



Newsletter

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Helpful websites for parents

Please find below a link to the government website: **Child Safety Online**; a practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers-whose-children-are-using-social-media>

Parent resilience

The Kent Resilience Hub have information for parents and children to guide you through Covid-19. This is available via ZOOM from;

11/02/2021 – 25/02/2021 -10am – 11.30am.

This offers a range of resources for parents on bereavement, emotional wellbeing and domestic abuse. This is a **FREE** service.

<https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/>

Please click the link below to book:

<https://www.maidstonemind.org/parental-resilience-course/>

Home school learning

If you are struggling to access online learning with a school loaned device, or having access to devices at home, please contact the school, as we may be able to assist.

Children still in school:

A polite reminder, to please stick to your child's bubble arrival and departure times –

Years 3 & 5 - 8.45- 3pm.

Years 4 & 6 - 9am - 3.15pm.

Thank you.

St. Lawrence College Holiday Club.

The St. Lawrence College Holiday Camp programme has been running for many years now. We have successfully adapted our offer to create a COVID-19 secure environment that still manages to both entertain and exhaust our campers! We are now planning a camp for the February half term that will provide the opportunity of care for children whose parents are deemed critical workers. Groups will be kept small and where possible, children will stay with the same Group Leader every day. Camp will open at 08.30 and both the morning and afternoons will be split into three different sessions with the day closing at 17.00. When the weather permits, the group activities will make the most of being outdoors but with the vast array of indoor facilities that the College has to offer, there is plenty of space for energy using games indoors too! Last year, groups enjoyed starting their day with an exercise session 'Joe Wickes' style but the many run about games such as 'Traffic Lights' and 'Captain's coming' were hugely popular too. Sessions will also make use of the classroom space and the interactive white boards to engage the children with some fun learning sessions. Creative sessions in the 'Arts & Crafts' studio are always a hit, as are Scavenger Hunts and Bingo!

Camp open from 08.30 to 17.00

Hot lunch included

Daily cost per child: £35

If you are interested in your child attending the club please call Mrs Roby at the St. Peters school office and she will inform St. Lawrence.

Thank you

Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

All those affected should now have received an email from the school.

If you believe you are affected and have not heard, please contact the school office who will be able to advise you.

Screen time recommendations

We are aware that the current situation with Home Learning has meant a rise in the time children (and teachers!) are using screens. At St Peter's, we are mindful that screen time needs to be managed in two ways. Firstly, the overall time screens are being used in a day and secondly taking regular breaks away from the screen.

Our daily timetable and teaching resources should provide a mix of screen time (maths lessons, video lessons, 2Do's) and non-screen time activities (art, PE, music, drama and some English/science/topic lessons).

It is absolutely fine for children to complete their tasks on paper (even if we have set a 2Do on Purple Mash). Just pop a note in the 2Do and hand it in blank and teachers will know that the work was done elsewhere or upload a picture of the work onto the blog.

Also, we hope that you are structuring your days in a way that suits your family. Our lessons and materials are pre-recorded so can be done at any time.

We are providing our full school curriculum on Purple Mash for children, but again, if you would like to deviate from this sometimes to do baking, making, reading or have time outside please do.

You can post pictures of these activities on our blogs if you would like!

Generally, the message we would like to give to our families is please engage with our home learning on Purple Mash as much as you can and manage time away from the screen to complete tasks and activities where possible. We are also mindful of our teachers spending a lot of time on screen responding and feeding back to the wonderful work that the children are posting and handing in. Please be patient if not everything is immediately responded to.

As we go into week 4 of this term, we would like to say a big thank you to our staff and children for such a fantastic job with adapting to our online curriculum and teaching

Well done everyone!

REMINDER

If required, school exercise books are available in the school office reception area.

Screen time tips for parents

6 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

SCREEN TIME

- 1. RULES**
Agree on a clear set of rules in your home about screen time.
- 2. LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Do as you say! Modelling behaviour is the most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour.
- 3. PHONE FREE ZONE**
Restrict the use of TV's, mobile phones and computers in the bedroom!
- 4. CHARGING PHONES**
Buy an alarm clock for your child's room and charge mobile phones in your room!
- 5. DIGITAL DETOX**
One evening a week have a family digital detox and plan a family activity!
- 6. JOIN IN**
Play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.

Drama

Each week Mrs. Websper will upload onto Purple Mash a '**Websper Weekend Challenge**'. This is completely optional and the children can do it alone or with their family!

It will take a different form each week.

This weeks will be uploaded on Purple Mash by tomorrow. It's a news report – Make it happy – it will be nice to see some happy news!

Have fun!

