



Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the first edition of The Link this academic year.

It was lovely to welcome children back this week and thank you for supporting us by sending them in correct uniform and ready for learning. I must say that Year 7 have made an excellent start, quickly settling in to school life - well done! Over the summer there have been further improvements to our school site to make it even better for our children and staff. Thank you to Miss Gibbs, Operations Manager, our Site Team, led by Mr Coleman, Site Manager and Mr Morgan, ICT Technician for such hard work to make our school ready for pupils and staff alike.

Whilst it has been relatively short week for our pupils, staff have been working hard since Monday in preparation for the start of term, so that learning can take place immediately. With this in mind, we welcome several new colleagues to our school. In English, Mr Evans joins us from a local secondary school. In Science we are delighted to welcome Mrs Brazendale. Mr Patrick has joined us as our Religion, Philosophy and Ethics teacher and Mr Kirkby has started with us as teacher of PE. Joining us as Head of Design Technology, is Mrs Butler and as teacher of music, Ms Chapman. Supporting the work of the Design Technology team and pupils, Mr Gillies joins the team as Technician and finally, Miss Boulton teacher of maths and computing joins the team from another Trust school whilst Mr Vera, already known to some pupils from his work with us last year joins us as teacher of MFL.

All colleagues are experienced teachers and we are delighted that they have joined us. Welcome aboard to all!

Our new catering providers, Caterlink are now in place. For parents and carers of year 7, please do use the Parent Pay facility to track your child's spend at break and lunchtime. It has been brought to our attention that some children may inadvertently be spending more than you would like them to, as pupils might get a bit carried away with what they can buy.

Finally, I would like to make you aware of a slight change to the school leadership structure. As you know, our school is part of a family of schools that make up Trusted Schools CSAT Alliance. Part of my role last year, alongside Headteacher of Church Stretton School, involved some work across other schools in a school to school support role. This will continue this year and therefore I will be working in more of an executive head capacity, still with overall responsibility for Church Stretton School but at times, supporting the central Trust team in the work across schools. As such and to ensure the efficient running of Church Stretton School, Dr Wood's role has changed from Deputy Headteacher to that of Head of School with responsibility for the day to day running of the school, supported as usual by the senior team. For pupils and parents, please rest assured that our ambition to provide the best education and wider experiences remains paramount and school will continue to run with this in mind. Please do contact me though if you have any questions regarding this.

*Enjoy the weekend*

*John Parr*

## **Lunch Money**

Please can you ensure that you top up your ParentPay account for school lunches. There is also a top up machine in the lunch hall where students can use coins or cash.

Thank you.

## **Reminder**

Please can we remind you that school doesn't open to students until 8.20am, as we are not able to supervise them before this time. Thank you for your support with this.

## Medicines in school

Occasionally, your child may require "over the counter" medication (for example anti-histamines or pain relief) during the school day.

If, and when, this is the case please see the options below:

### **Option 1**

As per best practice guidance, we permit pupils to carry ONE daily dose of medication on their person if you are happy to, and able to supply your child with medication in this way.

We would be grateful if you could make us aware that they will be carrying medication and self medicating with your consent by completing this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/n3CNc0LCry>

### **Option 2**

If you would prefer for us to store and distribute medication please complete this consent form

<https://forms.office.com/e/n3CNc0LCry>

Please note that **ANY** medication stored in school (including over the counter medication) **MUST** have a pharmacy label with your child's name on as per the best practice guidance from the DFE and our school policy which can be found here:

[www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk/sites/default/files/attachments/Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy.pdf](http://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk/sites/default/files/attachments/Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy.pdf)

Pharmacists are usually aware of this policy and happy to add a label to over the counter medications you are purchasing.

Please direct any queries to Mrs Su Quye su.quye@csschool.co.uk

**Mrs Su Quye**

**SENCo, Safeguarding and Mental Health Lead**

### BE EQUIPPED AND READY

#### TO LEARN

**Please can you ensure you have the right equipment for lessons.**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| ✓ Coloured pencils      | ✓ Pen -black/blue  |
| ✓ Ruler                 | ✓ Exercise books   |
| ✓ Glue stick            | ✓ Reading Book     |
| ✓ Protractor            | ✓ Pencil           |
| ✓ Compass               | ✓ Rubber           |
| ✓ Scientific calculator | ✓ Pencil sharpener |
| ✓ Water bottle          | ✓ Scissors         |

### Nut Free School

We aim to be a nut free school. If your child brings packed lunches or snacks in from home please ensure (even if your child is not allergic) that they do not contain nuts or nut-products, in order to protect those in school with severe allergies. Our kitchen doesn't knowingly use nuts, however nut traces can be found in many products especially when manufactured in a factory alongside nut products.

