



REDRUTH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach half term, I would like to inform you of the following: firstly, I have been extremely impressed with the students' contribution to school life. It is clear that, as a school, we offer a truly wide range of activities and opportunities, and a record number of students are taking advantage of these. The recent school production of High School Musical was a phenomenal success, sold out for 3 nights running, and involved no less than 80 students.

Equally, the older students' support for younger students, and those from the primary sector, means that many competitions and such like are flourishing.

In order to continue the excellent ethos and climate in the school, the Student Council, working with senior staff, have agreed a confirmation regarding the use of mobile phones. Mobile phones are only ever to be used in the school under the supervision and direction of a member of staff. Anyone using their phone outside this will have it taken away, stored safely for collection at the end of the school day. As Headteacher, whilst I acknowledge phones as an inevitable part of young people's lives, I know that you will support me in ensuring that their influence is limited and that our students need to continue talking and engaging in healthy activities without relying on excessive modern technology.

For those facing examinations there is a wealth of support materials available through the progress leader, school website and individual teachers.

Immunisation Programme

Just so that you are all aware there will be school immunisations held at Redruth School on:

Thursday 16th March 2017 for:

Year 8 girls only (HPV – Human Papilloma Vaccine)

Year 9 girls only (HPV – Human Papilloma Vaccine)

Year 11 boys and girls – Meningitis ACWY Vaccine

Wednesday 26th April 2017 for:

Year 9 boys and girls – Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV, Revaxis vaccine)

Catch up immunisation programme for all pupils in years 8, 9 and 11 who missed the previous date for immunisations.



Parent Group

Alex Kettlewell, the Assistant Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead, would like to set up a parents group to look at all aspects of the school from a parental point of view including looking at various school policies. If you are interested in this please contact Alex on 01209 203721.

Social Media

At Redruth School we are concerned about the use of social media amongst young people today, it is a nationwide issue, we have placed on the Safeguarding page on our School Website information on the SelfieCop App. SelfieCop takes just 3 minutes to set-up.

Step-1 :: Download & install the SelfieCop Parent-App onto the parent's smartphone.

Step-2 :: Download & install the SelfieCop Child-App onto the child's smartphone.

Step-3 :: Link the apps via SMS & share the encryption code.

SelfieCop will detect photos & videos taken via popular messaging apps, such as: - WhatsApp - Instagram - Twitter - Facebook - MessageMe - Twitter - Kik -Telegram - & more

SelfieCop is aimed at children aged about 7-13 years, when they get their first smartphone. SelfieCop can only deter unsafe behaviour if children know it is installed. SelfieCop takes privacy very seriously - it is **NOT** SpyWare. The idea is to teach safe behaviours early, so when they are older (and a tool like SelfieCop is less appropriate) they are more likely to think-twice before sharing an unsafe image.

Selfie Cop treats children as crucial stakeholders and take their UNCRC Article 16 "Right to Privacy" (e.g. in communications) very seriously. For example, our set-up process requires parents to ask children for consent during installation.

Many schools, child protection agencies & police forces now support SelfieCop.

SelfieCop is now available for all Android smartphones. For further information, please visit the SelfieCop website.

School reopens after half term on Monday, 20 February as normal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Martin
Headteacher