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Parent Talk on Supporting Children with Smartphone Use

Dear Families,

We would like to invite all families — including those from St Nicholas — to a talk about **smartphone use for children** on **Thursday 11th December from 4:15–5:15 pm in our school hall**.

The aim of this session is to create an open and supportive space where we can discuss the challenges and pressures surrounding children's smartphone use. We hope to provide parents with clear, balanced information so that you can make the decisions that feel right for your own families, whether now or in the future. We recognise that parenting in a world filled with smart devices can be difficult, and we want to support our families as best as we can.

This talk comes at an important moment, as Fir Tree has recently joined the Smartphone Free Childhood movement, which encourages children to remain smartphone-free. Following this session, we will be sending out regular newsletters with advice, guidance, and updates to continue supporting you.

We appreciate that not everyone will be able to attend on this date. We are planning an online talk later in the academic year, as well as another in-person session where possible. You will also soon receive a parent survey so we can hear your thoughts, questions, and perspectives on children's smartphone use.

Please note that this talk is **not** about the school telling families what they should or should not do. It is intended to offer information, reassurance, and a chance to talk openly so that you can make the best decisions for your children.

All of our teaching staff will be attending, and we would love to see as many families there as possible. We understand that work and childcare commitments can make this difficult, but we truly hope you can join us as we begin this important conversation together.

Thank you for your support as we look to build the momentum in our school community.

With warm wishes,

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