

Dear Parent/Guardian,

February 8th 2022 is Safer Internet Day, an important day in our school calendar. Celebrated every year in Europe, America, Africa and Asia, Safer Internet Day (SID) promotes the safe and positive use of digital technology, especially among children and young people.

In Ireland, Safer Internet Day is promoted by PDST Technology in Education and Webwise, with the theme "Together for a Better Internet". Along with hundreds of other schools from around Ireland, Cross and Passion College will be celebrating Safer Internet Day.

To mark Safer Internet Day, our school will be producing a podcast discussing privacy online, hosting a poster competition for 1st and 2nd years, holding a walking debate about issues surrounding the internet and discussing responsible use of the internet in SPHE classes.

Our campaign is to inform students about data and privacy online. We want students to become more aware of their digital footprint on the internet and how it may affect them in the future. We also want to educate students about the ways big technology companies can harvest and use their data, and how to protect themselves from being exploited.

This year for Safer Internet Day, parents are being encouraged to get involved in the #TalkListenLearn campaign which promotes having open and ongoing conversations with children and teenagers about using the internet in a safe and positive way. The Webwise Topic Generator is a great way to help families start the conversation. It can be accessed at <a href="talklistenlearn.webwise.ie">talklistenlearn.webwise.ie</a>. The Webwise Parents Hub also provides practical advice on key online safety topics, videos from parenting, technology, and education experts, along with Talking Points to start a conversation with your child, and Explainer Guides to popular apps and platforms. Visit <a href="www.webwise.ie/parents">www.webwise.ie/parents</a> for more information.

Along with millions of other people around the world, we hope that you will join us in marking Safer Internet Day 2022 and help to create a safer, better internet.

Yours sincerely

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