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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Safer Internet Day 2016: Tuesday 9th February 2016

I am writing to ask your support in regard to promoting the safe use of the internet with your children. You may know that Tuesday 9th February 2016 is 'Safer Internet Day' (SID); this is a globally celebrated initiative promoting the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Safer Internet Day is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre in February of each year, with this year having the theme of "Play your part for a better internet". At Nower Hill we will be joining hundreds of other organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day during tutor time and lessons through videos, discussions and safer internet tips.

Your children may have discussed with you some of the related topics they have studied during Form time or during their ICT, Computing and Citizenship lessons. The internet does of course offer many positive opportunities, however it is essential that children keep themselves safe when using it. We address this issue with students via various channels at school, but also seek your support in ensuring that your children are keeping themselves safe when on-line and using technology appropriately.

You may find it useful to have a look with your child at some of the materials on the SID website, which has excellent resources for both children and parents:

http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016

In order to support our parents and carers we have provided some useful help and advice under the **Parents & Carers** tab on the Nower Hill High School website. You will find a copy of our e-safety mission, guidance on indecent images as well as a copy of the presentation from our e-safety evening for parents last year. You will also find a host of interesting and informative resources about e-safety on **Parentinfo**, which you can find on the drop down menu on the left under the **Parents & Carers** tab. Please do have a browse – you'll be amazed at what you don't know! Finally, we will be holding another e-Safety evening for parents and carers during the summer term, and hope to see you then.

We do hope that you will manage to find some time to discuss the importance of safe internet usage with your children. In the meantime, may we thank you for your support of the school promoting e-Safety over the past term.

Yours faithfully

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