



'Together for Excellence'

March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Can you believe that we are already so far through the school year? The children are ensuring that they **'make every minute meaningful'**, resulting in some brilliant progress.

As you will know, we are excited to be working more closely with Talavera as a collaboration of three schools. A letter was sent out with more details about this.

In a few weeks, just before the Easter holidays, we will be sending out a Social Media Special, helping you to keep your child safe online. If you have any concerns about this area, please do get in touch.

Mrs Webb



Home visits

As a school, we have a duty to safeguard all children. With this in mind, if your child is absent and we do not have any contact from you, we will conduct a home visit. This will usually be completed before midday.

As part of these visits, we will ask to see the child and to talk to them with you about how they are feeling.

Please rest assured that this policy allows us to protect all children, without making any judgements. This will not be the case if you contact us about the absence, unless we have a further concern.

Holiday clubs

Hampshire offers a wide range of holiday clubs for children, including many spaces which are partly or wholly funded if children are in receipt of Free School Meals.

Please follow this link to see if any of these would be suitable for your child over the Easter holidays: <https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/results.page?supporting=18&coverage=hartandrushmoor>

If you need help signing up, or would like support to receive a funded space, please contact us via email on adminoffice@wellington.hants.sch.uk

Do you know about Instagram's anti-bullying features?



Restrict

Sometimes blocking or reporting someone doesn't feel right. Restrict empowers you to quietly protect your account from unwanted interactions.

You can Restrict by:

- Swiping left on a comment
- Using the **Privacy** tab in **Settings**
- Selecting the three dots on the user's profile



Once you have Restricted a user, their comments on your posts will only be visible to them. You can view their comments by tapping "See Comment", then approving, deleting, or ignoring them.

You will not receive their notifications and direct messages will go to Message Requests. If you read their messages, the Restricted user will not be able to see your online status or read receipts.

Instagram

Please remember that your child should not be on Instagram due to the age rating of this app. However, if you choose to allow your child on it, please make sure that you are taking all of the steps necessary to keep them safe.

Around 15% of children have stated that they do talk to strangers online—does your child know why that's not safe?

Keep talking to your child about how to respond if something makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember: children report being made to feel uncomfortable more often by someone they know than someone they don't!

Online Safety

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **MONKEY**

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.



CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.



IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.



INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.



Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.



RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.



REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is 'self-governing.' If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.



SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.



School gate - safeguarding notice

The school gate will be opened by a member of school staff at 8:35am each morning and at 2:55pm each afternoon. Please do not come into the school grounds at drop-off and pick-up before these times.

At the end of each school day, there are children moving around the school site on their way back to their classrooms from assemblies. This is made much more difficult when parents have entered the school site early and are waiting in the playground. It can also pose a potential safeguarding risk.

If, for any reason, you need to come to school during the day, please ensure that you close all gates that you walk through. We regularly monitor the gates but need your cooperation to ensure the site is secure.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Key dates overview for spring term

Wednesday 6th March	- Year 4 trip to Harry Potter studios
Friday 8th March	- World Book Day
Tuesday 12th March	- Class photos
Tuesday 19th March	- Year R 'Stay & Play' (Spring crafts)
Thursday 21st March	- Spring Disco (YrR/1 3.15-4pm, Yr2/3 4.15-5.15pm, Yr4,5&6 5.30-6.30pm)
Monday 25th March	- Year R trip to Gordon Brown Centre
Friday 29th March	- Good Friday (School Closed)



Easter Holidays: Monday 1st April — Friday 12th April

Please note that more information regarding these dates will be communicated in further correspondence. Some dates may be subject to change and new dates may be added throughout the term. In these instances, we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

Booster sessions

We are currently running booster sessions for selected children across the school before the school day to ensure they are making the best possible progress. If invited, it's really important that children attend these as teachers will be working with them in small, targeted groups to address and gaps and misconceptions in their learning.

SATs support

There are plenty of websites that are available if your child would like some additional support to feel confident in their SATs. Our year 6 teachers will be compiling some resources which can be used in school and at home to offer support - these will be given out in due course.

Don't forget to look at the wellbeing resources, too!

FREE Online Courses for Parents this February

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>

Course	Dates	Time
Positive Parenting	Mondays 26 February – 25 March	6:30pm – 8pm
Raising Resilient Children	Tuesdays 27 February – 26 March	6:30pm – 8pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Tuesdays 27 February – 19 March	6:45pm – 9:15pm



These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.

Participants will be required to use Zoom. No account is required, not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these helpful videos: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806>



www.hants.gov.uk/library

Hampshire County Council are offering some great courses to support parents with a range of topics.

Positive Parenting can help if you find yourself frustrated or angry, or if your child is not responding well to you.

Raising Resilient Children can support you in helping your child can independence and self-esteem.

Introduction to Paediatric First can help you feel confident that you can keep your child safe.

Please do sign up! These are hosted at Aldershot library. Please give us any feedback that you have.

February's Attendance Update

R Badger	91.9%	4 Giraffe	97.0%
R Rabbit	94.6%	4 Ostrich	94.9%
1 Owl	97.7%	5 Meerkat	97.1%
1 Squirrel	93.2%	5 Tiger	96.6%
2 Camel	95.4%	6 Gorilla	96.5%
2 Zebra	97.4%	6 Lion	92.5%
3 Alligator	95.1%		
3 Crocodile	97.8%		



Well done, Crocodile Class!

We are pleased to announce that our attendance for February was **95.57%** compared to the national level of **94.3%**.

Please remember that we are here to support you and will work with you to help your child get to school on time. Thank you.



Calling All parents and carers in Aldershot

**** We are Extremely excited to invite you to our New Aldershot Get Together ****

Monday 26th February, 10-12pm

- Come and Discuss Local Issues and topics
- Share Experiences with other Parent Carers on services that support your children
- Enjoy a hot drink
- Peer Support for Parent Carers



Join us at: **The Games Shop, 6 Wellington Street, Aldershot, GU11 1DZ**



We look forward to seeing many of you there

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East Hants Get Together

**** This month we will be in Petersfield ****

Wednesday 13th March, 10-12pm



- Come and Discuss Local Issues and topics
- Share Experiences with other Parent Carers on services that support your children
- Enjoy a hot drink
- Peer Support for Parent Carers

The Hampshire Parent Carer Network are delighted to welcome a representative from Hampshire SENDIASS. They will be on hand through the Get Together to have 1:1 conversations with any parent carers who seek information or advice



Join us at: **Petersfield Library, 27 The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HH**

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