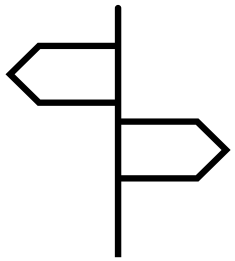
Courthouse Junior School

For all children to feel socially and academically included

Kindness

Belonging

Choices



Adventure

Mr Lawrence Hyatt
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Fiona Hayes
Head of School

Mrs Kelly Buxton
Head of Inclusion

Key Dates

June 30 — Children meet their new teacher

July 1 — Transition meeting for families

Sept 2 — School starts

Sept 7 — Meet the teacher

Year 3

Welcome to Year 3!

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3 Thames

3 Severn

3 Trent

Other members of the Year 3 team:

Equipment

Lunch box

Water bottle

Healthy Snacks only

Approved Snacks:
· Vegetable sticks (celery, cucumber, peppers, carrot)
· Cheddar cheese or Babybel
· Fresh or dried fruit (pineapple, mango, kiwi, raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices)
· Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes, small pitta breads
· Homemade snacks (flapjacks or other oat/whole grain-based snacks, nut-free)

Reading book

Please name ALL of your child's belongings

ready

respectful

safe

Specifying desirable behaviours

ready

Come to school on time.

Look at and listen to the person talking.

Follow instructions the first time.

Start work straight away.

Wear the correct uniform.

Line up promptly.

Come to school with the correct equipment.

respectful

Greet adults politely when we arrive each morning.

Thank the adults that we work with at the end of the day when we leave.

Pick up after ourselves and others.

Do things for others because it feels good.

Work hard in lessons.

Notice when others have done something for me.

Hold doors open.

Win gracefully.

Use people's names.

safe

Move calmly around the school and outside.

Use play equipment properly.

Kind hands and feet.

Tell an adult if something is wrong.

Play only in the places allowed.

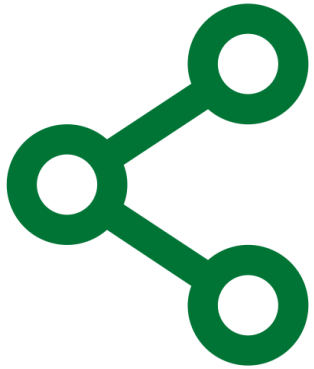
Use technology responsibly.

Wash hands regularly.

Catch and bin coughs and sneezes.

Behaviour – How we support pupils with behaviour

Regulate



Relate

Reason

Key Dates

Sep
24

Maths and Reading Workshop

March
23 & 24

Year 3 production

May
5

Year 3 trip to Oxford Science Museum

July
7

Year 3 trip to Ufton Court

Playtimes - Enriching play, for every child, every day

On average, children spend twice as long on screens than they do playing outside.

20% of the school day

1 full day over a week

7 years at primary = 1.4 years at play

Why focus on playtimes?

increased prosocial behaviour

reduction of conflicts

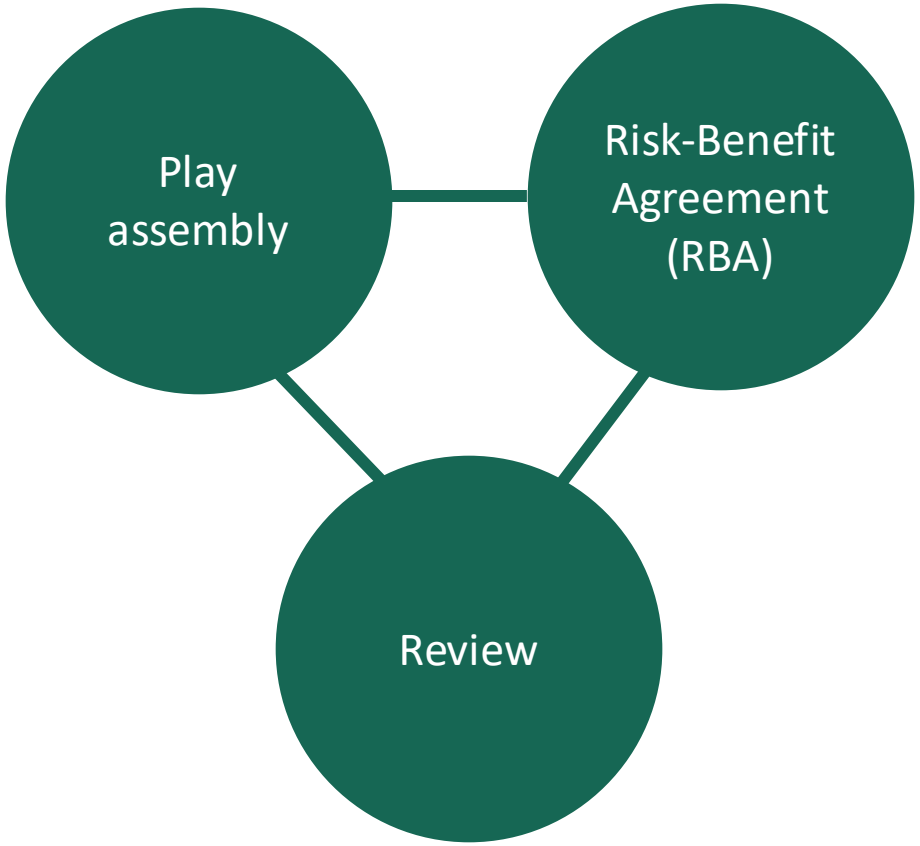
development of social and emotional skills

