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Dear Parents

Welfare Checks

We are obliged to check 'attendance' of children just as we are if the children are in school. This is because the expectation from the government and the Department for Education is that children will access schooling each day.

Below is our system for doing this:

1. Each day a report is run which shows what every child did the previous day in the Google classroom.
2. Where children haven't logged on (and where we haven't had a recent conversation with the parents) a member of the admin team is making a phone call. This phone call is the check that everyone is alright and that there are no immediate barriers to the child accessing the schoolwork. Parents are contacting the school if their child is unwell just as they would if school were fully open.
3. If the class teachers notice that the child has logged on but has not completed any work, they are contacting the parents to gain an understanding of any problems and to offer support. This support may be with learning or with technology.
4. If the child continues to not access the learning, a member of the leadership team will call the family.
5. If we continue to have concerns a member of staff will make a doorstep visit.

e-Safety

Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with

Thursday 28th January 2021 3:30pm-5:00pm
or
Thursday 4th February 2021 starting at 8:00pm-9:30pm

These free parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.

This includes:

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online.
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021

To book your place now please call us on 0300 247 0122
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service are joining forces with the "2Johns" to present virtual parent workshops over the coming weeks. If you have never attended a presentation by the 2Johns we highly recommend that you book a place. Their knowledge of the online world and the way our children are using it is not only extensive but enlightening for parents. Even if you have seen them before it is well worth booking in as things change so quickly and the dangers that are presented to our children online come in so many different guises. Details of how to book are on the attached flyer.

Term dates – next academic year 2021-2022

Please find below the calendar for the next academic year (September 2021 to July 2022).

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2021-2022

September 2021							October 2021							November 2021							December 2021							
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= School days

= School holidays

= Bank holidays

In addition to this we have the following INSET days:

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Monday 21st February 2022

Friday 1st July 2022

Monday 4th July 2022

Keep up the good work at home, we know how difficult this is especially when you are also trying to work. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths