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Lower Halstow/Newington CEP Schools Federation

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Welcoming Generous Forgiving Flourishing

I would like to thank all parent/carers for their patience and understanding during the period of disruption due to the snow. As you are aware the school tries to fulfil its statutory duty to remain open and adhere to the government message of how important it is to keep schools open, wherever possible, as closures have a knock on effect on parents'/carers' ability to go to work; many of whom will be key workers in other areas of the public sector. We do wish to stress, however that it is the parent/carers' decision whether they wish to send their child to school and if the decision is to do so the school will make every attempt to provide as normal a day as possible. The curriculum and learning are hampered by the number of teaching staff available, but the expectation is that children will undertake activities in a safe learning environment and these may vary from the daily routine. We have been fortunate, in recent years, weather wise, and it would be wonderful if, in the future, snow arrived during holiday time for all to enjoy.

E - Safety

Online Safety is taught to all pupils and our curriculum empowers pupils to understand and be aware how they can to stay safe and behave appropriately online. However we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you.

Your help is needed to talk to your children about how they can keep themselves safe and behave appropriately online. It's important that we are all vigilant when children are using the internet and act to ensure they are protected from people who may pose a risk to them. Children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to illegal, unwanted or unpleasant content, comments or activity online and there are steps you can take at home to minimise this risk.

Ground Rules

- Discuss together as a family how the internet will be used in your house. Consider what information should be kept private

(such as personal information, photos in school uniform etc) and decide rules for making and meeting online friends. Ensure your children know the risks of accepting friends' requests from strangers online and make sure you know what your child is doing online much like you would offline.

- Discuss using strong passwords with your child so they understand how they can protect their online accounts- talk about keeping passwords safe e.g. not sharing them with anyone or use the same password for several accounts. If your child's account is "hacked" or compromised then make sure they change their password and report any concerns or suspicious activity. For more advice on using strong passwords visit: <http://tinyurl.com/Getsafeonlinepassword>
- Consider locating your child's computers and laptops in a family area but be aware that children access the internet on mobile phones, games consoles and tablets so can't always be supervised.
- Be especially aware of settings rules relating to your child's use of webcams and any applications or devices which allow voice or video chat. Childnet have useful information for young people about using webcams safely: www.childnet.com/young-people/secondary/hot-topics/video-chat-and-webcams

Online Safety

- Install antivirus software, secure your internet connection and use Parental Control functions for computers, mobile phones and games consoles to block unsuitable content or contact from unknown people. Research different parental control software and tools available for your home and select the tools which are most suitable to you, your child and the technology in your home. Visit sites like www.internetmatters.org, www.getsafeonline.org and www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/a-parents-guide for safety

information and advice about parental controls on consoles and devices and how to report concerns.

- Make sure you read any parental guidance and safety recommendations (including age requirements - most popular social networking sites and apps are only for users aged 13+, 16+ or 18+) for any apps or websites before allowing your child to use them - visit www.net-aware.org.uk
- Always remember that parental control tools are not always 100% effective and sometimes unsuitable content can get past them, so don't rely on them alone to protect your child.

Listen

- Take an active interest in your child's life online and talk openly with them about the things they do. Talk to your child and ask them to show or even teach you how they use the internet, learn which websites or tools they like to use and why. Learning together with your child can often open opportunities to discuss safe behaviour online.
- To start a conversation with your child you could tell them that you understand that some young people share images and videos online and that you're interested to know what they think about it and how they think they can keep themselves safe.

Dialogue - keep talking

- Ensure that your child knows that once a picture, video or comment is sent or posted online, then it can be very difficult to remove as other people can forward it and share it with others, without them even knowing.
- www.childnet.com and www.thinkuknow.co.uk has some really useful tips and ideas for parents/carers about starting conversations about online safety
- Always ensure your child knows how to report and block people online who may send nasty or inappropriate messages or content. Encourage your child not to retaliate or reply to cyberbullying and to keep any evidence.
- Make sure your child knows it's important that they tell an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable.

Sports Relief

Mr Sapp has organised some activities for the children on Thursday 22nd March. We will also be

encouraging the children to wear their favourite sporting cloths on Friday 23rd March for a suggested £1 donation.

More information about Sports Relief can be found at <https://www.sportrelief.com>

Diary

March

22 Angelico Assembly 9am - Yr 3 Parents Welcome

22 Sport Relief Activities

23 Sport Relief Sporty Clothes Day

28 Music Celebration 2pm (Church)

29 PFA Easter Hat Parade 3pm

29 End of Term 4

April

16 Start of Term 5

20 PFA Cake Sale 3:30pm

26-30 Yr 5 Bikeability

May

7 Bank Holiday Monday - No School

14-18 KS2 SATS Week

18 Pentecost Service 2pm (Church)

21-23 School Journey

24 Nash Assembly 9am - Yr 2 Parents

Welcome

25 End of Term 5

June

4 Start of Term 6

11 Charity Week

13 Sports Day

14 Class & Yr 6 Photo

20 Reserve Sports Day

July

3 KS2 Production - Dress Rehearsal 2pm

4 KS2 Production 2pm

5 Klimt Assembly 9am - Yr 1 Parents

Welcome

5 KS2 Production 4:30pm

12 Cezanne Assembly 9am - Yr R Parents

Welcome

12 Open Evening 3:30pm

20 End of term 6

We welcome comments on how to make our school a better school for our children and are happy to meet parents/carers at mutually convenient times.

Our newsletter can also be seen at

www.newington.kent.sch.uk

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