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Dear Parents/Carers,

Safeguarding and independence

Now that our children are settled into the school routine, we would like to encourage our children to become as independent as possible when coming into school. By coming into school independently saying goodbye to parents in the school yard, it can help children to organise themselves and their belongings and develop a sense of responsibility. This recommendation also has the benefit of having fewer adults in school with regard to safeguarding, meaning that any unknown persons can be more easily identifiable. There will still be the opportunity for parents to liaise with their child's class teacher about minor issues should they require the time at the start of the school day. May I remind parents that school registration begins at 8:55am and children should be ready in their classrooms for this time.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all of those who made our Christmas Fair a great success by donating items, helping to organise and run stall or coming along to support us on the day. It was well attended and a great time was had by all.

Christmas Performances

The children will be performing their production of Lights, Camels, Actions on Monday 18th December at 1pm and Tuesday 19th December at 9:30am. Due to the capacity in our school hall we are requesting no more than two adults per child please at the event.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for the children will take place on Tuesday 19th December. The cost will be £2.00 for any child in Y3/4/5 who wishes to join us.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be on Friday 22nd December. Our cook has kindly offered to make the party food for the school lunch. Therefore we will require all children to have a paid school lunch on this day. This will cost £2 per child if in Y3/4/5 as children in Reception to Year 2 have free school meals as part of the Government scheme. Children should come to school already dressed in their warm party clothes and with their outdoor footwear. No heels or sandals please. We are hoping to have a special guest who will take time out of his busy schedule to come and visit us on this afternoon.

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Christmas Panto

All the children will have the delightful opportunity to watch the Panto of Peter Pan at the Newcastle Theatre Royal on Wednesday 20th December. The H.S.A. have kindly offered to pay for this entertainment. The performance does not start until 2pm and will not finish until 4:15pm so children will be returning to school at approximately 5pm.

Swimming

Swimming will commence in the Spring Term beginning 9th January for all of our pupils, Reception to Year 5. Swimming will take place on Tuesday afternoons at the Willowburn Leisure Centre. There is a voluntary contribution for these lessons which is £3.30 per session which covers the cost of the lesson and the coach travel.

E-Safety & You Tube

Many of the children in school discuss their use of YouTube at home. Some children talk about using YouTube to look favourite songs or videos. Others have even informed us they have their own You Tube channel or aspire to be You Tubers when they grow up. Therefore, in our continuous drive to encourage e-safety we have included a parent factsheet on Child Safety on YouTube

New Year Opening Dates

Children will be returning to school after the Christmas holidays on Monday 8th January 2018.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of myself and the staff.

Dates for Diaries

- 18th December - Children's Christmas Performance 1pm at school
- 19th December - Children's Christmas Performance at school at 9:30am
- 19th December - Christmas Lunch
- 20th December - Children's Panto at Newcastle Theatre Royal
- 22nd December - Christmas Party

Warmest Regards,

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Child safety on YouTube: parent factsheet

What is the problem?

You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on YouTube.

These are videos that, at first, appear to be for children, as they include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig, or characters from Disney films such as Frozen. However, later on the videos become violent or disturbing. One, for example, shows Peppa Pig being tortured at the dentist.

The videos can appear in YouTube search results when children look for genuine children's videos.

YouTube says that such videos will be age-restricted *if they are reported by users*, so they cannot be viewed by anyone under 18.

This factsheet explains how you can protect your child when they are using YouTube apps or the website.

What safety options are there on YouTube Kids?

The YouTube Kids app **automatically filters out inappropriate content**. However, YouTube explains that "no algorithm is perfect" and "your child might find content you don't want him or her to watch".

To help protect your child in YouTube Kids, you can set parental controls and change settings: tap the 'Lock' icon in the bottom corner of any page, enter your custom passcode and click 'Settings'. Here you can:

- Turn the search function off, so your child can only see recommended, curated videos under each category on the home screen: toggle 'Search' to off
- Set a timer to limit how much time your child spends on the app: select 'Timer' and use the slider bar or the plus and minus icons to set a time limit, then tap 'Start Timer'

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You can also block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch:

- Tap the 3 dots ('more') at the top of the video, tap 'Block' and select 'Block this video' or 'Block this channel' to block the whole channel associated with the video
- Tap 'Block' again, then enter the numbers you see written on the screen, or your custom passcode

To report content to YouTube that you think is inappropriate, use the 'flagging function': tap the flag icon next to a video or comment and select your reason for flagging.

The app does have advertising, but YouTube says it restricts adverts that aren't child-friendly.

What safety options are there on YouTube?

Turn on 'restricted mode'

This hides videos that may contain inappropriate content. YouTube says that "no filter is 100% accurate, but it should help you avoid most inappropriate content". To do this:

- On the website: click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account; in the drop-down menu look for 'Restricted Mode'
- In the app: tap Settings, then 'Restricted Mode Filtering', and turn it on

Flag inappropriate videos

If you think a video or a comment on a video is inappropriate, you can use the 'flagging feature' to prompt YouTube staff to check it and decide whether to block or restrict it:

- Tap or click the flag icon next to a video or comment and select the reason for flagging

Flagged content is constantly reviewed to check for any violation of YouTube's Community Guidelines.

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How else can I help ensure my child's safety online?

The tips below will help you to set rules for your child about accessing videos on the internet and their online behaviour, and support them to understand the risks and what to do if something happens.

- Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet, and discourage them from using headphones
- Chat to your child about what online videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share
- Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate, or create a playlist for them
- Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty
- If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before they upload it
- Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them, such as a school uniform or street name
- Regularly check comments made on your child's videos. Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happens
- If another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this content to be removed by using YouTube's privacy complaint process

Where else can I go for support?

[Policies, safety and reporting, YouTube:](https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/2676378?hl=en&ref_topic=6151248)

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[Privacy complaint process, YouTube:](https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/142443) <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/142443>

[YouTube Kids parental guide, YouTube:](https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504) <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504>

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The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Sources for this factsheet

This factsheet was produced by [Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key](http://www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding), in collaboration with [National Online Safety](https://nationalonlinesafety.com/): www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding and <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

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