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Believe and Achieve

Following on from previous years, we will be using the month of February as a time to focus and remind pupils about keeping themselves safe when they are on the internet. As you will be aware the world of technology continues to develop at an incredible pace and as educators we need to respond to the challenges that new technology bring.



71% of primary school children are allowed on the internet with no or little adult supervision.

*15% of children between the age of 10 to 17 have been contacted via the internet for sexual intent**

Top Tips for Parents to ensure Safer Internet Use

- Talk to your child about their favourite websites. Starting a conversation on a positive foot can lead nicely into a chat about online safety.
- Many parents check the history on their computers at home. They should also remember to check the history on their **child's phone and gaming console**.
- If your child loves to use social networking sites, teach them about protecting their personal information by thinking about what they are sharing and who they are sharing it with. Show them how to use privacy settings, and how to block and report – and advise them to only accept friend requests from people they know in real life.
- Remember that many social networking sites are not appropriate for primary school aged children. This includes Facebook.
- There are lots of ways you can advise your child about cyberbullying. If they are worried, remind them to save the evidence and to always tell an adult they trust if something upsets them online.
- There are ways in which you can help to prevent your child from seeing inappropriate content online. Have you considered parental controls and filtering in your home and also on your children's portable internet enabled devices?

More information can be found at www.saferinternetday.org.uk

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Nursery Places 2022/23

Our very popular nursery, which has an excellent reputation, is finalising applications for September. We admit children in the Autumn term after their third birthday. We provide 15 hours care in either morning or afternoon sessions.

In addition, since September 2017, we are able to offer 30 hour free provision for parents who are eligible for this funding.

In brief, the free full-time provision is for working parents who both earn more than approximately £150 a week.

For single parents it is just the one parent who needs to be earning.

For more information please refer to: www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare.

In recent years the school has spent nearly £200,000 on the facilities which makes the Nursery a very special place for children to start their learning journey.

If you require more information or an application form please visit the office.

We are also accepting forms for 2023, so please do not delay.

Covid Refresh

Since the last newsletter update, rules around how long to self isolate have been amended again. Please read carefully

- The Omicron Variant is extremely transmissible. In addition the symptoms can seem more cold like. If your child is showing any symptoms, please get them to have a LFT test.
- Clearly a PCR test is more definitive and **will be required** if your child has the numerous symptoms that we have become familiar to; high temperature, cough, etc.
- If you have a positive case in the family it may be wise to keep pupils off. We are happy to have those individual conversations with you, if this is the case.
- **If your child tests positive then the self isolation period has changed:**
 1. The day they first show symptoms or test positive is Day 0
 2. Pupils then self isolate from Day 1 to Day 5
 3. On Day 5 and Day 6 pupils should LFT. As long as both tests are negative they can then return, on Day 6 if the test was taken first thing. Or, if the test is taken later in the day, on Day 7. Pupils cannot return if they still have a high temperature. Children should still self isolate on Day 5, even if the test is negative.
 4. If one or both of the Day 5/6 tests are positive children should remain at home until they have 2 tests taken which are negative. They need to be taken 24 hours apart. Alternatively they can return to school on Day 11, whichever comes first.
- If pupils are self isolating then we will endeavour to supply work for home, however, we appreciate that if the child is positive they may not be well enough to complete any work.
- *The school is committed to staying open. However, on occasion we may have to close a class down for a small number of days if we are unable to cover the class with a teacher.*
- *Please think about what you would do if your child's class was having to work from home. If this is the case we would endeavour to give you as much time as possible to make plans and would hope that we could keep the days as limited as possible. However, as I am sure you appreciate this may be beyond our control!*
- *Please check your Parent mail regularly, especially in the evening and first thing every morning.*
- *If children are having to be at home, work will be provided, although depending on circumstances it may not be immediately.*