



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS CHRISTMAS

As the Christmas season approaches, many parents/care givers will be considering getting their children internet connected devices.

Whether it's a smartphone, tablet or a gaming console, it's important to set boundaries from the start to ensure healthy tech habits and safety.

ONLINE RISKS

Allowing children unrestricted access to the internet can expose them to:

- Inappropriate content
- Cyberbullying
- Screen addiction
- Poor sleep
- Mental health

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

To enable your child to safely enjoy time on the internet, we recommend the following:

- Establish the device as a privilege from the start
- Be sure to know all passwords
- No devices in the bedroom
- Keep all devices in a shared space

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING SCHOOL

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and overall wellbeing. Every child has a fundamental right to an education, which serves as the foundation for their future opportunities and personal development.

Getting It Right

Consistent attendance ensures your child fully benefits from the learning experiences and social interactions that school provides.

Education Neglect

On the other hand, poor attendance can severely hinder their progress, leading to gaps in learning, diminished confidence, and social isolation. In some cases, chronic absenteeism may be considered educational neglect, as it deprives a child of their right to an education and the essential skills needed to thrive in life.

Support from the start

By prioritising attendance, you are actively supporting your child's right to learn and succeed, setting them on a path toward a brighter future.



REPORTING ABSENCE

Parents are required to ensure children attend school regularly. A child's absence from school can often be an early indicator of an increased need within a family and poor attendance can be a sign of safeguarding concern.

If your child is unwell, please contact our Attendance Officer, Miss Kalejova every day that your child is absent. **Contact 01452 520 571 ext. 1**

REQUESTING TIME OFF DURING TERM TIME

Parents are required under the Education Act (1996) to ensure children attend school regularly. The headteacher of a school has a discretionary power to authorise absence only in exceptional circumstances.

Family Holidays

A family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance.

If you complete a leave of absence request form and the request is declined, (as it will be in the majority of cases) and you still take your child out of school, each parent with parental responsibility will be issued with a £160 penalty for each child you have taken out of school. Continuing to take term time holidays could lead to prosecution.

Safeguarding Team



If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team. We are here to help and listen.

**HAVE A LOVELY AND SAFE
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**