

School Council meeting 03/10/2017 – 2.30pm

Present – Staff- Miss Appleton, Mrs Butler, Mrs Tolley, Mrs Freeman,

Students- Meghan, Sean P, Grace, Courtney, Matthew, Adam, Zafran

Purpose of meeting

To discuss online safety

I explained that I was completing an online safety self-review tool for the school and needed their help to complete some parts of it. I asked them what they knew about staying safe on the internet, if there were any rules to follow.

Zafran was the first to comment stating that you “don’t go on rude stuff on the internet” Meghan agreed. She said that you have to find safe websites to use and if you were unsure get someone to check for you. When asked if you should meet up with people that you talk to online it was a unanimous NO, although Meghan added that it was different if you knew who the person was.

I next enquired as to whether there was anything else that we shouldn’t do online. Adam immediately said “don’t tell your school or address”. When asked why we shouldn’t do this Courtney said to stay safe. The next question I asked was what they would do if someone tried to talk to you online and you didn’t know who they were. Meghan suggested asking them how they knew her, I said but what if they didn’t answer the question but carried on trying to talk to her, she said she would just ignore them. Courtney said that she would “block them” and tell her teacher. When asked who else we might tell there was quite a list, adult, mum, dad, uncle, carers. I reiterated that we shouldn’t talk to people that we don’t know, Matthew stated that “strangers are bad persons”.

Next we discussed why we used the internet, research at school was mentioned, but all students said that when they were at home they used it to watch videos, listen to music or play games. They stated that they didn’t chat online with others and if they wanted to chat they would call someone using a phone. When asked if anyone had Facebook all said no, but Courtney told us that her big sister has it.

Before the meeting closed I asked about the posters that were discussed at last week’s meeting. Not one poster had been made! I asked if we could remember what the posters were for, Meghan said no holding hands or kissing. Grace said no swearing, to which Meghan said that would be a good thing as she has heard a lot of swearing recently. It was put to a vote and everyone agreed that swearing should not be allowed during school time. Adam said that fighting shouldn’t happen either, so again it was put to a vote and agreed that we don’t want fighting to happen at school. I now have four posters to make and four classes to make them, so it worked out quite well!

Meeting closed 2.54pm