



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school has been given the opportunity to be involved in a new programme 'CyberSense' that will run in partnership with Ariel Trust. Ariel Trust is an educational charity that was set up in 1982 to improve the life chances of young people.

With the growth of the internet and non-stop developments in instant communication and social media, the challenges faced by young people have never been greater. Ariel Trust remains committed to helping young people to respond positively to those challenges.

'CyberSense', has been designed to provide young people with the skills to recognise, respond to and report online bullying, whilst promoting safe use of social media and the internet.

CyberSense has been well received and has already been used in over 100 Primary Schools in Merseyside, Derbyshire and Greater Manchester in the last year, as part of the Big Lottery Realising Ambition project.

We have a responsibility to teach pupils about online safety especially as the Internet has become an integral part of pupil's lives, enabling them to undertake research for school projects, talk to their friends and access information from around the world. The increasing availability of the Internet, in and out of school, brings with it the need to ensure that learners are safe.

Ofsted highlights that 'online safety', specifically, is one of the important broader aspects of care and education. Our involvement with Ariel Trust through the CyberSense programme will contribute to further improving young peoples' physical and emotional well-being, a national priority and one of the latest Ofsted expectations.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and believe that CyberSense is going to be beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely,