better problem-solving skills

improved self-regulation

improved self-confidence

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)



'It is not about the elimination of all risk.'
-Health and Safety Executive

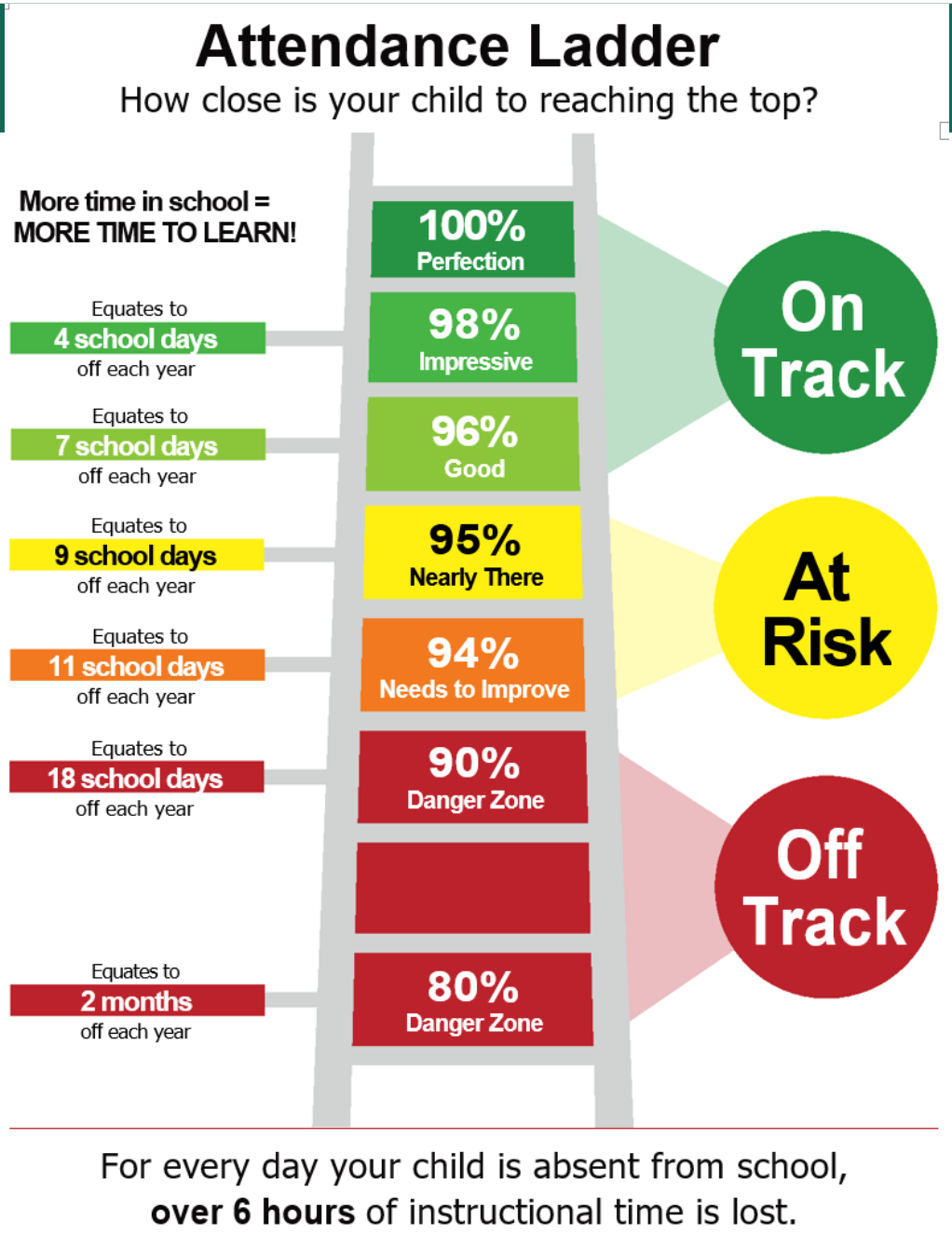
Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Attendance

As you know, being in school on time and every day is extremely important for all children in order that they receive the best possible start to their learning. Your child's attendance is vital to a successful education, as this is the foundation for lifelong learning.

