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Dear Parents / Carers

IPAD USE OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

We hope this letter finds you well. As we get ready to break up for the school holidays, we wanted to provide you with some important information regarding your child's access to the internet and apps on their school-issued iPad.

To promote healthy screen time habits and encourage time away from digital devices, we have implemented a schedule to remove all apps from the iPad at **10pm** each evening. This will allow your child to engage in other activities, spend quality time with family and establish a healthy balance between online and offline pursuits. Applications will become visible again at **9am**.

Please note that school-issued iPads may not be taken abroad. This is to ensure the device's security and compliance with any regional restrictions or regulations that may apply. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

For parents and carers who would like to have additional controls and monitor their child's iPad usage, we recommend activating the Jamf Parent app. This app provides you with valuable insights into your child's activities on the device - allowing you to set usage limits and manage screen time effectively. Instructions for activating the Jamf Parent app can be found below.

<https://atlp.org.uk/about/learning-futures/jamf-parent/>

Filtering and monitoring your child's use of the internet

During the holidays, your child's internet usage will be filtered and monitored in the usual way. Should your child attempt to access anything of concern, this will be logged and addressed when they return to school after the holidays.

Best practice for using technology in the home

When children use technology at home, it can be helpful to set clear boundaries and foster healthy habits. Here are some best practices to consider:

1. **Establish Screen Time Limits:**
Agree on a balanced amount of screen time that fits into the family's daily routine. Encourage breaks and ensure screen time doesn't interfere with sleep, homework, or physical activity.
2. **Create Tech-Free Zones:**
Keep certain spaces, such as the dining area or bedrooms, free from screens. This helps promote family interaction and ensures a healthier balance between technology use and other activities.
3. **Encourage Educational Apps:**
Focus on school-approved tools like Showbie that help reinforce classroom learning. Using familiar platforms at home supports independent study and makes screen time more productive.

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We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of digital citizenship and online safety. We encourage you to have open conversations with your child about responsible internet usage, online privacy and the potential risks associated with sharing personal information online. Reinforcing these principles will help ensure that your child has a positive and secure online experience.

Please access the below links for further support and guidance:

Online Safety Advice for Parents and Carers | No Limits

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. We believe that, by working together, we can provide a safe and enriching digital environment for your child. We wish you and your family a good break.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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