



# NEWSLETTER

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**We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!**

## Let's celebrate!

Here are the amazing children who have gone the 'extra mile' this week to meet our school expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) **We are kind to one another**
- 2) **We work hard together**
- 3) **We are honest with each other**

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the day. This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) **It's Cool To Be Kind**
- 2) **I worked Wonders**
- 3) **I did the right thing**



## Celebrating Success

This week the 'Best Attendance Cup' goes to Swallows with 98.72% attendance



Well done and thank you to parents for ensuring your child attends school everyday!

Swifts	96.93%
Wrens	96.71%
Robins	94.24%
Chicks 1	94.18%
Chicks 2	91.01%

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
28 Sept	Y2 Educational visit—Ironbridge
Oct	Black History month - <i>Celebrating our sisters</i>
4 Oct	Health Visitor drop in session Nest - School Readiness
5 Oct	National Poetry Day
9 - 13 Oct	Mental Health awareness week
11 Oct	School photographer visit
24/25 Oct	Y2 Residential visit
27 Oct	Whole school flu immunisations
27 Oct	<b>End of Autumn half term</b>
6 Oct	Autumn 2nd term starts
7 Oct	Nest and YR Diwali workshop

### School Readiness Drop-in session.

Someone from the health visiting service for 'School Readiness' will be available in our nursery soon to offer advice and support. The health visitor will be able to signpost parents to resources about managing toilet training, behaviour, good sleep routines, fussy eating and dental health. If parents have any concerns about their child's development the health visitor can make referrals to other services quickly to ensure a child receives the right support at the right time.

**Please drop in on Wednesday 4 October at 8:45am or 12:30pm. Help your child to be school ready.**

**Remember you can also contact the health visiting service directly on 0333 358 3328**



## Important Reminders



To report your child's absence call the school office on 01952 387860 to report your child's absence before 9.00am.

Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office when collecting.



In order to keep your child safe we ask that you let us know if the person collecting at the end of the school day is different than usual. We will not let children leave school without checking with parents if we have not been notified in advance of a change.



When dropping off and collecting children from school and Nursery we ask that you park with consideration for local residents, other road users and most importantly consider child safety. We ask parents not to access the school car park when collecting or dropping off children at anytime. Parking is available at Oakengates Leisure Centre.



A reminder for parents that children must dismount from all wheeled vehicles at the school gate, so that everyone remains safe. Scooters and bikes can be left in the racks so they are safe.



Children should not use the Adventure Playground before or after school when there is no supervision by school staff.

## Harvest Festival

We will be collecting for our Harvest festival from Monday 25 September.



If you would like to contribute to our Harvest collection please bring dry food or tins to school which will be donated to a local food bank.



## Spare Uniform



Our supply of spare uniform and clothes in school has depleted. If you have any unwanted school uniform that you would be happy to donate, please could you bring this into school and hand to your child's teacher.

Thank you very much for your support.



## Influenza immunisation

All Primary school-aged children, including children in Specialist Schools, in Reception Year to Year 6 (aged 4 to 10 years old on 31st August 2023) will be offered the vaccine.

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications.

If anyone within your household is currently having treatment that severely affects their immune system (For example; they need to be kept in isolation or are receiving chemotherapy) the community nurses will need to be made aware. There is a section on the letter to be sent out to be completed. There is a theoretical potential for transmission of live attenuated influenza virus to immunocompromised contacts for one to two weeks following vaccination.

Please follow the link for an informative video from NHS

[Flu Heroes - Nasal Flu Spray for Kids](#)

A letter will be sent out to parents two weeks before the immunisation date with more information and a consent form.



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# Starting school?

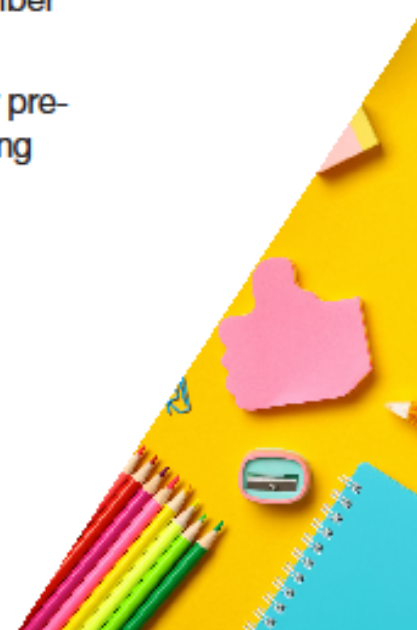
Closing date for applications:

**15 January 2024**

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is **31 October 2023**.

