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Comments from Parents

“Best idea ever. Once the school enforced this rule, (Child) didn’t even ask once for it. I feel it is very different when the rule is by Parents because they will test us. Long may it continue!”.

“Our pledge is going very well. For (Child), the thought of doing this was far worse than the actual putting into practice. Once week down and it is great!”.

“The idea is very good. We have more quality time together. (Child) does not really miss her phone.”

“Although (Child) didn’t spend any time on computer games or social media, the cutting out of Youtube has been a very positive development. She has been spending a lot more time doing creative things and has been less tired. Thanks for starting this initiative!”

“There was big negativity by both our children towards it at first and they found it hard. Now after week one, they don’t find it bad at all. They have more time to play lego, games, cards and be outside. They are both more chatty and tell more about daily school life when they get home. As our older daughter is taking part, we also decided that our younger child would do the same. So far not sure if it has made any difference to concentration or language. All in all it’s a positive experience”.

“Due to the introduction of restriction on the use of devices like smart phones, laptops, play stations, during the school year, we believe that this is a good initiative that will allow children to concentrate and expand their knowledge both at school and at home”.

“I think the restriction on the technology such as the ipad is a good idea. I find my child is engaging in more activities at home since we enforced this”.

“So far so good! Definitely a more productive week.”

“(Child) is keeping away from all games Monday to Thursday with no problem. She misses it but sees the importance of limiting the use of technology”.

“I feel Mon-Thurs is working and is kept to as it’s coming from school. It is hard as older siblings use their devices. (Child) had a set time on device and I had installed a couple of years back a router which sets level of content and cut off times”.

“(Child) and the whole family found last week very easy to do reference technology. It hasn’t been hard to do and (Child) has been managing well”.

“Really positive initiative. Whilst we felt that we had put in place a system to limit usage, this has helped us all stick to clear guidelines. (Child’s sibling) in 1st Class is also working within this structure. It has also helped us as parents to reduce our own usage as we are not using our devices Monday-Thursday. Thanks for introducing this!”.

“Overall very positive. Much more aware of our own usage too. We’ve all been doing more together as a family e.g. playing a boardgame. Previously device use was limited in our home, but I think Friday-Sunday is enough for us rather than access everyday”.

“Whilst we cannot deny the ever changing advances in technology in the world we are rearing our children in, it is a challenge for us as parents to keep up with it. The St. John’s initiative is a great way to teach our children about healthy balance and also serves as a great education to parent!”

“I whole-heartedly endorse the recent initiative on screen time adopted by St. John’s. (Child) is managing well with it and we intend to stick to the agreed programme. The long term benefits on foot of the implementation of the policy are manifold”.

“In my opinion, this agreement is reducing bullying but not stopping it because during the weekend, children can have access to the internet, gaming and social media. I think we should focus on teaching children about risks that are harmful and about consequences. They are not invisible on the internet”.

“Child more focussed on homework and spending longer reading. Child drawing and doing more crafts. Child in good humour”.

“Due to the internet project, we talk more about screen time at home. (Child) already has/had limited screen time and now we have even limited it more from Mon-Thurs. Thank God he likes reading, so lots of books are read plus we listen to music together and watch movies or play a board game. I think the answer is not in banning screen time but in limiting it and talking about any dangers involved”.