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FAQs Parent Talk on Supporting Children with Smartphone Use

Dear Families,

Thank you to all those who have already signed up for our upcoming Smartphone Information Talk on Thursday 11th December, 16:15–17:15 at Fir Tree. We are really looking forward to welcoming you in two weeks' time. We believe this session will be a valuable opportunity to hear from an expert guest speaker, explore current guidance, and support families with an issue that affects children in many different ways.

We have received a few questions from parents, so we wanted to offer some clarification below:

Do I need to come if my child *does not* have a smartphone?

Yes, please do. This talk is designed to provide clear, balanced information for families who are still deciding whether or when to give their child a smartphone.

Do I need to come if my child *does* have a smartphone?

Absolutely. This session will offer practical advice and support to help you navigate your child's smartphone use confidently and safely.

I want to come but I'm struggling with childcare — what can I do?

Please contact Miss Lloyd via the school office. She will be happy to support you.

I want to come but my child has a club at the same time — what are my options?

We understand this can be tricky. A summary of the session will be shared with all parents afterwards. We will also be hosting another in-person talk and an online version later in the year. You may also wish to speak with other parents to see if you can support one another with club pick-ups.

Will I learn things I don't already know?

We hope so! The speaker will cover a wide range of topics in depth, offering up-to-date guidance, insights, and practical strategies.

Should I come if my mind is already made up?

Yes. Whether you have already chosen to give your child a smartphone or have decided against it, this session aims to support all families wherever they are in their decision-making.

Thank you once again for your interest and engagement. We look forward to an informative and supportive discussion on the 11th December. With warm wishes,

Mr Knight, Headteacher
Mr Wilcox, Assistant Headteacher
Miss Lloyd, UKS2 Phase Lead
Miss Hutchins, LKS2 Phase Lead

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