

PRESS RELEASE

Schools triumph in the Parent Zone Digital School of the Year award 2017

We are delighted to announce the result of the Parent Zone Digital School of the Year awards.

This year, entries to the awards, which recognise Digital Schools members who have proved their dedication to digital excellence, were so strong we have picked two winners.

After much deliberation, this year's winners are St Andrew's C of E Primary School in Plymouth and Epsom College from Surrey.

Parent Zone's Deputy CEO Sophie Linington says: 'We were impressed by St Andrew's' holistic approach to online safety, involving pupils, staff, governors and parents. St Andrew's has enthusiastically embraced our Digital Schools programme and we are delighted to recognise their commitment to a safe and enjoyable online life for children and their families.'

Outlining why Epsom College won, Sophie says: 'Epsom works hard to embed the digital world into its pupils' learning environment, embracing technology whilst ensuring students are well equipped to manage the risks *and* make the most of the benefits.'

St Andrew's teacher Warren Stonebridge says: 'All the children and staff were delighted to hear that we had won the Digital School of the Year Award. The online safety of our school community is extremely important to us and it is great that our hard work and dedication to e-safety has been validated nationally by Parent Zone.'

Helen Keevil from Epsom College says: 'Embedding the digital world in a traditional well-established teaching and learning environment has been fun and highly rewarding.'

Both schools will receive their award in the week of Safer Internet Day, 7 February 2017.

Both schools are members of the Parent Zone Digital Schools Membership programme, which provides expert support, advice and information to schools across the country.

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For expert comment on online safety issues for families from [Parent Zone](#), please contact press@parentzone.org.uk or call 020 704 0415.

About Parent Zone

Parent Zone is the leading organisation supporting parents in the digital age. Our founder and CEO Vicki Shotbolt is the official parents' representative on the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS). Parent Zone works with parents, schools and companies to make the internet work for families by offering expert advice and content. Our work includes *Digital Parenting* magazine and the Google Internet Legends assemblies, which visit primary schools around the country teaching online safety to pupils.