



Important Dates:

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
May		
Mon 4 th	All	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Weds 13 th	All	Tulip Photography - Class and Leaver's photos
Weds 20 th	All	FOEBS end of year summer disco – details to follow
Fri 22 nd	All	3pm Family celebration assembly- all welcome to attend
w/c 25th	All	School closed for May holiday.
June		
Mon 1 st	All	Back to school for term 6
Tues 16 th	Y3/4	Athletics festival at HSMS 4.15-5.15pm. Details to follow.
July		
Wed 1st	All	Transfer Day to new schools/classes
Wed 3rd	All	Sports Day 2.30pm
Thurs 16th	Yr 4	Family Brunch in school hall – 8.15am Leavers Service @ St Marys Church – Families welcome 9.15am



Netball Festival: Some of our Y3 and 4 children travelled to Hugh Sexey's for the annual netball festival. We teamed up with some children from Lympsham. Even though we didn't win the children had a great time being led by Mr Scriven. Thank you to the parents and staff who enabled us to take part.

Photos: The school photographer will be in on Weds 13th May to take our class and leavers photos. This includes those in Pre-School. The Y4 Leavers hoodies will be delivered to school in time for these. Children are then welcome to wear their leavers hoodies to and from school after this date. Hoodies will not be worn in class time but can be outerwear garment for lunch and break.

School Sports Kit sponsorship: We are looking for a sponsor to provide a new school sports kit. This is a set of hoodies and t-shirts with the school logo on that Dragonfly class can use when they represent the school at various sporting festivals. If you know of any business who may be able to help support this please do get in touch.

MCAS: A few parents are reporting that they are not receiving emails unless they login to their MCAS (My Child at School) account. As this is an app you need to enable notifications in your device settings to get alerts.

- **Check Settings:** Go to your phone's settings > Notifications > MyChildatSchool and ensure "Allow Notifications" is active.
- **Reinstall the App:** Sometimes the app does not properly register for notifications on installation. Uninstalling and reinstalling the MCAS app ensures that notifications are properly enabled.

Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: www.eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

Our values
'Peace, Endurance, Aspiration, Respect, Love & Service'

Our Christian Value this term
'Love'

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email

office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Katie Whiting

Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01278 760490 or email using the school email address: -

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Current Job Vacancies within WLT

Please visit the Wessex Learning Trust website for all current vacancies [HERE](#)

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Attendance Round up

Ladybird Class: 98.2%

Bumblebee Class: 96.1%

Dragonfly Class: 96%

Whole School: 96.4%



10 Top Tips for Respect Online: INSPIRING CHILDREN TO BUILD A BETTER DIGITAL WORLD

Our ability to communicate with anyone in the world, at any time, via the internet has grown at breakneck speed. For teachers and parents, it can feel impossible to keep up. Worrying about our young people is understandable, and not unjustified: in 2020, for example, one in five 10- to 15-year-olds experienced bullying online. Our tips highlight ways that adults can support young people's positive online behaviours: by adopting and following 'netiquette', we can show them how to avoid getting into difficulty as they learn to negotiate the continually evolving digital landscape.

WHAT IS NETIQUETTE?

Just like etiquette is a set of rules which guides and governs our interactions with others in everyday life, netiquette – etiquette on the net – is the framework which helps inform how we communicate with people online. The rules of engagement often aren't the same as a face-to-face meeting, so it's important that we can accurately 'read' situations in the digital world and know how to act appropriately.

1 ACCEPT DIFFERENT RULES

A lot of our interaction with others is helped by non-verbal signals like body language and facial expressions. Online, of course, many of these clues are missing. Talk to your child about why this makes misunderstandings more likely to occur in the digital world and why keeping in mind that online communication is a very different process can help to prevent difficulties from arising.

2 PRESS 'PAUSE'

It's so easy to do things quickly online that most people (adults included) habitually send or respond to messages without considering the consequences. Pushing 'the pause button' buys a young person some time while they ponder the golden rule: "Would I still say this if the other person was right front of me?" You could practise this with your child on some made-up tricky situations.

3 THE INTERNET IS ADDICTIVE

Apps and sites use sophisticated algorithms and clever marketing to keep us engaged, while notifications to our devices are designed to draw us back in. It's no wonder that people continually return to the digital world, sometimes spending long periods of time there. You and your child could trial turning off notifications on certain apps and instead agree a time to check for updates manually.

4 BEWARE THE DARK SIDE

Getting a hurtful or unhelpful comment on social media or in a group chat can make the recipient feel publicly shamed. That's painful for anyone – but especially for a young person whose status in a group is integral to their sense of identity. Encourage your child to think about the best and safest way to send a message: for example, doing it as a private message rather than a public post.

5 HARMFUL INTERACTIONS

Unfortunately, it's very easy to send a hurtful message or to spread gossip and rumours online. We all know this happens regularly. Not having to deal with actually seeing the other person's distress usually doesn't help people to make a positive decision in the moment. It's important that trusted adults help children to visualise the potential consequences and have empathy for others.

6 APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES

We're all built differently; some people are simply more emotionally sensitive than others. Young people can be particularly affected by negative online communication, such as group shaming. Even a single message (which might seem trivial at face value) can cause deep anguish. Trusted adults should be prepared to be patient and listen to any difficulties their child might have had online.

7 ACCENTUATED ANXIETY

Young people's online lives create a lot of anxiety. Messages go into a 'black hole' until someone responds, there are more reasons to compare ourselves negatively, and social media can make us feel like we're missing out. Encourage activities such as sports and hobbies to balance this out, and remember that merely blocking out thoughts (by gaming, for instance) isn't the same as relaxation.

8 PRO-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

A huge positive for the internet is how it helps people to feel connected and makes being kind and helpful easy to spread. When young people get involved in pro-social behaviours online, it creates a positive feedback loop which makes them feel good. Show your child examples of when you've done or said something positive online, and praise and encourage them when they do the same.

9 BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL

One of the best things we can do as trusted adults is to role model positive online behaviour. Just letting your child see that you know when it's time to put your phone away and do something more productive can set a strong example. Some families set aside particular times of the week (such as mealtimes or a family walk) where digital devices aren't allowed and conversation takes precedence.

10 SHOW COMPASSION

Mistakes can feel much bigger online, because they're so public. If a young person does or says something regrettable on the internet, it's important to support them to forgive themselves, learn any lessons and move forward positively. Even as adults, we can often stumble when learning how things work in the fast-moving digital world, so it's important to have compassion for ourselves, too.

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