



10 September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Y7 ICT lessons

Over the next half term Y7 pupils will be completing a unit of work in ICT lessons based around the topic of E-Safety. In conjunction with pastoral staff, we have selected four important areas of E-Safety that we feel would benefit our Y7 pupils. The areas that we have identified are:

- Cyberbullying
- Sexting
- Digital Footprints and having an Online Presence
- Safe Social Networking

The unit of work will be based around the pupils creating a website about E-Safety for other Y7 pupils. The E-safety topics will be delivered within these lessons, where pupils will be introduced to the topic, shown a video about the topic and then informed on where to go for help and advice if they are ever subjected to any of the issues. All of the videos and resources that we will use are age appropriate and have been provided by CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) a command of the National Crime Agency, who are responsible for protecting children from harm online and offline. In certain lessons pupils will have to use images and text related to the topics, however they will not be allowed to search for images/information on the Internet, they have been provided with age appropriate images and information from the CEOP and Childline websites.

Before the video is shown in each lesson, pupils will be informed that they will be allowed to leave the room if they feel uncomfortable or upset by any of the images/topics shown. All our ICT staff have been CEOP trained and will be able to fully support pupils in these lessons.

By completing this unit, our pupils will become fully informed on how to understand these dangers, learn how to avoid these situations, prevent them from happening and be aware of who to report any incidents to if they feel threatened or uncomfortable when using the Internet or other digital technology.

If you have any concerns with any of the above, or wish to discuss the content of the lessons further, please do not hesitate to contact me at a.fowler@bridgewaterhigh.com.

Yours faithfully

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