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Weekly letter – parents evening information

Dear parents and carers

There were a lot of tired faces in classes at the end of last week! It has taken some time for the children to adjust to full time lessons after so long away from school. It is good to see how keen they are to keep going despite this, and I hope they enjoy this last week of term before the holidays.

I would like to thank you for helping the children getting back into the routine of school and for sending them in with the correct uniform – they have looked very smart.

We have our first parents evening using the Eduspot video calling system so I thought I would provide some more information. Please note that this runs on a strict schedule and the calls will conclude at the allotted time and teachers cannot override this. This may make the call seem rather abrupt but it has the advantage of ensuring that we all keep to schedule. Even if you have a phone call, the teachers will still need to be firm with the appointment timing so that they are then ready for their next call.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hunt

Phone calls (*only if you requested a phone call when you booked your appointment*)

- You will still receive a video call link but you can ignore this.
- The call from the teacher may come up as “Number withheld” or “No caller ID” as the teachers may be using their home phones.
- Timings need to be kept to, so please have your phone ready.
- Teachers will need to end the call at the scheduled time so that they can move on to the next call. If you need a longer discussion with your child’s teacher, this can be arranged for another day.

Video calls

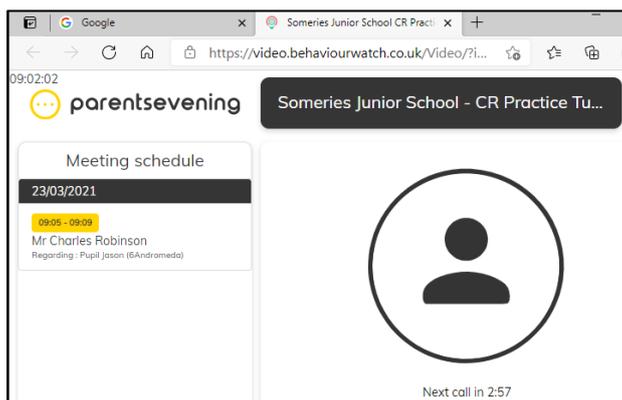
You should receive a video link via text and email on the morning of the parents evening event. This link will take you to your call. The call is set to six minutes so that there is one minute to get cameras and microphones working, leaving five minutes for conversation.

Please look through the instructions below. (Screenshots are from a PC browser; other devices may vary.)

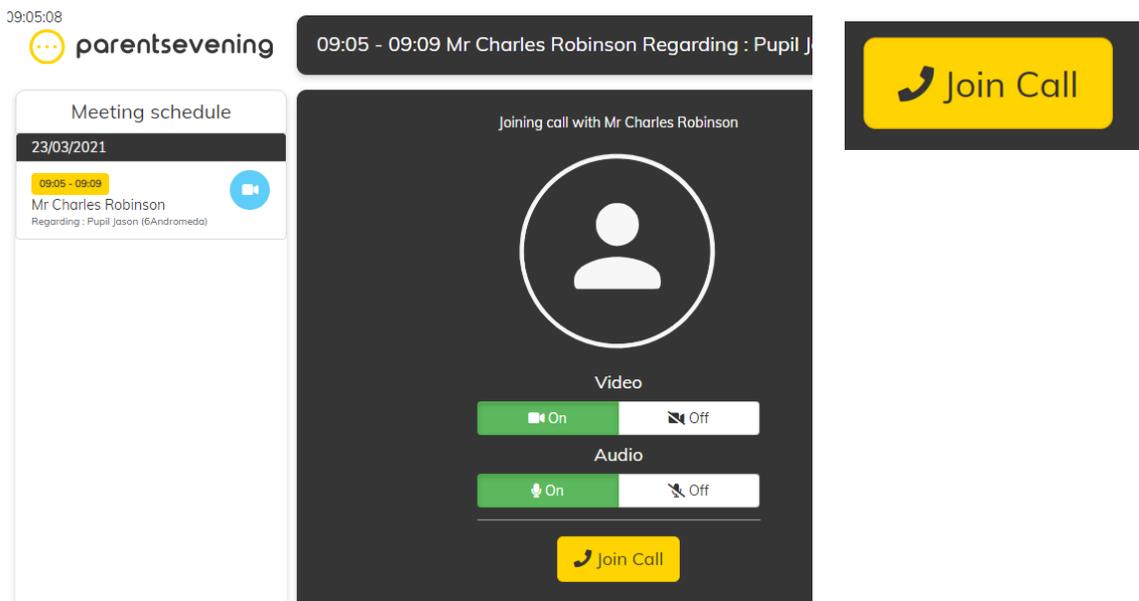
How it works

First check that your camera and microphone are connected to your device. (You will be prompted to “Allow” the video call to use your camera and microphone when the actual call begins. The website is: <https://video.behaviourwatch.co.uk>)

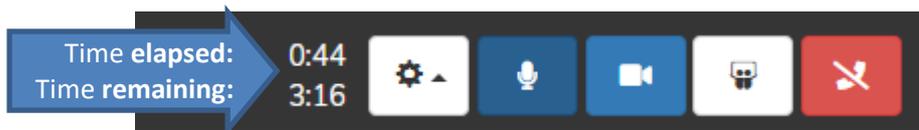
Click on the link to take you to the video call webpage in your web browser:



When the call begins you will see some controls – press “Join Call”



At this point you may be prompted to “Allow” the webpage to use the camera and microphone. During the call, a timer will be running.



The timer will turn red when there is only 30 seconds remaining. When it gets to zero, the call ends.

Video settings

You can enable/disable your audio and video before joining the call, or during, using the buttons at the bottom of the screen. To change your audio/video settings, click the Settings button. (If you decide not to use video, the teacher may also opt to do this.)



Updating your browser

For Windows devices, our testing shows that it works in Chrome (🌐) web browser.

If you use Edge browser, you will need to have updated from the older (e) version to the latest one (🌐). You can do this at www.microsoft.com/en-us/edge in advance.

For Android tablets and smartphones the system will work on Chrome 🌐 and Firefox 🦊 browsers.

For iPhones and iPads, it works in Safari 🍏 browser.