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Dear Parents,

As a school we use 'Its learning', our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) to extend and enhance learning.

A Virtual Learning Environment, or Learning Platform, is a personalised area on the Internet for staff and pupils. It enables staff to upload resources for pupils to access, and gives pupils a secure place on the web to learn and consolidate their knowledge of topics undertaken in class.

As the VLE is internet based, the children have access both in school and at home, however the content can only be provided by the staff so the children are always accessing safe, secure information in a fun, user friendly way.

Although we have taken every precaution to ensure your child is safe whilst using the VLE and online, the children themselves need to make sure they are staying e-safe by keeping their username and password safe and not sharing their personal details.

Our VLE is monitored by the administrator and the staff to ensure that it is not being misused. Should this occur, the child may have their access to the VLE removed.

It is part of government policy that all children have access to a personalised online learning space and all children at Ardley Hill Academy have access to their own class pages on the VLE where they are able to view information and links provided by their teacher. They can also reply to questions posted by the teacher, although, they will not be able to start discussions or questions of their own.

The Website address is www.bedfordshire.itslearning.com. (The drop down menu must say Bedfordshire).

Children have been given their own username and password in the following format:

Username – first name and initial of surname plus .ah e.g. bobj.ah

Password - pupil

If there are a number of children in the school with the same first name and initial of surname, you may find that your child's username is their first name and first two initials of their surname e.g bobjo.ah

The children enjoy using the VLE as an exciting way of extending their learning and researching various topics.

We hope that your child enjoys using the VLE at home and finds it useful.

VLE Guidelines

We hope that you enjoy using the Ardley Hill Academy Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and that you find it useful.

Please abide by the following rules when using the VLE.

- I understand that the use of the VLE is for school related purposes only.
- I will not give my password to anyone other than my parents.
- I understand that all activities on the VLE are monitored by staff at Ardley Hill Academy.
- I will be a good online citizen and will not do anything which hurts other people or is against the law, such as breaking copyright rules.
- If I come across anything that makes me feel uncomfortable, I will tell an adult straight away.

