

Oakmeadow Newsletter



May 2020

All staff at Oakmeadow CE Primary School are bound by confidentiality, if you need to talk to somebody, especially during this time we are here ..

Oakmeadow's Confidentiality Policy

It is very important that staff keep the content of meetings/ discussions etc confidential and do not discuss confidential or sensitive issues. This will help to maintain children protection protocol and ensure that Oakmeadow is seen in the best possible light by the school community and beyond. It is especially important for staff to remember if they live in the community that sharing information outside of school is strictly forbidden and could be at the detriment to their professionalism. Communication must follow the schools protocol (e.g. no text home to parent friends about school issues)



We're here for you.

Free School Meals

Could you be entitled to Free School Meals? Under the current Government scheme all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals however some families may be entitled to Government (benefit related) Free School Meals which is a separate scheme.

Government Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits for more information about these please follow the link below.

www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Oakmeadow and Shropshire Local Authority encourage all parents who meet the eligibility criteria to apply for Government Free School Meals which can be done online by following the link within this letter. When a child is entitled to Government Free School Meals schools receive additional funding to support and enhance the learning of pupils who are currently or who have been entitled to Free School Meals within the last six years.

Further information regarding Government Free School Meals can be found on the Shropshire Council website however if you do have any questions we are more than happy to help.

Call for Volunteers!

If you would be interested in volunteering one morning or afternoon in school when we return or when we walk to church on a monthly basis, please contact admin for further details so that a parent volunteer DBS can be initiated.

VOLUNTEER FOR US



Letters out this month

Distance Learning April 2020

Government Free School Meals 2020

Information for Homes—Nursery Children

Copies of our letters are available on the school website.



DEAR
PARENTS



Online Safety Newsletter

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Need advice or help?

All social media platforms have their own ways of reporting inappropriate content or users. In addition, the following organisations can help you:

NSPCC:

If you are worried about a child then NSPCC can offer advice and support and inform you of the necessary steps to take:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>

Childline

Children can contact Childline to chat to somebody about their worries:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

UK Safer Internet Centre

Report Harmful Content is a national reporting centre that has been designed to assist anyone in reporting harmful content online:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/help/online/report-harmful-content>

CEOP

If you are worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with your child online then CEOP can help:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

Online safety at home

As children are learning from home and perhaps spending more time online, we thought we'd share some of our top tips to help keep them safe:

- 1** Set up parental controls for your broadband and on any devices your child has access to.
- 2** Children should use technology in 'family areas' where you can keep an eye on what they are doing online and who they are online with.
- 3** Ensure your child has plenty of breaks from screen time.
- 4** Monitor what your child is doing online, what sites and apps they are using and what games they are playing. Find out more about each one so you can then support them by ensuring appropriate safety and privacy controls are set up for each of them.
- 5** Take an interest in their learning and what they are doing online. Ensure that they know they can come to you if they need help or if they have any concerns.
- 6** Emphasise to your child that the rules online are the same as when they are in school. You expect them to be courteous to others. Impress upon them the fact that this is an unusual time for everyone and that appropriate behaviour will help their learning experience.

Netflix Update

Netflix have enhanced their parental controls, for example you can set a maturity level for each profile or restrict titles for each profile. Learn how to set up the parental controls here: <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 1.5.20.

Live streaming Introduction

What is live streaming?

Live streaming is when somebody broadcasts live (real time) video through an app or website. For example, users can live stream on Instagram, Twitch or Facebook. Children also post prerecorded videos and share them through apps such as YouTube or share them to friends via apps such as WhatsApp. Whilst live streaming, other users can comment, react and chat. Most of these apps are for those aged over 13+.

Risks

- If your child has a public profile then potentially people they don't know will be watching their videos, commenting and chatting with them.
- Whilst using these apps/sites, your child could view inappropriate content.
- Your child may share personal information.
- Videos can be recorded or screenshots taken so even if you subsequently delete the video then somebody may still have a copy of it to share.
- Your child could be subjected to cyberbullying.
- Your child may participate in online challenges which can sometimes be risky.

How can I help keep my child safe?

Use apps/websites together so you can work out how the privacy settings work and how to report or block other users when necessary. Ensure your child understands that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they see anything upsetting online. Talk to your child about how to deal with peer pressure and how they shouldn't share or participate in anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Further links

The following three articles will provide you with further information and guidance on how to keep your child safe:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parents-guide-to-live-streaming-and-vlogging/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/livestreaming-online-video-apps/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Set up appropriate privacy settings

Don't share personal info

Have regular chats with your child

Learn how to use the reporting functions

A book to help explain coronavirus

Nosy Crow have published a free digital book illustrated by Axel Scheffler for primary children about the Coronavirus. Available here:

<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

Caribu: video calling

This is a family video-calling app which includes a library of children's books and activities (suited to younger children) that you can read and complete together through the app. This is currently free until 24th May 2020.

More information available here: <https://caribu.com/>

Video calling family

There are lots of different apps available to video chat with others – something a lot of us may be doing more of at the moment. This helpful article from Internet Matters outlines how to use some of the more popular platforms as well as some tips on how to use them safely including setting boundaries on when and where children can use these apps to chat with others.


The full article is available here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/blog/2020/04/09/how-to-use-video-chat-platforms-to-group-chat-with-family-and-friends/>





SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

PRICE GUIDE

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Baseball Caps	£1			P.E. Shorts /Leggings/T-Shirts	20p
				Hair Scrunches' /Socks/Tights	

Located Opposite The Main Meeting Room

**This Service Is Run Entirely By Volunteers
& All Donations Go To Oakmeadow PTA**

PLEASE HELP To Keep This Service Available By



1. Donating good clean uniform (in the box provided)
2. Paying for purchases at Reception
3. Keeping the cupboard tidy

Thanks For Your Support!

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