



Meadow View Primary School

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Parent Council

For those of you who are unaware, Parent Council is a group of parent volunteers who meet informally with members of the senior leadership team; over tea, coffee and biscuits once every half term (6 times each academic year). In these meetings we informally discuss issues where school would like to elicit parental views and also issues that are raised by the school community and are placed in the gold box.

I would firstly like to start by saying a HUGE thank you to all those parents who supported us with Parent Council last year. You are such a great group, who are supporting us to improve you and your child's experiences at school to be the best that it can be. You are really making a difference!

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the gold box, adding suggestions for topics of conversations. Please remember that this gold box is situated in the reception area and you are welcome to write any issues on notepaper and drop it in there. All of the issues you raise are important to us. Our meeting in the summer term was very productive and we discussed all of the issues placed in the gold box with positive outcomes.

Mrs Logan and the team will continue to work on the issues that are important to you. These include:

- Improving communication between school and parents
- School trips
- Celebrations and achievements and how we share these with parents
- Eliminating smoking at the top of the drive
- Improving and re-evaluating the class reading challenges
- Improving attendance and how this is encouraged, celebrated and rewarded
- Increasing parental engagement in internet safety

We always welcome new members, if you would like to get involved either see Mrs Logan for more information or just turn up at our next meeting on **Tuesday 17th September at 9.00am**. It would be great to see you there.

Community Café

MVP Community Cafe is an informal get together for parents to enjoy a free breakfast and spend time together to share ideas. Each Cafe will have a relevant focus and topic of discussion. So far in our Cafe's we have covered,

- Diversity/Anti-Bullying
- Online Safety
- Money Management
- Supporting Children at home with Reading, Writing and Maths
- Early Help Offer
- Family Learning
- Summer Safety and Activities
- Hate Crime

Why not come along and meet other parents and local councillors who are more than happy to chat with you about any issues arising in the community. This is also the perfect opportunity to make new friends along the way.

Tuesday 8th October - E Safety

Tuesday 26th November - Restorative Practice

Tuesday 28th January - TBC

Tuesday 24th March - TBC

Tuesday 30th June - Summer Activities

Free Online Safety Workshop for Parents

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult – build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.

We're here to help you keep your child safe online

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. Together, they're offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have frequent conversations with their children about their online lives.

Our free online safety workshop for parents and carers

We would like to invite all parents, carers or family members to a free **online safety workshop** at **Meadow View Primary School** at **9am** on **Monday 30th September 2019**. The content covered in the workshops is aimed at adults. Parents with children are advised to arrange childcare if possible.

The hour-long workshop will help parents, carers and other adults understand their child's online world, build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online and help you know where to go for help and advice.

"After coming to this workshop today, I realise the importance of having conversations with my child rather than avoid the subject. I didn't know there were things I could do to make it better, I'm so glad I came to this workshop. I will definitely be calling the helpline or going into store to get some help, thank you." – Parent who attended the workshop

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Book your place to the workshop by contacting school office or returning the slip below.

Until then, if you need any support or guidance about keeping children safe online, here are a few things you could do:

- Visit our [NSPCC](#) and [O2 NSPCC website pages](#),
- Call our free **O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline** on **0808 800 5002**
- Download our Net Aware app on the App Store or Google Play
- Pop into your local O2 store for online safety help from a [Guru](#) – you don't even have to be an O2 customer!
- Sign up to our [icebreaker email series](#).

Many thanks,

Mrs Keenan

I would like to book _____ place(s) on the online safety workshop on Monday 30th September at 9am.

My child's name is: _____.

Parents Signature: _____.

