

Internet Safety

Dear Parents/Carers

6 February 2018 was Safer Internet Day; the purpose of this day is to highlight eSafety concerns which affect young people. At Portlethen Academy we work hard to equip young people for an increasingly digitised world. We believe it is vital that they use technology responsibly, and are aware how their actions impact upon others – and themselves.

Two weeks' ago all young people listened to a talk by Hannah Bennett, an expert in Online safety and Child Exploitation from Drugs and Alcohol Scotland. She focussed on *How to Stay Safe Online*. This is the latest of a series of internet safety presentations over the session so far. Last term all students listened to PC Russell Crawford on Cyber Safety and last week S1-3 had input from a group of our pupils called Mentors in Violence Prevention about responsible use of Group Chat.

We know how concerned parents/carers are about online safety. We know, too, that supporting young people's ICT awareness is a difficult task. They can often be reluctant to discuss such issues with you and parents are not always aware of the support that is available. The recent parental survey responses highlighted that you wanted more input in this area.

Below is a link to the Safer Internet Factsheet which lists many sources of support. It is also available on our website.

goo.gl/4CcWmR

Hannah Bennett (as mentioned above) can run evening information sessions for parents to help keep us all safe online. If you would like to attend a session to find out more about internet safety and have a chance to ask Hannah questions, please fill out the form below and return to the school office by Friday 16th March.

Yours faithfully



Mary O'Brien

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Pupil Name:

Class:

Parent Name:

I would be interested in attending an internet safety session one evening during the summer term.