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## December Newsletter

### CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN 2021



Our Christmas celebrations will again be very different this year but we will try and make it special for our pupils.

- **Santa** arrived in school on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November and gave each child an **Advent calendar**.
- **Christmas cards** can be given but within classes only.
- **Raffle Tickets** two strips of raffle tickets will be sent home this week. A strip is £1 or individual tickets are 25p each. Please ensure there is a name and contact number on each ticket. And return them along with the money to the school office please.
- **Nativity/ Carols** – In order to keep everyone safe sadly we won't be inviting adults into school for our annual Nativity or Carol singing again this year. Instead, the Infant classes will be recording their performances and these will be shared on the school Facebook page. Copies will be available to order on DVD for £2.
- **Christmas Parties** – See dates below for each year group. Please see party letter. The cost the party for each child is £1 and they come to schools on their classes allocated day in their party clothes. Payment can be made on SCOPay or send the cash in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name.

Date	Event	Details
10/12/21	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>	Christmas Jumper in addition to your normal school uniform. £1 donation per child to support Save the Children
10/12/21	<b>Nursery/Reception Christmas Party</b>	£1 per child (see letter) Children in these classes can attend school in party clothes this day.
13/12	<b>Year 3 &amp; Year 4 Christmas Party</b>	
14.12.21	<b>School Christmas Dinner Day</b>	For all pupils in Reception to Year 6 and the Nursery children who are eligible to stay all day. The cost is <b>£2.40</b> if not entitled to free school meals.
15/12/21	<b>Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Christmas Party</b>	£1 per child (see letter) Children in these classes can attend school in party clothes this day.
16/12/21	<b>Year 5 &amp; Year 6 Christmas Party</b>	
16/12/21	<b>Christmas Service in Church</b>	This will be led by Year 4 but sadly we can't ask people to watch.
17/12/21	<b>School closes for Christmas Break</b>	<b>School finishes at 2.15pm this day</b>
4/1/22	<b>Spring Term begins</b>	8.50 am Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Autumn Term 2 Afterschool Clubs

If children are staying behind for a SPORTS club they **should come to school in their SCHOOL PE KIT ONLY – black/navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings**. Please do not send children in other clothes.

<b>Monday</b>	Year 3/4 – Sport Club		Y3 -6 – Homework Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 2 - Sport Club	Rec – Hob Nobs Club	Y3 -6 – Homework Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 5/ 6 - Sport Club	Y5 – Drama Club	Y3 -6 – Homework Club
<b>Thursday</b>	Y2 – Hob Nobs Club	Year 1 - Sport Club	Y3 -6 – Homework Club

### PE Kits

Mon – Y3

Tues- Y1 & Y2

Wed - Rec & Y4

Thurs - Y5

Fri - Y6

PE kit **must** consist of: **School jumper** ☐ **School team T- Shirt** or **Plain White T- shirt** ☐ **Royal blue school shorts** or **Black Shorts** ☐ **Blue/ Black joggers** or **leggings** and **Trainers**  
Please **DO NOT** send children in other coloured clothes or non-uniform.

## Forgiveness



This half term we are studying the Christian value 'Forgiveness' with a real focus on encouraging children to say sorry for when they have made mistakes and forgiving others.

*'It takes a strong person to say sorry, but an even stronger person to forgive'* Anon

**SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS  
PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)  
**School and Academy  
places September 2022**



You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**CLOSING DATE  
15 JANUARY 2022**

**School transport**  
Need transport to school?  
Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport.  
Search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk)

[lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

**Lancashire**  
County Council



## **Covid- 19**

**Due to the reintroduction of facemasks in several communal places we ask that you wear a facemask when you enter the school yard/ premises unless you are exempt.**

School have implemented several other measures in school in order to reduce risk.

The isolation requirements for suspected or close contacts have now changed. If any of our confirmed cases are identified as the Omicron variant, close contacts of this strain will be required to isolate.

Please help us keep our school community as safe as possible.

If your child presents with any of the symptoms below they must isolate for 10 days and arrange to have a test.

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child becomes unwell in school, we will call you to collect them as we normally do. In order to reduce the risk of spreading any illness, your child will wait with a member of staff in the staff room and you must collect them from the school office. The member of staff waiting with the child will wear PPE including a mask, gloves and apron and follow washing procedures.

Children in school can have a COVID19 test. If your child tests negative, they may return to school. If your child tests positive, you must let school know as soon as possible.

### **Flu Vaccination Information for Nurseries from the NHS**

Uptake of the flu vaccination for 2-3-year-olds is currently low in Lancashire. With COVID-19 still in circulation and with the threat of new variants, it is vital that we get as many people vaccinated against flu as possible. Unfortunately, if you get flu and COVID-19 at the same time, research shows you're more likely to be seriously ill. Here are the key messages for parents which highlight the risk.

- Anyone can get flu (even healthy people), and serious problems related to flu can happen at any age
- This year, with COVID-19 in circulation, it's more important than ever that eligible groups are vaccinated to protect them from flu
- Children under the age of 5 years old have the highest rate of hospital admission of any age group due to serious complications from flu
- Protecting your child can stop flu spreading to other children and the family, especially babies and grandparents, who may be at higher risk from flu
- The children's nasal spray vaccination contains no detectable pig DNA, but for those who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products, an alternative injectable vaccine is available this year
- GP practices are commissioned to vaccinate 2–3-year-olds

The 'Immunising preschool children against flu' leaflet below is available in other languages and can be downloaded from <https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/Home.html>

[Immunising preschool children against flu \(print version\)](#) PDF, 826KB, 4 pages



## Online safety

Appropriate or inappropriate? Exposure to adult content remains parents' number one [OnlineSafety](#) fear! Here are some tips on how to prevent this happening, and how best to respond if it does.

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](http://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.



### 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.



### National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) @natonlinesafety /NationalOnlineSafety @nationalonlinesafety

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## COMMUNICATION

### HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE CHORLEY ALL SAINTS APP ?

Open your app store on your phone/device and search 'School jotter', click install. Type 'PR72LR' and click on 'Chorley All Saints' Church of England Primary School'. This will sign you up to the School app. You will receive notifications when news/newsletters are shared, however you may need to check your phone settings to allow notifications to come through.

### Facebook

This page will be for announcements and news only. You can find the page by searching '**Chorley All Saints**' in the Facebook search box and 'Like' and 'Follow' to receive news.

### Seesaw

It is important that all parents' **sign up to 'Class Seesaw' & 'Family Seesaw'** as all homework and communication from the class teacher will be via this method. We will also share pictures of your child in their work and class activities. Instructions and your child's log on details will be sent home.

**Staff can only respond in school working hours Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm.**

### Facebook Messenger

Please could we ask that parents **do not** contact staff via their personal Facebook messenger inbox. If you have any questions or concerns, please can you contact school via appropriate channels e.g. telephone, email or Seesaw (school working hours only).

### Look after your 'elf is the message to children across Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS this Christmas

In a bid to keep children across Lancashire healthy and safe this winter, our NHS colleagues at Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria have developed a character called Harry the Health Elf and are encouraging schools across the county to join Harry's healthy winter adventure, by downloading and sharing Harry's Winter Healthy Advent Calendar.

Each day of the advent calendar (that cannot be opened until on the day) will open to a video of Harry sharing a special message, aimed at reminding children across the region how to stay healthy over the festive period and beyond. These messages will range from eating well, keeping warm, how to stay safe and where to turn if they or their loved one falls ill. In addition to the advent calendar, you can download and print the attached letter from Harry to send to children.

The link to the advent calendar can be found [here](#).

