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## E Safety Update Spring 2014

At Hinchingsbrooke we are very aware of the huge benefits of using the internet and mobile devices to support student learning and provide resources and communication. There really is a huge variety of rich interactive resources which can help support students and enhance their learning. Overwhelmingly this has a very positive impact on student learning. It is of course important to be mindful of the dangers out there and keep parents, carers and students aware of the most up to date advice and issues.

In this issue of our e safety leaflet the school would like to make you aware of two key resources which can help you and your child raise your awareness on how to stay safe online:

### 1. Safer Internet Day 2014

Safer Internet Day 2014 took place on 11th February 2014, with the theme 'Let's create a better internet together'. The day offered the opportunity for schools and the media to focus on key issues related to staying safe on online. It also helped to highlight some of the excellent advice and resources available on the [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) website, shown below. to help parents, carers and their children discuss how to stay safe online.



- Talk to your child about their favourite websites. Starting a conversation on a positive foot can lead nicely into a chat about online safety.
- If your child loves to use social networking sites, teach them about protecting their personal information by thinking about what they are sharing and who they are sharing it with. Show them how to use privacy settings, and how to block and report - and advise them to only accept friend requests from people they know in real life.
- Remind your child that showing respect for others online is just as important as showing it offline. Encourage them to think before they post and encourage them to show positive behaviour online.

- There are lots of ways you can advise your child about cyberbullying, if they are worried remind them to save the evidence and to always tell an adult they trust if something upsets them online.
- There are ways in which you can help to prevent your child from seeing inappropriate content online. Have you considered parental controls and filtering in your home?

Source <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice->

Please discuss this advice with your child.

## 2. Facebook

As Facebook is constantly changing its features and policies, it is important to keep up-to-date with all the terminology used as well as having a good knowledge of how to maximise security and privacy settings. The following advice which is taken directly from the parents' support section of the Facebook website should help parents, carers and students think about the best ways of managing and controlling our digital footprints.



### Tips for parents

- It can be tough to keep up with technology. Don't be afraid to ask your kids to explain it to you.
- If you're not already on Facebook, consider joining. That way you'll understand what it's all about!
- Create a Facebook group for your family so you will have a private space to share photos and keep in touch.
- Teach your teens the online safety basics so they can keep their Facebook timeline (and other online accounts) private and safe.
- Talk about technology safety just like you talk about safety while driving and playing sports.

Source <https://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents/>

Recently the BBC aired some radio broadcasts on 'Safer Internet Day' around these key issues. A broadcast is available on iPlayer which includes some interesting discussions and advice from the 'You and Yours' Radio 4 program. In addition to this the following websites have been identified as excellent resources to help support parents, carers and students at Hinchingsbrooke:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/advice>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/articles/stay-safe-webchat>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/21259413>

<http://www.common sense media.org/blog/facebook-for-parents>  
<https://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents/>