

# Osborne Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Keeping children safe: iPad use over the Christmas Break**

We hope this letter finds you well. As we prepare to break up for Christmas, 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 **6:00pm** 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 **8.00am**.

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 cooperation 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 holiday, your child's internet usage will be filtered and monitored in the usual way. Should your child attempt to access any inappropriate sites, this will be logged and addressed when they return to school after the break.

### **Dealing with safeguarding concerns:**

Christmas can be a difficult time. Very occasionally, children access content that tells us they may be at risk of harm. When this happens, we receive an alert that the child may need help. Specially trained safeguarding staff will deal with these alerts and will contact you if they need to. These safeguarding leads may not be staff at your child's school, and you may not know them. They are all employed by the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership (ATLP). If we are unable to contact you, and we believe your child to be at risk of imminent harm, we will contact the police. Please rest assured that such occurrences are thankfully very rare.

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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:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

<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 wonderful Christmas holiday.

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

Warm regards,



Mrs Lisa Dodd  
Headteacher