# IT ADVISE FOR STUDENTS

The internet is an essential part of modern life. It's a place where you can get information, communicate with friends and family, and do your schoolwork. However, it can also be a dangerous place for young people who aren't aware of their online security. Teachers are always on the lookout for students who are using the internet inappropriately. Here are some ways to keep your kids safe online:

- Don't give them full internet access until they're at least 13 years old, even if you want them to use it for schoolwork.
- Make sure that they know how to block or report inappropriate content on social media, and help them understand what constitutes appropriate behaviour online.
- If your child has been in a situation where they've been bullied or harassed online, encourage them to contact an adult immediately.
- Don't give out personal information. Make sure that any information you share is only used by those who need it to access the site or service.
- Don't send money or private information to strangers. If someone asks for money or personal information, don't give it to them! Instead, report them to the authorities.
- Avoid clicking on links in unknown emails or texts and never open attachments without first verifying their authenticity.
- Don't share private photos or videos.
- Don't post links to websites that are known for scamming people.
- Don't be afraid to report suspicious activity to your school's IT department or local authorities if you see something suspicious going on campus or in your community that doesn't seem right.
- Keep your password secure! If someone gets hold of your password, they can take over your account and use it without your permission—and even if they don't know your password, they could see everything you've ever done online by logging into your account without one first!

Students are encouraged to protect their personal information and use of technology. If you see something that violates these policies, please report it to your school's counsellor or the IT department immediately so it can be addressed.