

Dear families,

Internet Safety

As always, Internet Safety is a growing concern for our youngsters and it can be difficult for parents to advise, monitor and protect. We have had a number of concerning incidents since the start of the year so we wanted to share the following advice to support you. Please look at the link below which has useful guides on the following:

- **Talking to your child about online safety** - Advice on how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried.
- **Parental controls** - Get advice on setting up parental controls to help keep your child safe online.
- **Online wellbeing**- Helping young people to manage their mental wellbeing online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

If you need further support, please do not hesitate to contact us where we will be happy to support you further.

Attendance

As always, thank you for your efforts in supporting school attendance. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us on the school gates or by phone. We are here to help and will support you in any way we can.

If you have a medical appointment during school hours, please provide proof of the appointment (appointment card/letter) so that we can authorise the absence. This proof can be given to the office staff to photocopy when you collect or drop off your child for their appointment. Unfortunately, without proof we can not authorise the absence. Obviously, where you can, please try and avoid appointments during the school day if possible.

If you have a leave request during term time, please contact the school office or Mrs Moore our Safeguarding and Attendance officer for a Leave of Absence Request form.

As our school day starts at 8:35, children that arrive after registers close at 8:45am will be given a late mark (L). If children arrive after 10:30, they will be given an unauthorised mark (U).

Governors

A plea for your support please. If you have any interest in becoming a parent governor, to help us develop the academy, please let us know. Parental representation is crucial in supporting our development. You could have a huge impact on our community. If you would like to come and discuss this further, please pop and see me or contact the school office.

Elective clubs

We now have a link on our website showing the current after school clubs and future ones that will be communicated about individually nearer the time. We are trying to deliver a variety of clubs to cater for many different interests.

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Parent Survey

I appreciate it is early in the school year but I would like to get your views on your child's start to the new academic year. Your feedback is invaluable in helping me and the team assess parental views. All feedback is gratefully received. Many thanks in advance for your time and cooperation with this. Please use this link.

<https://forms.gle/QS4aURsDTznsHUxf7>

Homework

We are trying to get the children into good habits regarding their daily homework. Many thanks for your support with this. We have tried to make this a little and often task which will help your child read, learn basic spellings, basic maths facts and improve their times tables knowledge. We monitor homework everyday in school to underline its importance and there will be a surprise reward for those children who reach our expectations. Please help your child get into the daily habit of doing it. Some children do it in the morning before school, some do it as soon as they get home. Many families incorporate reading to an adult at bedtime which I can not recommend highly enough.

Thanks to Mr Jacob and Miss Pike for putting this short video together to help explain the daily homework.

If you need any further support, please just ask.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nhXLupPejwE2juVJ7--G9Jxxzbhsp0Mp/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you again for your continued support. As always, if you have any concerns, please come and talk to staff.

Warm regards,

Mr S Tait