

the **GREENROOM** school

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a safe and respectful online environment for our pupils, we are excited to announce our upcoming event: the **'Digital Etiquette Afternoon.'** This event will take place in school, replacing regular lessons on the afternoon of **Thursday, 7th March**, and will be an opportunity for our pupils to delve into the nuances of responsible online behaviour.

In today's digital age, where online interactions are increasingly prevalent, it is imperative that we help equip our pupils with the necessary skills to navigate the online realm with respect and integrity.

We have designed the afternoon to be interactive and engaging, with heavy staff involvement to ensure that pupils receive comprehensive guidance on navigating the digital landscape responsibly. Throughout the sessions, we will address issues such as embarrassment, anger, and shame that may arise from online interactions, emphasising the importance of empathy and sensitivity in our online interactions.

One area of focus will be online gaming decorum, where we will discuss the significance of establishing a 'code of conduct' both within and outside of school. Topics such as spamming, relentless messaging, and how we speak to each other while gaming or playing online will be addressed to promote a culture of mutual respect and understanding.

We will also explore the concept of online entanglement, highlighting the importance of maintaining honest profiles and bios to uphold one's digital identity. Additionally, pupils will learn about the safety features of the apps they use and the significance of tools such as blocking and muting, emphasising that these features are not a 'statement' but rather essential tools for self-protection.

Furthermore, we will discuss the notion of 'connecting positively' online and provide examples of adult and teacher missteps in online behaviour to illustrate the importance of learning from mistakes and practising digital responsibility. The phenomenon of cancel culture will also be explored, emphasising the need for accountability and understanding in our online interactions.

We sincerely believe that the Digital Etiquette Afternoon will be a valuable and enriching experience for our pupils, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to navigate the online world with confidence and respect.

If you have any questions, suggestions or thoughts regarding this event please feel free to contact me directly via email or the school office on 01753 866711

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