Did you know that a child having 90% attendance is the same as having one day off every two weeks? If their attendance drops to 80%, that is the same as having a day off every week. Lessons are planned in sequences and if a child misses a part of this sequence, they are at a disadvantage when it comes to committing that learning to long term memory.

Registers are be taken at **8.50.** If a child arrives **after 8.50 but before 9.20**, they are marked as **L** for **Late**. If a child arrives **after 9.20** they are marked in as **U** for **Unauthorised**.



Holidays during Term Time

We will not authorise any request for a holiday during term time.

A reminder that **Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued to parents who take their children out of school for holidays.**

Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19th August 2024 there are significant changes in the way that Penalty Notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them. These are nationwide changes implemented for consistency across all Local Authorities. Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

First Offence
For the first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent if paid within 21 days.

Please ensure you communicate all absences for your child to school.

Second Offence
Within 3 years of the first offence. The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.
- No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence Onwards – Within 3 years of the first offence
The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrate's court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty in the magistrate's court can show as a criminal record.

Notices to Improve

A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve before a penalty notice is issued. If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate but offers of support have not been engaged with by the parent or guardian or have not worked, a Notice to Improve should usually be sent to give parents or guardians a final chance to engage in support. A Notice to Improve does not need to be issued in cases where support is not appropriate and an authorised officer can choose not to issue one in any case, including cases where support is appropriate but they do not expect a Notice to Improve would have any behavioural impact (because the parent has already received one for a similar offence).

If sufficient improvement is not made following the service of a Notice to Improve, a penalty notice may be issued either during or at the end of the designated time period.

Don't forget.
Penalty Notices are issues Per Parent, Per Child.
For example, 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines. This could amount to £960

DfE Blog for Parents
https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/

10 sessions in 10 weeks
Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks. **5 Consecutive days** of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

Uniform

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- White Polo Shirt: Clean and crisp appearance (Winter/Summer)
- Green Jumper or Cardigan: With school logo (Winter/Summer)
- Grey Trousers, Shorts or Skirt: No visible under armour garments (Winter Summer)
- Green Gingham Dress **(OPTIONAL-SUMMER)**
- Black Shoes/Trainers: No logos allowed for uniformity

- Summer options: Green Gingham dress for girls

Remember: Uniforms help create a focused learning environment!

[For more information look on the school website, under parents, uniform information.]

Uniform

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) UNIFORM

- White Polo Shirt: Breathable for physical activity
- Black Shorts: Allows for easy movement
- Black Trainers: Provides support for various activities
- Black Joggers/Leggings for winter (Optional)

Safety First: Proper PE attire ensures safe participation in sports and exercises!

For more information look on the school website, under parents, uniform information.

Uniform

OPAL (OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING)

- Puddle Suit or Winter Jacket: Protection from wet or cold weather
- Wellies or Boots: Keeps feet dry during outdoor activities

Note: OPAL uniform allows for year-round outdoor learning and play!

* Bag for wellies can be a carrier bag as long as it is named and labelled along with the wellies having a name and label as well.

