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Dear Parents and Carers

OurPact

Last evening we held the Year 7 Parents' Information Evening which, as usual, included an e-safety talk. Since then a parent has contacted us to let us know about an application called 'OurPact' in which we thought you might be interested.

Whilst we cannot actually 'recommend' the app – we do not know enough about it to do that – it does seem to be worth investigating. The reviews are good and it works on both iOS and Android; an overview of what it does is below, together with a link to the OurPact webpage.

OurPact seems to enable parents to:

- Block children's Internet
- Block children's apps
- Schedule Internet and app use according to your child's daily routine
- Establish screen-free bedtime, dinnertime, study time and family time
- Create custom, recurring schedules for any activity or time frame
- Block Internet and apps at-a-touch
- Manage device access on Wi-Fi and all cellular connections (3G, 4G LTE, etc)
- Allow Website and App access, whenever you feel your child needs additional time
- Block distracting 3rd Party Apps: Block Facebook, Block SnapChat, Block Instagram, Block Twitter, etc.

If your daughter is younger, you may feel you do not have a problem yet, however, it will be far easier to put measures in place that everyone accepts and becomes used to now, than to try to put them in place later when it may not be quite as straightforward(!)

[Click here](#) to access the OurPact webpage – the display is quite large on screen and you will need to scroll down to read about the product and find a link to the apps.

Finally, a downloadable version of the Year 7-8 e-Safety presentation can be found at the bottom of the e-Safety page in School Information, together with a guidance and support leaflet 'SHS e-Safety Leaflet'.

Yours sincerely

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