



## October 2023 Newsletter

### Online Safety – keeping your children safe online!

Please read on for the first video of very important online safety information, from our Trust's chosen expert:

Welcome to the first video of this online safety series.

Video length: 7 minutes.

Whatever the age of your child they will receive good online safety education in school, from early years through to college. But as parents and carers we need to know about and keep up with the risks and issues our children may face online. Importantly, we also need to know where to go for extra support.

My name is Alan Mackenzie. I specialise in the ever-changing and evolving area of online safety, mainly working in schools all over England and in this first video I will quickly introduce myself and define what online safety means. Many people think that online safety means keeping children safe online. That is correct, but it's much more than that. One of the most important messages I would like to get across is that you can't know everything, neither can you watch your child 24/7. But as parents and carers we have natural curiosity; we know when something doesn't feel right or something has changed and that's when we investigate, mainly by talking to the child.

Over a period of time, you will receive another 7 emails from school, all with a link to a new video and some accompanying text. In some of the emails I will also include useful links, all of which will take you to free information and resources.

Although much of the information is okay for children, there is some information within the videos that may not be appropriate, so please take precautions when watching any of the videos (e.g. wear headphones). There is also a subtitles option on each video, just look for CC at the bottom right of the video.

Just click on the link or copy/paste the link into your browser.

<https://vimeo.com/847060310/c346d23252?share=copy>



### Diary Dates

Mon 9 Oct	Parents' Appointments
Tues 10 Oct	Parents' Appointments #HelloYellow2023
Fri 20 Oct	Close for half-term
Mon 6 Nov	School re-opens for children
Mon 13 Nov	Flu vaccinations - <b>book by 20 Oct</b>
Fri 17 Nov	Children in Need Day
Wed 22 Nov	Open Day – 2024 new starters
Fri 1 Dec	Non-uniform day – for raffle prizes
Thurs 7 Dec	Early Years Nativity 2.15pm
Tues 12 Dec	Year 1 / 2 concert 9.30am
Wed 13 Dec	Year 5 / 6 Christingle 9am Year 1 / 2 concert 2.15pm
Thurs 14 Dec	Christmas Party Day
Fri 15 Dec	Year 3 / 4 Christingle 9am
Tues 19 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for fun Close for Christmas – <b>2.15pm</b>
Thurs 4 Jan 2024	<b>School re-opens for children</b>

### Cycling to School

The bicycle rack has not be re-instated even though the building works' area has been removed.

Unfortunately, the rack did not survive the removal process.

Please continue to park bikes and scooters on the grass patch at the side of the path at the rear of the school car park.

We hope to find a longer-term solution for this storage.

Please bear with us!

### Sorry!

We wish to apologise for the inconvenience of the building works over the past few months.

The great news is that the building looks so amazing, it has definitely been worth the wait.

In addition, our sincere apologies for the initial breakdown of our communication and payments system, MCAS.

This has been a national problem and our hope is that your patience and perseverance have paid off and that everyone is now fully connected and operational.

Please keep us informed if you experience any further issues – we have never had such a problem like this at the beginning of a school year.