

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear St Mary's Families,

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February 2021

You may be aware that Safer Internet Day is held annually in February and, this year, will be marked on Tuesday 9th February 2021.

As the children are spending an increased amount of time online due to remote learning, school closure and to keep in contact with family and friends, every class across the Pioneer Federation of schools are intending to dedicate a session to online safety each day of the week commencing Monday 8th February. These lessons will be interactive and encourage discussion, involve practical learning and we aim to raise questions in children's minds about their online behaviours.

In addition to this, we will be hosting two webinars for parents across the Federation to attend. These will be run by Mrs Cousens (Computing Lead, based at Chiddingly School) and Miss Lewis (Head of School and Safeguarding Lead, based at East Hoathly). Miss Hare will also be in attendance to answer any St Mary specific questions. Miss Lewis recently took part in a training event run by CEOP and the National Crime Agency which gives the federation access to quality resources for supporting parents, pupils and staff in understanding the risks, benefits and considerations for online activities. Key messages from these webinars will also be shared in the newsletter.

The webinars will explore different challenges faced by primary-aged children and how school and parents can support pupils to make informed choices about their online behaviour. We have arranged for the two webinars to take place after school hours at different times (Monday 8th February, 4-5pm and Tuesday 9th February 5-6pm) in the hope that as many parents as possible can access the webinar. To book a place on the webinar, please complete this [Google Form](#) and share any concerns or questions that you have with us (via the form) so that we can prepare answers and find information prior to the event. Please take note of the Google-Meet link at the end of the form so that you are able to join us.

We look forward to seeing you online. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss V Lewis
Head of School, East Hoathly Primary School.