Many thanks.

# Homework at Church Stretton School

Homework, I love you. I think that you're great.  
It's wonderful fun when you keep me up late.  
I think you're the best when I'm totally stressed,  
preparing and cramming all night for a test.  
Homework, I love you. What more can I say?  
I love to do hundreds of problems each day.  
You boggle my mind, and you make me go blind,  
but still I'm ecstatic that you were assigned.  
Homework, I love you. I tell you, it's true.  
There's nothing more fun or exciting to do.  
You're never a chore, for it's you I adore.  
I wish that our teacher would hand you out more.  
Homework, I love you. You thrill me inside.  
I'm filled with emotions. I'm fit to be tied.  
I cannot complain when you frazzle my brain.  
Of course, that's because I'm completely insane.

Homework, I love you – A poem by Ken Nesbitt

Homework is often a divisive subject in schools, some Parents and Students will feel that there is not enough being set, while others will feel there is too much. What is beyond doubt is that homework is a very important part of your child's education. Not only does it provide them with an opportunity to practise and embed the new learning they complete in school, but it also teaches them to be independent, take initiative and responsibility for completing a task and develop self-discipline. Homework will teach students to find and employ resources such as libraries, the internet and other learning materials. Actively searching for source materials to find information will help you develop important study skills. There is extensive research showing the link between the completion of homework tasks and improved academic achievement and it helps to improve students' memories and critical thinking.

Whilst the benefits of homework are undeniable, we never want students to feel like the protagonist of Ken Nesbitt's poem. So, to help ensure your child is not overwhelmed with too many homework tasks at once we have developed a balanced homework timetable. Staff will be setting homework tasks using this timetable from next week and instructions and links to resources can be found on Go4Schools. The tasks staff set will be focussed on the topics being covered in class, will have a suggested length of time that the task should take and an appropriate deadline. We do not expect students to complete tasks overnight or to spend an excessive amount of time completing them, as this can lead to homework tasks having a negative impact on learning.

[Homework TT 23-24.pdf](#)



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Our use of IT at Church Stretton School has developed rapidly over the last few years, and we aim to teach students to develop the IT skills they will need in the next steps of their education and into the world of work. We make use of a variety of IT platforms, and we have been supporting all Year 7 students and the students who have joined us in other Year groups with logging on to the school network and Go4Schools. They have been given a printout of their username and email address and we encouraged to set a secure and memorable password.

We understand that there are varying levels of computer literacy within our school community and how frustrating it can be for students, parents, and carers when there are difficulties accessing our IT platforms. Therefore, we aim to provide user guides and how to videos for the most common issues students experience, which can be found on the school website [here](#). If your child is still experiences problems with our IT platforms, please contact [admin@csschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@csschool.co.uk) and we will endeavour to help them logon as soon as possible.

Go4Schools is a very powerful online system that allows parents and students to access information about:

- academic data,
- timetables,
- homework,
- attendance,
- reports,
- and behaviour.

User guides, providing step-by-step instructions for logging on to the Go4Schools website and the mobile app, were shared with Year 7 parents in this [letter](#) and can also be found on the school website [here](#). Parents and students must set up their own separate accounts with Go4Schools and not share one. This is because links to relevant information may differ on students' and parents' pages. Without both account types, important information might be missed.

One of the many benefits of having a Parent Go4Schools account is the ability to monitor the homework tasks that your child has been set. The homework timetable has been developed to make sure that it fits with their planned activities and assessments, without overburdening students. I have included details of the most frequently used online platforms that we use to set homework and revision activities on, and the logon details students should use to access them.



Office 365 – every student at Church Stretton School has an Office365 account, which gives them an Outlook email account that will allow them to communicate with Staff and their peers. It also gives them access to the latest Office apps, like Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Teams, plus 1 TB of cloud storage for their school work. Students can install Office on their home devices free of charge, allowing them to access the Office apps even when they are offline.

**Subjects:** All subjects will make use of Office365

**Year groups:** 7 to 11

**Username:** This is your child's school email address [firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk)

**Password:** We have helped each student to set their own secure and memorable password.



Seneca Learning – is an online platform that can be thought of as an effective & engaging interactive revision guide. Summaries, notes, videos, and lots of different types of practice questions will all be found on the Seneca platform. The system is also completely adaptive so your child's learning experience will be tailored to suit their needs. We have signed all students up to Seneca premium, the Seneca Premium package contains additional courses and features to help your child boost their exam grades.

