



Town End Times



Special Issue
5th February 2018

Personal Safety and wellbeing

Personal belongings in School

Following an incident in school last week we would like to ask that no personal possessions come into school. The only exception to this are out of school achievement certificates, medals, and trophies for our Friday celebration assembly.

The incident last week involved a child bringing in a special family heirloom knife to show class mates in 'Show and Tell' at the end of the school day. The action was one of a lack of thought and there was no malice intended. It was confiscated as expected and returned to an adult at the end of the day. Pupils, in class and in assemblies, have been in discussion with senior leaders about looking out for themselves, and others, reporting immediately any concerns about the personal safety of all.

Mobile phones and smart watches are not allowed in school. Pencil cases are not required as school provide all equipment needed by learning. School reserves the right to check trays and bags, if necessary.

ON LINE SAFETY

AGE Appropriate phone APPS, games and TV programmes

There are a growing number of incidents in school where pupils are upset by on-line conversations between friends, happening out of school. These conversations include obscene language, sexualised behaviour and reference to suicide. This is on line bullying.

Please be vigilant in ensuring you have set up Parental Controls on all electronic devices, checking and monitoring pupil conversations. If you have any concerns ring Derbyshire Starting Point on the number below. By doing this you are safeguarding your own child.

In discussion with pupils, it is very apparent that children are watching programmes and playing games that are not appropriate for their age. New APP's on phones are causing many concerns about child safety. Death in Paradise (9-10pm) is an adult programme and not suitable for children to be watching before bed.

All incidents reported to us are logged and may include a referral to Social Care.

If you have any concerns call 01629 533190

