

Spalding St Paul's Primary



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Thank you for all the lovely donations of food for our harvest collection. We are going to take all the donations down to Agape Care Food Bank and I am sure they will make a huge difference to families in need.

End of term

Term ends on Friday 22nd October.

School reopens on **TUESDAY** 2nd November.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 9th November. We will be using ParentMail Parents' Evening Manager for you to book a time slot with your child's teacher. The booking slots will be live on Tuesday 2nd November at 16:00 hours and you will receive a ParentMail notification to remind you.

We have decided as a staff to hold these meetings virtually by phone in order to continue to keep staff and yourselves safe and following social distancing.

The partnership between home and school is such an important part of developing children so please make every effort to attend these meetings so you can discuss your child's progress with the class teacher.



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Attendance

I would like to remind everyone that if your child is unwell and unable to attend school please can you call school on 01775 723326 before 09:30am to register your child's absence. If we do not hear from you then we will need to contact you by phone. If we still cannot get in touch with you we will ring all the other emergency contact details we have on our school system then will try to email you. If we still do not hear from you a member of the Senior Leadership Team will need to complete a home visit. This is to ensure you and your child is safe and we are following our school Child Protection procedures.

Can we please remind you that your child's attendance is really important in school, if you feel we can support your child to attend school and improve their attendance please contact our school office for support.

For further information about attendance please see our Attendance Policy on the school Website.

Reminders



Can we please remind everyone to send their child with a coat and weather appropriate clothing now the days are getting cold. Please can you name ALL of your child's belongings.

Please send your child to school with a water bottle filled with fresh water everyday.

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 app 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

WHATSAPP

16+
in UK & EU;
12+ rest of
world.

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

'Prize' Scams

WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipients to click a link to win. A common scam involves a warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out: aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

Enabling Fake News

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Connections with Strangers

To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp. If your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

Ephemeral Messaging

By enabling the 'disappearing messages' option in a chat, users can send messages that will vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. Parents may want to take note of this new feature, which makes monitoring what children are talking about on the app problematic. Equally, if someone sends your child an inappropriate message, once it has disappeared there is no way to prove any wrongdoing.

'Only Admins' and Cyberbullying

Group chats and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

Live Location Sharing

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.