**Subjects:** All subjects are covered by Seneca

**Year groups:** 7 to 11

**Username:** This is your child's school email address [firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk)

**Password:** The first time they logon students should use **seneca2020** and we encourage them to then set their own secure and memorable password.



Active Learn - is a digital learning space for teachers and students, with teaching and the revision resources for students across a wide range of subjects. It creates a personalised teaching and independent learning experience both in and outside the classroom.

**Subjects:** Maths, French, Science and Spanish

**Year groups:** 7 to 11 for French and Spanish, 9 to 11 for Maths and Science

**Username:** This is your child's school email address [firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk)

**Password:** The first time they logon students should use **Stretton2021** and we encourage them to then set their own secure and memorable password.



[Kerboodle](#) - is a school subscription service with varied subjects and courses available based on the latest curriculum's.

Kerboodle gives student's access to:

- **Resources** – a bank of learning resources including videos, animations, podcasts, worksheets and much more
- **Digital book** – Online and interactive version of the student books for display and annotation
- **Assessments** – Teachers can set homework through Kerboodle for students













**Subjects:** Science and Geography

**Year groups:** 7 to 9 for science, 7 to 11 for Geography

**Username:** This is your child's school network logon **firstname.surname**

**Password:** The first time they logon students should use **their username**, they will be prompted to set their own secure and memorable password.

## School Lunch Menu

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN #1</b>	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti, Green Beans & Sweetcorn	 BBQ Chicken with Wedges, Mixed Salad & Coleslaw	 Turkey & Leek Pie with Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	 Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice, Cauliflower, Naan Bread & Mango Chutney	 Fishcake with Chips & Garden Peas or Baked Beans
<b>MAIN #2</b>	Veggie Lasagne with Garlic Bread, Green Beans & Sweetcorn	<b>NEW</b> Beetroot Burger with Wedges, Mixed Salad & Coleslaw 	 Creamy Veg Pie with Mashed Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	 Vegetable Korma with Rice, Cauliflower, Naan Bread, & Mango Chutney	<b>NEW</b> Loaded Veg Chilli Nachos with Tomato & Onion Salsa 
<b>HANDHELD</b>	Chicken Wings	Chicken Wrap	Sausage Roll	Bacon & Cheese Flatbread	Veggie Pitta Pizza
<b>BOWLED OVER</b>	Rice Bowl	Vegetarian Noodle Street	Pasta Kitchen	Loaded Nachos	Pasta Kitchen
<b>MODERN BAKERY</b>	Fruit Rocket Ice Lolly	Summer Fruit Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread 	<b>NEW</b> Vegetable Cake	Oaty Flapjack 
<b>SUPER SPUDS</b> DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BAKED POTATOES WITH A VARIETY OF TOPPINGS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!	<b>SOUP STATION</b> COME AND TRY OUR HOME-MADE SOUPS, AVAILABLE DAILY!	<b>MENU KEY</b>  - I'M VEGAN!  - ADDED PLANT POWER	<b>ALLERGIES</b> PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY AND NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE OUR FOOD DRINKS. THEY WILL ADVISE YOU OF YOUR AVAILABLE CHOICES.	 <b>caterlink</b> feeding the imagination	

# WELCOME!

## Church Stretton

CATERLINK ARE EDUCATION CATERING SPECIALISTS, MEANING THAT WE FOCUS SOLELY ON PRIMARY, SECONDARY, ACADEMY AND COLLEGE CLIENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. HEALTHY EATING IS AT THE VERY HEART OF OUR APPROACH TO FOOD AND WE EMPLOY GREAT TEAM MEMBERS TO BRING THIS TO YOUR SCHOOL.

### A FEW FACTS ABOUT US!

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SOURCING INGREDIENTS WITH ASSURED PROVENANCE FROM LOCAL AND REGIONAL SUPPLIERS IN EVERY KITCHEN WE WORK IN. WE USE PRODUCE WITH HIGH STANDARDS OF ANIMAL WELFARE - FOR EXAMPLE, RED TRACTOR MEAT, RSPCA ASSURED FREE RANGE EGGS, MARINE STEWARDSHIP APPROVED (MSC) FISH AND A RANGE OF FAIR-TRADE PRODUCE.

