



Tuesday 4th February

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the past few weeks we have had an increase in the number of online incidents reported to us by both Y6 pupils and parents. These incidents have included name calling, watching inappropriate, violent content on You tube and other sites and then acting it out in school, making threats through online gaming sites and also purposely using social media sites to isolate members of the year group. All of these online behaviours fall under the category of 'cyber bullying!' This form of bullying is on the increase nationally and it is something that we need to tackle together, to ensure that all children are safe and happy, both at home and in school.

Online bullying, as well as other types of bullying will not be tolerated at Northern Saints Primary School and it is our job, as responsible adults, parents and teachers, to ensure that our children are well educated and protected.

Technology is constantly changing, and young people are continually learning. We understand how important the internet is in developing digital citizens for the future. When used safely, the internet opens a world of amazing opportunities but we also realise the importance of keeping up to date on latest developments so you know about the risks and what you can do to minimise these risks.

We understand the difficulties in keeping up to date with current trends in the digital world and what technologies our children are currently using. We would like to keep you fully informed and provide you with some useful tips so that we can all work together to keep our children safe.

Please check out the reverse of this letter for some top tips on how to protect your child and how you can ensure that their online behaviour is risk free or at least risk minimised! I appreciate that the text, on the leaflet over the page, is very small to read, therefore I am also providing you with a link to parent guides for online safety:
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

Please contact the school if you require any further information or support.

Kind regards

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