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Do you know what your child is doing on their devices?

February was not a good month for advocates of technology! With the exception of the school IPad's, which are monitored at home and in school, we had several serious issues with mobile phones and social networking.

Some of the chats and photographs were of a severity that they could have become police matters.

Sadly, these events outside of school, become a school issue when they have an impact on relationships inside school.

Mr Pearson has 10 points he passionately believes all parents should consider.

- 1. Does your child really need a phone? Are they mature enough to look after it and use it appropriately?
- 2. Nearly all messaging and social networking sites have an age requirement. WhatsApp is 16 years old, Snapchat is 12 years old. Almost all are above primary school age. There is a reason why!
- 3. Parents have a **responsibility**, a duty, to monitor what their children are up to. As parents we all want an easy life but allowing your children to go on Apps, to communicate in isolation, where they may be placing themselves in danger, could be deemed irresponsible parenting.
- 4. Talk to your child about what is acceptable and what the consequences would be if they break your guidelines.
- 5. Regularly check your child's phone or gaming device to see what are they writing? Have clear expectations about the use of inappropriate language.
- 6. Be clear that if they do not know the person, they should not be communicating with them. A friend of a friend, has the potential to put your child in danger.
- 7. Keep repeating the mantra if you were standing behind them, would they still type the words. If they knew school would see the words tomorrow would they be happy?
- 8. Parents lead by example.
- 9. Have clear time limits. All electrical devices on the landing by 8:00pm was beneficial in the Pearson household.
- 10. Again, does your child really need a phone? Are they mature enough to look after it and use it appropriately? Judged on last month's experience the answer for many was **NO!**











Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th March 3:40pm to 5:30pm IN PERSON Thursday 21st March 3:40pm to 7:00pm IN PERSON

Both evenings will take place in person, where parents will not only have the opportunity to talk to the teacher but they will also be able to look at their child's work. The object of the meeting is to see how your child has made progress during the term and how you can support them throughout the rest of the year.

To ensure that timings are followed your allocated time will be for 10 minutes.

If parents need extra time they are welcome to arrange an additional meeting to continue the discussion.

Mr Pearson, Miss Bayliss and Mrs Chard will be available on both days. Mrs Jones, the Special Educational Needs Coordinator, will also be available.

Entrance to all meetings will be through the main reception area at the front of the school.

No child is to go into the classroom nor wait in the corridor.

To reduce any opportunity of spreading illnesses, the crèche will be running on a greatly reduced timetable.

The crèche will only be operating on Thursday 21st March between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Please ensure that if your child is not coming during that hour then you have organised appropriate supervision.

Appointments can be made from today and will close on Monday 18th March at 10:00am. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office. Both nights should be booked through

https://wembrookprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/_.

Login with the following information:

Your Details including an email address that you have regular access to.

Pupil's First Name:

Pupil's Surname:

Class

Date of Birth

Legal names should be used, not preferred names.

The system should recognise all your children who attend Wembrook.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call

If parents are separated they can either attend together-you can link the meetings, or you can attend separately.

The systems needs to recognise all adult names as you would have filled in the forms when your child started school. If you are experiencing difficulties, is it around you putting in William, Bill or Will?

Also check your title. We could have you down as a Miss, Ms or Mrs.

Please be aware if you are late booking a time your choice may be reduced.