OUR MENUS ARE WELL BALANCED , EXCITING & FOCUS ON GREAT VALUE AND HEALTHY OPTIONS

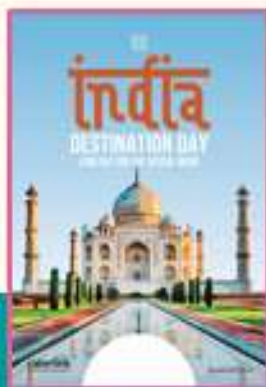
WE HAVE SOME GREAT FOOD CONCEPTS THAT REFLECT THE HIGH STREET SUCH AS LEBANESE & PIZZA MARKET AND OF COURSE FAVOURITES SUCH AS FISH AND CHIPS

WE BELIEVE IN KEEPING PRICES AS LOW AS WE POSSIBLY CAN SO ALWAYS ASK ABOUT OUR MEAL DEALS, LOYALTY SCHEMES, TO ENSURE YOU GET THE BEST VALUE YOU CAN AND OF COURSE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR PROMOTIONS!

WE OFFER MEAL DEALS AND PROMOTIONS EVERY DAY AND WE HAVE A FUN MARKETING CALENDAR EACH MONTH

ALL OF OUR 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM AND COLLEGES HAVE A CAFÉ WHETHER ITS BRANDED OR NOT, WITH SIMILAR OPTIONS AS YOU WOULD EXPECT TO SEE ON HIGH ST

### OUR SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PROMOTIONS



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## BREAK

Breakfast	Wrap	£2.31
Sausage Rolls		£1.38
Bacon Bap		£1.71
Pain au Chocolat		£1.26
Sausage Bap		£1.71
Waffle		£1.45
Hashbrown x 3		£1.13
Bagel		£1.84
Panini		£1.89
Half Panini		£0.98
Breakfast Muffin		£1.14
Pizza Slice		£1.21
Pizza Slice Pepperoni		£1.38
Traybake		£0.75
Cookie		£0.75
Muffin		£0.92

## DRINKS

Water	£0.80
Capri Sun	£0.98
Aqua Flavoured Water	£1.14
Viva Milkshake	£0.86
Cuplet Juice	£0.46
Radnor Fizz	£1.03
Juice Carton	0.80
Suso	£1.21

## LUNCH

Main Meal Deal (FSM)	£2.42
Main Meal (Hot)	£2.12
Sandwich Meal Deal	£2.42
Hot Pudding	£0.80
Pizza	£2.40
Pizza Pepperoni	£2.57
Beef Burger	£2.35
Jacket Potato - (1 x filling)	£1.84
Jacket Potato	£1.30
Hot Pasta Pot	£2.07
Chicken Burger	£2.29
Chicken Wrap	£2.29
Curry Rice Pot	£2.52
Hot Dog	£2.07
Steak Slice	£2.07
Baked Beans	£0.58
Chips	£1.05
Cheese Pot	£0.58
Pitta Pizza	£1.21
Pitta Pizza Pepperoni	£1.38
Noodle Pot	£2.07
Loaded Nacho Pot	£2.07
Chicken Wings	£1.71
Baguettes from	£1.94

**PLEASE SPEAK TO OUR STAFF MEMBERS IF YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGIES AND NEED TO KNOW WHAT IS WITHIN EACH OF OUR DISHES. THEY WILL ADVISE YOU ON YOUR AVAILABLE FOOD CHOICES.**



# Sporting News

Please can students collect lunch passes for their PE lunch time clubs from the PE office at the start of the week. Students can then show this pass to enter the queue on first calling.

## PE Timetable ↓

A reminder that students who cannot take part in PE should always bring a note and their PE kit to take part in other roles.

