



Thank you to the many parents, carers and members of the wider community who joined us at our family forum last night. It was insightful and helpful to hear your thoughts, opinions and ideas. What is abundantly clear is that we have a very passionate community and staff as well as engaged and happy children. These ingredients for success give us such potential and I am very much looking forward to working with family and wider community in the coming term.

This starts on Sunday, with our forest school working party day from 10am to 2pm – all are welcome to join us in a general tidy up and refresh. Family consults, stay and play and homework share/book look are all coming up in the next few weeks – we look forward to seeing you at as many as you are able to attend. Our EYFS open day on the 7th of November is open to all prospective parents.

Thank you for your continued support – it is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Court had a beautiful baby boy on Saturday. Both are doing well and I'm sure you will join us in congratulating her and her family.

Stars of the week

The children who have shown the strength of each of our values - **Nurture, Inspire, Achieve**, this week are-



Nurture – Jude for mental maths.

Inspire – Ava for inspiring engagement in her work.

Achieve – Emerson for great writing.

Welcome to Mrs Brendon

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Brendon to the teaching team at Lydford from Monday. Mrs Brendon will teach class one, full time, and assume leadership for the school with close support from Mr Hill. Mrs Brendon is well known to the children and community and we are grateful to St James Primary for agreeing her release to us.

Staffing

I am pleased to now confirm staffing arrangements.

Class One: Mrs Brendon and Mrs Green. Miss Caulfield will provide release time on a Tuesday afternoon in Class One.

Class Two: Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Neild.

Sports coaching: Mr Pugh will continue to deliver weekly PE sessions to all children.

On Tuesday 3rd October, Mrs Brendon will be attending a training course. Mr Hill will teach the class in the morning with Miss Caulfield teaching in the afternoon.

School Photos

A photographer will be in school next Friday to take individual and sibling group photographs.

Thank you!

We were delighted to welcome Tess and Nell to class one this week as part of our PSHE lesson 'What do babies need'.

Nell was a superstar and the children came up with thoughtful questions and comments as we discussed how babies differ from children and what they need to thrive.

Thank you, Tess and Nell!

Send Surgeries

Mrs Pickett-Jones, the hub SENDCO (and Mrs Collacott the assistant SENDCO) will be available for meetings on Thursday 19th October between 1 and 2.30pm to discuss any special educational needs concerns you have about your children. Please email her directly on bpickettjones@dmatschools.org.uk to book a 20 minute appointment.



Lunches

If you haven't already booked lunches for next week you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch. Lunches need to be booked by midnight Thursday for the following week. Thank you.

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**Lydford Primary
stay and play**

19th October
2.30pm
More dates
coming soon

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welcome to join us with their carer for
a stay and play session in Class One.

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the staff team,
children and have
a cup of tea and
chat with friends.
All welcome





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Family Work
Party Day

Forest School
Sort & Tidy

Sunday 1st October
10am - 2pm

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recieved!



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Lydford Primary School
Tuesday 7th November
13:15-17:30pm



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4th October 2023*

An opportunity for Students and Families in Years 4,5,6 to visit the College and meet existing students who will be on hand to give guided tours. There will also be an opportunity to attend a presentation by the Principal. Full details can be found on the College Website and promoted through the Primary Schools.

If you are unable to attend on the 4th October alternative visits can be arranged on either Thursday 5th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 18th October. For further information please contact the College.



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
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+
In UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'locked chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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