**[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)**

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2020.
- You **must** apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information **[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)** or contact School Admissions at **[admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)**





Smart devices promise to make our lives easier. In many cases - they do, however these new technologies present risks too. Whether you're using a digital assistant to record your shopping list or you're controlling your lights through a smart system, many smart functions can be 'hacked' and controlled by someone outside your home. This guide will help you identify some of the ways you can stay alert and protect yourself.

## 1 KNOW THE RISKS

The success of any smart device relies on it communicating with other devices using the Internet. It's an unavoidable part of using smart devices, but it does expose you to numerous risks. Attackers could use the Internet connection to steal your data for identity fraud or to make unauthorised purchases through your devices. There is even potential for more sinister exploitation, such as child grooming or cyber-bullying.

## 2 WHAT IS THE INTERNET OF THINGS?

This is the term given to all the devices connected to the Internet in your home. It includes a new digital doorbell connected to your smartphone, your kettle that boils when you tell it to on your tablet or your heating that comes on when you swipe on your smart watch. The Internet of Things (IoT) is designed to make life easier, but it also opens up your home network to potential cyber-attacks. It doesn't mean you can't enjoy the benefits, but it does mean being aware of the potential negatives.

## 4 KEEP YOUR SOFTWARE UP TO DATE

Manufacturers constantly update and improve software used in smart devices. Some will automatically alert you to an update, but not all do. To be on the safe side, it's a good idea to set reminders in your calendar. Check the manufacturer's website for any updates and run them if necessary.



## CHECK ENCRYPTION SETTINGS

Whenever data is sent over the Internet, it's 'encrypted'. This makes it harder to be intercepted. You should look to use a secure encryption setting, such as WPA2, rather than WPA or WEP. You can check your router's settings on how to do this.

## RENAME THE 'GATEWAY' TO YOUR HOME

Your Internet router is the virtual gateway to your home network. It needs protecting. To do this, you should change the default name (SSID) and password. You can usually find instructions to do this in the instruction manual. Don't use your family name. Choose something obscure. Make the password complicated, using upper and lower-case letters, numbers and symbols. Do this for your router and any other smart devices connected to the Internet.



## 12 Top Tips To Get Smart About The

# DEVICES In Your Home



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## 6 USE A SEPARATE NETWORK FOR GUESTS

If your router has a feature that allows you to set up a separate network for guests, you should use it. That way, when guests use your Wi-Fi, they won't have access to your devices.

## 9 TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If you ever feel something is wrong or your network is being exploited, visit the manufacturer's website or ring their technical support department. It's better to be safe than sorry.



## 10 BUILD A WALL

You could also purchase a dedicated 'firewall' device. This is something that plugs into your network and stops cyber threats reaching your router. Some routers do have a firewall element included, but they are no replacement for the real thing. A firewall device thoroughly analyses information coming in and out of your network and helps stop malicious attacks. A security device is strongly recommended to anyone who works from home or deals with sensitive information.



## Meet our expert

Emma was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than a decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old and has vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and



## SAY GOODBYE TO SIRI AND ALEXA

It's a good idea to change the activation words on your smart devices so they are unique to you and your family. This makes it that much harder for people to break into your smart devices.



## 7 DEACTIVATE ANY UNNECESSARY FEATURES

Though it's a fun idea, you probably don't need to control your kettle outside the house. In fact, there are often many unnecessary features included on smart devices. Where possible, you should look to disable these. Doing so reduces the ability for people to hack your devices. When someone sees you've actively taken steps to increase security, they're more inclined to try to compromise the

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## SECURE YOUR SMARTPHONE

If you do use apps on your smartphone to control devices in your home, make sure your smartphone is secure. At the very least, make sure the pin function is enabled, as well as any biometric authentication you have. Where possible, it's a good idea to download some anti-virus software for your smartphone too.

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## REGULARLY AUDIT YOUR DEVICES AND CONSOLES

Every now and then you should check through all smart devices (including games consoles connected to the Internet). Turn them off at the mains and disconnect them from the Internet. In fact, it's good practice to disconnect any devices that aren't in use. It's a simple thing but really does help. Even when you think you might be in sleep mode, if it's connected to the Internet, it could still be listening or processing data.