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
A- 4th- 8th Sept	8X GIRLS – NETBALL 8X BOYS- RUGBY 7Y GIRLS – NETBALL 7Y BOYS- RUGBY 11 GAMES- NETBALL / RUGBY	9Y GIRLS – NETBALL 9Y BOYS- SWIMMING 9X GIRLS- NETBALL 9X BOYS- SWIMMING 7Y GIRLS – HOCKEY 7Y BOYS – SWIMMING 10 GAMES – NETBALL/RUGBY	7X GIRLS NETBALL 7X BOYS- RUGBY 7J- HOCKEY 10 GAMES- NETBALL/RUGBY	8Y GIRLS- HOCKEY 8Y BOYS- FITNESS 8X GIRLS HOCKEY 8X BOYS- FITNESS 7X GIRLS – HOCKEY 7X BOYS- RUGBY 9Y GIRLS- HOCKEY 9Y BOYS RUGBY	7Y GIRLS- NETBALL 7Y BOYS- RUGBY 9X GIRLS- HOCKEY 9X BOYS- RUGBY 11 GAMES- NETBALL/RUGBY
B - 11th - 15th Sept	9Y GIRLS- NETBALL 9Y BOYS- RUGBY	9Y GIRLS- HOCKEY 9Y BOYS- SWIMMING 9X GIRLS- NETBALL 9X BOYS- SWIMMING 8Y GIRLS- NETBALL 8Y BOYS SWIMMING 10 + 11 GAMES- NETBALL/RUGBY	7X GIRLS- NETBALL 7X BOYS- RUGBY 7J BOYS- RUGBY 8X GIRLS- NETBALL 8X BOYS- RUGBY 9X GIRLS- HOCKEY 9X BOYS- RUGBY 10 + 11 GAMES- NETBALL/RUGBY	7X GIRLS- HOCKEY 7X BOYS- SWIMMING 7J- BOYS- SWIM 7Y GIRLS- HOCKEY 7Y BOYS- RUGBY 8Y GIRLS- HOCKEY 8Y BOYS- RUGBY	8X GIRLS- HOCKEY 8X BOYS – RUGBY 10 GAMES- RUGBY/NETBALL
A- 18th - 22rd Sept	8X GIRLS – NETBALL 8X BOYS- RUGBY 7Y GIRLS – NETBALL 7Y BOYS- RUGBY 11 GAMES- NETBALL / RUGBY	9Y GIRLS – NETBALL 9Y BOYS- SWIMMING 9X GIRLS- NETBALL 9X BOYS- SWIMMING 7Y GIRLS – HOCKEY 7Y BOYS – SWIMMING 10 GAMES – NETBALL/RUGBY	7X GIRLS NETBALL 7X BOYS- RUGBY 7J- HOCKEY 10 GAMES- NETBALL/RUGBY	8Y GIRLS- HOCKEY 8Y BOYS- SWIMMING 8X GIRLS HOCKEY 8X BOYS- SWIMMING 7X GIRLS – HOCKEY 7X BOYS- RUGBY 9Y GIRLS- HOCKEY 9Y BOYS RUGBY	7Y GIRLS- NETBALL 7Y BOYS- RUGBY 9X GIRLS- HOCKEY 9X BOYS- RUGBY 11 GAMES- NETBALL/RUGBY

### Year 7 Students—PE Timetable

D/J/H will be following X timetable

O/W will be following Y timetable

### School Uniform

Please can we remind students of the following:-

- Students are allowed natural hair colours only
- Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted
- Students are allowed to wear a watch but no other jewellery other than a single pair of studs - no smart watches
- Clear retainers must be used for nose piercing

### Lost Property

If your child/ren have lost any items of clothing, please ask them to check lost property in W1.

Please can we also ask parents and children to check at home whether they have the correct labelled PE kits as a few have gone missing in recent weeks.

Thank you



# LEAVING SCHOOL IN 2024? POST 16 ROADSHOW

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Discover all your options for when you leave school next summer and **Find Your Future!**

**ONLINE** | Thursday 21 September | 6.30-7.30pm

**SHREWSBURY** | Monday 2 October | 4.00-7.30pm  
Shrewsbury Town FC Stadium, SY2 6ST

**TELFORD** | Saturday 7 October | 9.30am-12.00noon  
Holiday Inn, TF3 4EH

**SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP**

 **The Thomas Adams School**

 **Herefordshire, Ludlow & North Shropshire College**

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 **sbc training**

 **SYST**  
Shropshire Youth Support Trust

**in October, meet the teams from...**

 **NHS**

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 **Derwen College**

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 **Hereford**  
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 **ROYAL NAVY**

 **WILLIAM BROOKES SCHOOL**

 **HABERDASHERS ADAMS**

Please check individual event pages to see who is attending which dates

Book your place at  
[futurestudy.co.uk](https://futurestudy.co.uk)



# Badminton for All

Church Stretton Badminton Club invite you to try out our fantastic sport

In these playing/coaching sessions open to anyone.

**Come along and have a go**

**Church Stretton Leisure Centre**

**Commences 13th September 2023**

**6.30pm to 8.00pm**

**All abilities welcome from 7 years upwards**

**Sports wheelchairs and rackets available FOC**

**For more info call Alan Fox on 01694725588 or 07977060303**

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Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying bring out the best in us and bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here is your chance to make the time and come to one of our workshops.

- Do you feel your relationship needs some attention?
- Do you feel you are drifting a bit lately or things have been difficult?
- Would you like to meet with others and share ideas and thoughts?
- Are you looking for a way forward?

## ***WORKING ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP***

Why not join us for our 4-week workshop with 2 hours session each week  
There are 2 different workshops on offer this Autumn:

**Starts on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
from 10.00am to 12.00pm**

**at Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Rd, Ludlow SY8 2NP  
or**

**Starts on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
from 10.00am to 12.00pm  
at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LW**

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

Emailing [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)

Or call us on 01743 250950

