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To: All Heads of Schools (State and Non-State) and Sections

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Subject: Safer Internet Day 2021: Together for a Better Internet

Safer Internet Day (<https://www.saferinternetday.org/>) is a global celebration that highlights the opportunities the Internet has to offer and the importance of making it a safer place. This year's Safer Internet Day is going to take place on **Tuesday, 9th February 2021**. The campaign's slogan for this year is "**Together for a better internet**". The Directorate for Digital Literacy and Transversal Skills (DLTS) encourages the use of internet in a meaningful way and encourages all educators, parents and students to play their part in creating a better internet for everyone.

Schools are kindly encouraged to organize activities (including eTwinning activities) related to internet safety and record the activities organized in Malta by uploading them to <https://tinyurl.com/sid2021>. All participating educators and students who provide evidence of the activities will be receiving eTwinning tokens.

As part of the Safer Internet Day activities in Malta, the Directorate for Digital Literacy and Transversal Skills is going to organize

- a. an online seminar in collaboration with Dr Philip Bonanno (<https://www.um.edu.mt/profile/philipbonanno>). This online seminar is going to take place on **Tuesday, 9th February 2021 between 4pm and 5.30pm**. During this session Dr Bonanno is going to develop case-based scenarios related to Safe / Problematic use of the internet. You may join this online seminar by clicking this [link](#).
- b. an online hate speech seminar on **Thursday, 11th February 2021 between 4pm and 5.15pm**. Ms Lucianne Zammit, Education Officer Ethics and Dr Omar Seguna, Education Officer Digital Literacy are going to explore the issues related with the rise of Hate Speech and how can these be addressed. This session is going to include showcasing of the SELMA toolkit (<https://hackinghate.eu/toolkit/>). You may join this online seminar by clicking this [link](#):

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