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Dear Parents/ Carers

We hope this letter finds you well. As we break up for half term, we wanted to provide you with some important information regarding your child's access to the internet and apps on their school-issued iPad.

To promote healthy screen time habits and encourage time away from digital devices, we have implemented a schedule to remove all apps from the iPad at **6:00pm** each evening. This will allow your child to engage in other activities, spend quality time with family, and establish a healthy balance between online and offline pursuits. Applications will become visible again at **7.30am**.

For those of you who are travelling abroad at half term, please note that school-issued iPads may not be taken abroad. This is to ensure the device's security and compliance with any regional restrictions or regulations that may apply. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

For parents who would like to have additional controls and monitor their child's iPad usage, we recommend activating the Jamf Parent app. This app provides you with valuable insights into your child's activities on the device, allowing you to set usage limits, and manage screen time effectively. Instructions for activating the Jamf Parent app can be found below.

<https://atlp.org.uk/about/learning-futures/jamf-parent/>

During the holiday, your child's internet usage will be filtered and monitored as usual. Should your child attempt to access any inappropriate sites, this will be logged and addressed when they return to school after the break. Should your child try to access any content that indicates that they may be at risk of harm, a member of the ATLP Central Team will contact you. If we cannot make contact, and we believe your child to be at risk of imminent harm, we will contact the police. Please rest assured that such occurrences are thankfully very rare.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of digital citizenship and online safety. We encourage you to have open conversations with your child about responsible internet usage, online privacy, and the potential risks associated with sharing personal information online. Reinforcing these principles will help ensure that your child has a positive and secure online experience.

Please access the below links for further support and guidance:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. We believe that by working together, we can provide a safe and enriching digital environment for your child. We wish you and your family a restful half term break.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards
Miss L Thornton