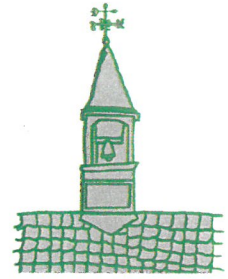




Fakenham Primary Federation



"Together we can"

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Be the best YOU can be

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week, on Tuesday 11th February, it is once again 'Safer Internet Awareness Day' across the UK. The theme for this year is "Too good to be true?" – which has a focus around scams and disinformation online. Our schools will be highlighting this day with the children reminding them of the core elements of being safe online and what to do if they are worried or concerned. We will also discuss the theme in an age appropriate way.

As I have said before, days like this are a good opportunity for you to check you are as safe as possible at home. Some things to consider:

- Do you have internet security and 'safety' levels set on your home broadband?
- Do you know what your child is accessing? Do you check and monitor? Is the child's access in a shared area or private area at home?
- Do you have rules and expectations in place at home about when, and in which rooms, children should safely go online? – **we would suggest bedrooms are not safe places to have online devices.**
- Do you follow advice to reduce the risk of 'scamming'? How do you know information, or links, online are legitimate?

There are many apps available to help you to safely monitor your children. I am sure you would not let your children wander off and interact with strangers in the 'real world' hence why would you do it in the 'virtual world'.

We promote the USE-IT (FINS) and SMART (FJS) rules which give the same, or similar, age appropriate messages to children. USE-IT information can be found on FINS website: [FINS USE-IT](#) and FJS SMART rules can be found here: [SMART rules](#). You can also get further information about safety online from the UK Safer Internet Centre website [Homepage - UK Safer Internet Centre](#), the NSPCC website: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#) and CEOP website [CEOP for parents](#).

Safety online is part of the Safeguarding expectations on schools. In school, we have age appropriate filtering and monitoring systems. These work by sending alerts to appropriate staff members about concerning online activity on the school site. We then follow this up. I can assure you they work, only this week we had to follow up some alerts in an appropriate way. Education, support and careful monitoring is the best way to protect children online, with children aware that if something happens, staff and parents will be there to help them. We do not want children to be scared that they will be in trouble if they come forward – reassure and praise them for being honest and open. You can then let appropriate people know via any link on a website, via the police or by calling the **Child Advice and Duty Service (CADS)** at Norfolk LA on the phone number **0344 800 8020**. Also, please let us know at school by talking to a DSL.

The DSLs are:

At FINS: Adam Mason, Sarah Gallichan, Emma Kiley, Claire Gravett and Katherine Heazel

At FJS: Adam Mason, Tom Scannell, Jennie Bates and Marie Denny

If you have concerns about something you witness about a child outside of school, you can anonymously call the CADS number above to report your concerns – this is important as they do require first- hand information.

At Fakenham Primary Federation all staff are trained to think – ‘It could happen here’. We will always act in a way to safeguard and advocate for a child. Please keep working with us to keep your children safe.

Remember ‘together we can’ ‘Be the best we can be’.

With regards,

Adam Mason