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*Equity, Excellence, Evolution*

*The Five Islands Academy is an all-age, multi-site, Church of England Academy,  
serving the island communities of Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Tresco.  
It is part of the Leading Edge Academies Partnership.*

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Dear Parents

As we enter the first week of May, we are pleased to support [Screen-Free Week](#), an annual initiative that encourages children and families to explore and appreciate life beyond digital devices.

Next week, Primary students will continue their regular learning as usual, with all lessons proceeding as planned. However, as part of this initiative, we will encourage students to engage with their learning without the use of iPads.

Our aim is not to disrupt learning, but rather to provide an opportunity for students to experience learning without reliance on screens, and reinforcing important skills such as focus, creativity, and collaboration.

We would appreciate your support in encouraging screen-free activities beyond school hours and reinforcing the value of balance in technology use. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

If you want to find out more about this initiative please explore the links below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfrp3qt>

<https://screenfree.org/resources-for-families-individuals/>

Thank you for your partnership in fostering a positive learning environment!

Best wishes

Maddy Hicks

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*All aboard! Navigating together*

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