



# Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

**Safer Internet Day 2018** was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February 2018 with the slogan **“Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you”**. This week I have been talking to the children about how to have positive online relationships and encouraging them to make a pledge to take positive action to make the internet a better place. This also links in with our assembly theme of Living Life Generously.

We are able to keep children safe when they are at school, but it is clear that many children are active online, playing games and using social media sites when at home. I have attached a link to a website that gives really good advice for parents on the key concerns that we have regarding our children’s use of the internet.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media/>

It is also important to know that all social networking sites (or social networking apps) have age limits. I urge you to take a look at the following link. I am concerned by the number of children who are using social networking sites that are not age-appropriate for them and are maybe even setting up You Tube channels. This is opening up children to the threat of cyberbullying or being drawn into inappropriate actions.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/age-can-child-start-social-networking/>

I am not discouraging children from using the internet or being online, but simply making them aware of their behaviour and keeping it positive and respectful.

**Create, connect and share respect:  
A better internet starts with you!**