



ST PETER'S
C.E. Primary School



The Keys Newsletter

3rd December 2021

Message from St Peter's

Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been a lovely week, full of Christmas spirit as we decorated the school with Christmas lights and Trees. It was wonderful to hear the deep intakes of breath, particularly from our younger pupils as they wandered into the corridor to see Christmas lights and hear some background Christmas music. We have put some posts on Facebook for you to see some of the decorations that are up. This week we had our second Parents Forum. I have found this a really enjoyable experience talking to some of our parents about formulating a vision. Our focus is on creating a vision that the whole school community, including parents, Governors, pupils and staff can buy into and have a focus on where we want to be as a school by 2025. The forum is attended by parents, the Chair of Governors Mrs Sharon Brammeier and senior leaders. As usual in meetings, we go off track a bit as we talk about school life and talk about what's good, but also what we can improve and there are certainly things that have been brought up that we can change immediately.

We are looking at the following:

What will people say about St Peter's in 2025?

We are proud to be part of St Peter's and we love coming to school because...

What are the things that will make us say WOW about St Peter's?

Our current mission statement is, 'The child grew and became strong in body, mind and spirit.' (Luke 2. v40)

Growth of body; we aim to develop healthy, active, unique children who are confident in the body God has given them. Our uniqueness and individuality bring us together as one community with a common understanding.

Growth of mind; we aim to foster, nurture and develop the knowledge, curiosity and understanding of all.

Growth of spirit; we aim to nurture all members of our school spiritually by developing a core Christian, moral purpose rooted in scripture.

Finally, we are having some of our pupils confirmed at St Peter's Church on Sunday at 9.30am. I am sure it will be a lovely service and look forward to seeing them and their families there.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Robinson

Christmas Dates

- 7th Dec R & R/1 to Imagine That
- 8th Dec Y1/2 & Y2 to The World of Glass
Y1 & Y2 PTA Movie Night
- 9th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch
Christmas Crafts
Junior PTA Movie Night
- 14th Dec Nativities 10am R & R/1 & 6.30pm Y1/2 & Y2
- 15th Dec Nativities 10am Y1/2 & Y2 & 6.30pm R & R/1
- 16th Dec Pantomime
- 20th Dec Christmas Party Day-party clothes
- 21st Dec Breakfast with Santa
Break up for Christmas Holidays
- 6th Jan Back to School



Thank you from St Peter's Church

The congregation at St Peter's Church would like to thank the parents, staff, and children of St Peter's school for your support for the Church Christmas Fair last Saturday. You so generously donated cakes, bottles of wine and jars of sweets to Friends of St Peter's that helped ensure we had lots of stalls for people to browse. So many of you came along on the day and made the Fair a great success, thank you to you all



As you are aware, all apps have age restrictions on to protect children from accessing material and content which is inappropriate for their age. We still need to ensure that any apps accessed by our children are right for the stage of development, too, and not just rely on their age. Please see the attached poster, outlining what you need to know about age-inappropriate content and how to further protect our children.

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 is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

18 Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.

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PTA News

Film Night

Years 1 to 6 are invited to put your PJs on, bring a blanket and come and join us in the school hall to watch a Christmas film. Don't forget a pillow and your favourite cuddly toy!

Years 1 & 2 - Wednesday 8 December - Arthur Christmas

Years 3 to 6 - Thursday 9 December - Christmas Chronicles

£3 gets you a wrist band colour coordinated with your snack bag choice and you can add a hotdog for an extra 50p.

Doors will open at 6:00pm and the film will start at 6:15pm, pick up will be 8pm from the side door. Please be mindful that your child is happy to sit through a 1hr 45min film.

ONLINE PURCHASING NOW LIVE!

Ticket sales close at 23.55pm on 3rd Dec

We are really excited to be trying out a new way of working using an online platform. Just go to www.pta-events.co.uk/stpeters-pta

Any queries please email stpeters_pta@yahoo.org.



Office news

Dinner Money

If your child wishes to change their lunch preference please advise the office via email giving **a week's notice**. Payment is taken through the School Money Online Payment System.

Uniform

Uniform can be ordered direct from Touchline UK
Liverpool Rd, Warrington, WA5 1AE, 01925 413777
sales@touchline-embroidery.com

We also have a small number of items on the School Money site under SHOP which you can pay for then contact school to arrange for them to be sent home with your child.

Absence

When reporting on the absence line, can we politely request that you leave a brief description of your child's illness rather than just saying they are unwell. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea please note that they should not return to school for a period of 48 hours after the last incident. This is a local authority policy

Applications for Holiday Leave must be submitted to school at **least 4 weeks** in advance. Forms can be found on the school website or requested from the school office. In accordance with Government and Local Authority policy, holidays taken during term time will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**.

Changes

It is very important that if you change contact numbers, emails or addresses that you advise us as soon as possible. Any changes must be sent into school via email.

Thank you



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Covid-19

Can we please stress if you or a member of your household show any symptoms of Covid-19 **you must remain at home and get a test.**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/or> by phoning 111

If you or your children have any symptoms you MUST take a PCR test not a Lateral Flow Test

To arrange a test call 119 or go to the website <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Further information is available on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>