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**BE ON TIME**



# Newsletter



Next holiday—After school 10.02.2022

W.C 10.01.22

The 'Be On Time' Bunny would like to remind everyone to be on time at 5 to 9. If your child is absent or going to be late please let school know on 01524 410286 or via the ParentApp.

Although we understand it can be difficult to get dentist, doctors appointments etc., we would appreciate it if you try to make these appointments outside of school time, or after morning and afternoon marks have been registered, please can you provide confirmation of the appointment.

## School Parliament in Action... meeting the Governors



Following their inter-school COP 26 meeting, some of the school parliament members asked to speak to the school Governors and present some of their climate change ideas. The children were extremely articulate and even made the Governors think about how meetings are run— in particular the amount of paper used.

One Governor was so impressed she has invited the group to a County Council meeting next term to talk about how climate change is impacting on our local community and share their ideas. Watch this space.....



## Reading Passports

We all love reading! Our Reading passports are up and running in Key stage One - these are just a few of the children getting involved so far. It's not too late to take part, get involved today and gain your Sandylands Reading degree. Key stage Two's passports are being launched next week - watch out for the Parent APP.



### Dates for the Diary

Primary School Application deadline or Sept 22  
15 January 2022



# Be Safe, Feel Well

January 2022

## Meet the Inclusion Team



Liz Wildon, Dawn Brook, Nicola Miller and Lee Roberts make up the inclusion team. If you feel you have a concern, would like a chat, or some further information about support:

give us a call on **01524 410286**

email **inclusionteam@sandylands.lancs.sch.uk**

or click here: <https://www.sandylands.lancs.sch.uk/2020/07/hello-from-the-family-team/>

The screenshot shows the Sandylands website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'KEY INFORMATION', 'PARENTS', 'CHILDREN', 'CURRICULUM', 'POLICIES', and 'NEWS & EVENTS'. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a large image of children and a 'Welcome to' message. On the left side, there is a sidebar with various links: 'SAFEGUARDING', 'TERM DATES', 'RECEPTION 2022', 'FAMILY SUPPORT' (which is highlighted with a purple arrow), 'LUNCH MENU', 'OUR SCHOOL DAY', 'UNIFORM', 'ATTENDANCE', 'FAMILY LEARNING', 'BREAKFAST CLUB', and 'APP LINKS'. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a 'Take a look' button and a 'Dedicated Local, National Curriculum' link.

Find more information about Family Support on our website:

<https://www.sandylands.lancs.sch.uk/family-support/>

## What's On At Westgate?



## Community Support

Lancashire County Council have released their 'What's On' guide for community support and groups in the local area. From baby sensory, to youth groups there is something for everyone. If you want more details, take a look on our website: <https://www.sandylands.lancs.sch.uk/2022/01/whats-on/>

## Online Safety

The children learn about Online Safety in school through Education for a Connected World. With Christmas just been, National Online Safety has released some top tips for children with new devices. Take a read through of the guide to support keeping children safe online!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it's needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

## PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content, download and expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

## SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

## FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

## ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

## PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to [PlayStation.com](https://playstation.com) and search 'family account' for instructions.

## DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

## SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts & Other Users > Add Other User.

## SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

## TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be applied to parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console: so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

## INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

## STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

### Meet Our Expert

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