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"We love God, We love learning, We love each other."

Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day 2025 – 'Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online'

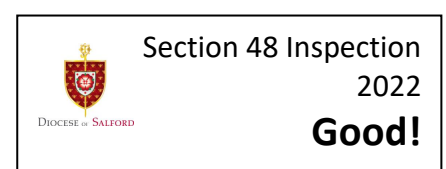
I am writing to inform you about the exciting and important activities our pupils have been engaging in as part of **Safer Internet Day 2025**, which have been celebrating this week within school.

This year's theme, '**Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online**', has provided an excellent opportunity to teach our pupils about the importance of critical thinking when using the internet. As online scams become more sophisticated and widespread, it is crucial that children learn how to identify suspicious content, protect their personal information, and help others stay safe too.

Throughout the week, children have taken part in a range of engaging and age-appropriate activities designed to help them understand online scams and fraud. These have included:

- **Interactive Discussions** – Exploring common online scams, such as fake competitions, phishing emails, and misleading advertisements.
- **Real-Life Scenarios** – Working through examples of online scams and discussing how to identify and respond to them safely.
- **Role-Playing Activities** – Practising what to do if they come across a scam, including reporting suspicious content and seeking help from a trusted adult.
- **Creating Posters and Guides** – Pupils have designed informative materials to help others recognise and avoid online scams.
- **Exploring Reliable Sources** – Learning how to verify information online and differentiate between trustworthy and deceptive websites.

Through these activities, our pupils have gained a better understanding of online risks and have developed strategies to protect themselves and their families.



We strongly encourage parents and carers to continue these discussions at home. Here are a few ways you can reinforce what your child has learned:

- **Talk About Online Scams** – Ask your child what they have learned about scams and encourage them to share examples of things they should watch out for.
- **Check Privacy Settings** – Review the privacy and security settings on your child's devices, apps, and accounts to ensure their personal information is protected.
- **Encourage Critical Thinking** – Teach your child to question online offers and messages that seem 'too good to be true' and to check with you before clicking on links or sharing personal details.
- **Use Parental Controls** – Many devices and apps offer parental control features that help filter out inappropriate or potentially harmful content.
- **Lead by Example** – Show your child how you stay safe online by being cautious with emails, pop-ups, and online purchases.

Further Information and Resources

If you would like more information about keeping your child safe online, there are several excellent resources available:

- **UK Safer Internet Centre** (www.saferinternet.org.uk) – Advice, tips, and guides for parents and children.
- **NSPCC Online Safety** (www.nspcc.org.uk) – Guidance on internet safety, privacy settings, and managing screen time.
- **ThinkUKnow** (www.thinkuknow.co.uk) – Age-appropriate online safety information provided by the National Crime Agency.

At St Mary's Primary School, we are committed to ensuring our pupils develop the skills they need to navigate the digital world safely. By working together, we can help our children become confident and responsible internet users.

If you have any questions or concerns about online safety, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Year 1 classroom door or speak with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mr Jenkins

Year 1 Teacher / Mathematics and Computing Lead

