

World Book Day

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Reminder this number can be used to report any absences from school just add your child's name to the text.



TEAM - 'Together Everyone Achieves More'



Reminders.

The school uniform for our school is:

Purple school sweatshirt/cardigan - these are purchased from school.
 White shirt or polo shirt
 Black trousers or knee-length black skirt
 Black shoes
 Purple & white summer dresses may be worn in the summer term
 Waterproof coats are also available from school & have the school logo on them. (Price lists are available from Mrs Worthington/Miss Armstrong in the school office).

Jewellery:

Small stud earrings and a watch may be worn as an acceptable part of our school uniform. Other jewellery items, such as necklaces etc. **MUST NOT** be worn to school for health & safety reasons. Jewellery items are the responsibility of the wearer & the school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage.

We also **do not** allow nail polish or makeup and we request that children with long hair wear it tied back.

Please can you make sure your child has a water bottle in school. We have lots of children complaining of being thirsty and they do not bring a water bottle with them. They can be bought from the school office for £2.00

Please remember children are to only bring in a healthy snack to eat at playtime e.g. fruit and cereal bars. No chocolate or crisps.

PE Kit:

Short-sleeved white t-shirt with school logo (these are available from school)
 Plain black shorts
 Black or white trainers
 Class PE Bag (each class has their own colour) - these are available from school
 Children can bring in a jumper and jogging trousers, while the weather remains unpredictable, for outdoor PE.

Few headline dates.

Friday March 8th—come dressed as your favourite character or author to celebrate reading.

Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day—Come dressed in mufti for a donation of 50p towards Comic Relief.

Monday April 1st & Tuesday April 2nd—Parent teacher meetings-letters to follow.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating this national event on **Friday 8th March**. Children are invited to come to school dressed up as a **story character** (there is no need to go to great expense –we encourage imaginative ideas!) and we will be enjoying reading activities throughout the day. Please bring your favourite story book to school to share with others.

Reading Diaries

Every pupil has a Reading Diary to record their weekly reading. We expect all pupils to have at least four entries each week and good use is monitored and rewarded. Well done to all our Star Readers! We ask all parents to monitor their child's diary and **sign it each week**.

Magic breakfast



The National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP) is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast.

As a NSBP School, we are pleased to offer a healthy school breakfast, available to all, and enjoy the benefits that brings. This will help children to settle and be ready to learn at the start of the school day.

Our magic breakfast will launch on Monday 1st April.

Warm bagels will be served to children outside the school building, as they enter both gates. This is free of charge to all pupils at the beginning of the school day.

It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly) YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

What parents need to know about

MOMO



CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



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Top Tips for Parents

TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them. Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in; no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshots any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is
0800 1111.



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