Safer Internet Day 2016

Play your part for a better internet!

Just a quick reminder about SID 2016 which is rapidly approaching. There is a wide range of resources available on the website at http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016 including materials for assemblies, lesson plans and resources for parents.

Online Safety is now an important part of safeguarding young people, and helping them learn how to stay safe when using technology is becoming more important.

I understand, from recent discussions with the police that they remain concerned about children being groomed for indecent images through a wide variety of apps including ooVoo, KIK, Skype and MeetMe. It would be helpful if schools could remind parents to carefully supervise their children's use of technology, and to pay particular attention to who their "virtual" friends are.   The NSPCC have a very good website for parents called Net-Aware http://www.net-aware.org.uk which explains to parents the risks and benefits of a wide range of apps, and what safety measures are available to parents.

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