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Dear parents,

When our children are young, we do our best to help them get the most out of the internet, while protecting them from the online world's risks and downsides. But as children mature into teenagers, our role shifts to helping them learn to make their own safe and ethical decisions as they navigate their digital lives.

At Selside, we believe this means preparing our Key Stage 2 children to:

- **Think critically** and evaluate online sources.
- **Protect themselves** from online threats, including bullies and scams.
- **Be sharp about sharing:** what, when and with whom.
- **Be kind and respectful** towards other people and their privacy.
- **Ask for help** from a parent or another trusted adult with tricky situations.

This year, this will include Be Internet Legends, a multifaceted programme designed to teach children the skills they need to be safe and smart online. One of the resources, Interland, is a playful browser based game, that makes learning about digital safety interactive and fun – just like the Internet itself. Developed by Google in partnership with the educators and online safety experts at Parent Zone, Be Internet Legends provides fun, age-appropriate learning experiences built around five pillars:

- Think before you share.
- Check it's for real.
- Protect your stuff.
- Respect each other.
- When in doubt, discuss.

We believe the Be Internet Legends programme will mark an important step towards our goal of ensuring that all our children are learning, exploring and staying safe online.

If you're interested, I'm happy to share more information about this new programme, including introductions to some of the resources your children might start using at home.

Kind regards,

Anna Young

