



Dear Parents and Carers,

February 7th 2017 is **Safer Internet Day**, a day that is very important to our school and pupils. Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the Insafe network and is celebrated every year across Europe, and in other countries worldwide.

In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** (www.saferinternetday.org.uk), and this year's theme is "Be the change: Unite for a better internet."

Our school is participating alongside hundreds of other schools across the UK and students will be learning about how to use the internet safely and positively.

To celebrate the many positives of the internet, and to raise awareness of the issues that children and young people face online today, including sexting, Gateacre School will be hosting an online safety information evening for parents and carers of children in every year group and we will be delivering this presentation. The session will provide practical advice and safety tips to help manage online safety issues, and discussions surrounding suitable behaviour online.

The presentation will be on **Wednesday 8th February** at **3.30pm** and will last for 30 minutes, with time for questions too.

We will also be holding drop in sessions on **Tuesday 7th February** from **3.30-5pm** if you would like advice on how to use our Parent app MyEd, our website or further details on how to use social media safely.

We believe that internet safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people's development. This session is designed to help you become more aware of the safety messages that your children receive in school in order to reinforce them in your home environment.

We really hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C. Clark
IT Teacher and CEOP Ambassador

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Please return reply slip to your House admin

I will be attending the following-

- Wednesday 8th February 3.30-4pm** Safer Internet Presentation
- Tuesday 7th February 3.30-5pm** Drop-in sessions re social media, website, MyEd app

Number of people attending _____