

The [NSPCC online safety hub](#) provides guides and advice for parents.

[Internet Matters](#) offers practical tips, as well as expert support to help keep children safe online.

[Childnet's parent page](#) provides resources and toolkits for parents.

[Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre](#) - report concerns to CEOP using the "Click CEOP" button

[Think U Know](#) - resources and advice for parents, professionals, children and young people

## Reporting a concern about online safety

Finally, I would like to remind you that if you have a concern about online safety, whether that be for your own child or another at the school, please contact either myself or Mrs Yvonne Powdrell (Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Gray  
Assistant Headteacher