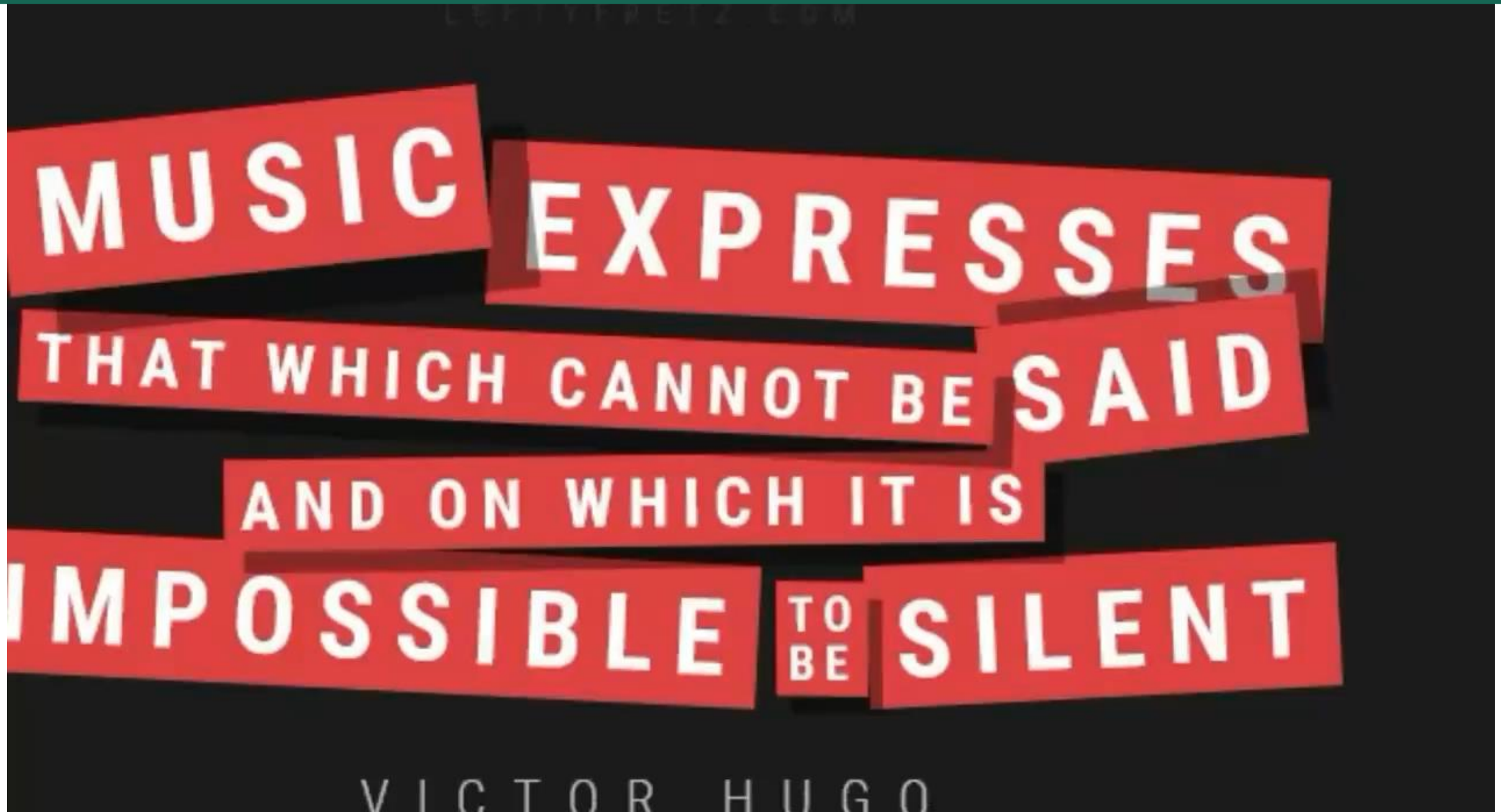
Uniform

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) UNIFORM

- Swimming costume
- Swimming Hat
- Goggles

* No specific colour, trunks for boys/ appropriate all in one for girls.

Music


MUSIC EXPRESSES
THAT WHICH CANNOT BE SAID
AND ON WHICH IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO BE SILENT
VICTOR HUGO

Music

Instrument lessons

Jane Douglass Street Dance

School clubs

- Choir
- Ukulele
- Orchestra
- Recorder

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

OUR SMART PHONE FREE CHILDHOOD MISSION

1

Raising Awareness of impact of digital technologies on child development

- Parent Sessions and parent advocates
- Guest Speakers and collaborative working through RBWM
- Information sharing on website and in newsletters

2

Smartphone free school September 2025

- No smartphones or smart devices in school (medical exemptions only)
- Support parent advocates to promote no smartphones until year 9

3

Encourage parents to limit digitial technology beyond just smartphones

- Encourage and support parents to review children's access to online platforms through ipads and gaming devices.

4

Review our own online systems across the schools

- Review the elements of our curriculum provision that is online and evaluate its impact.
- Seek alternative options where possible.

5

Promote the importance of childhood

- Ensure children take risks, play, explore.
- Promote adventure.
- Foster good mental health strategies

Find out more about our Smartphone free journey here...

No smart phones for children to be brought on school site (MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS ONLY).

Please notify the class teacher, if your child has a medical condition that we are not aware of.

Governors

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