**Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February 2018**

**‘*Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you’****.*

Thursday 1 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

February 6th 2018 is **Safer Internet Day**, a day that is very important to our school and pupils. Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the Insafe network and is celebrated every year across Europe and in other countries worldwide.

In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** ([**www.saferinternetday.org.uk**](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)) and this year’s theme is ‘*Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you’.*

To celebrate the many positives of the internet, and to raise awareness of the issues that children and young people face online today, our school is participating alongside hundreds of other schools across the UK and children will be reminded about how to use the internet safely and positively (as we do throughout the year!).

We believe that online safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people’s development. This is especially important this year as we continue to improve our computing resources in school where children will have more access to the internet.

During Monday’s assemblies, the children will be shown an approved video from the UK Safer Internet website. Class 1 and 2 will be shown *‘Take a minute’* and class 3 will be shown *‘How I feel online’*. Both films focus on the theme of healthy online relationships and digital wellbeing. These videos are available to watch on <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

Throughout the week, each class will be completing activities around this year’s theme and discussing and creating acceptable use rules that we should follow in order to stay safe online in school. These rules will be incorporated into the school’s annually updated ‘Online Safety’ policy. We will also be asking the children to pledge to do something positive online. #ItStartsWithUs

We also invite you to complete the attached **online safety audit.** Children in KS2 will also be taking a survey in school. We can use this information to inform the way we teach online safety in the future.

If you would like further information, please visit the ‘Online Safety Page’ on the school’s website ([www.curbarprimary.co.uk](http://www.curbarprimary.co.uk) ). You will find useful links to websites, video clips and key information. The UK Safer Internet Centre, who develop these resources, are experts in the field of online safety education and we highly recommend that you look at them.  They provide practical advice and safety tips to help manage online safety issues, and discussions surrounding suitable behaviour online.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan

(Headteacher)

Useful websites:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)