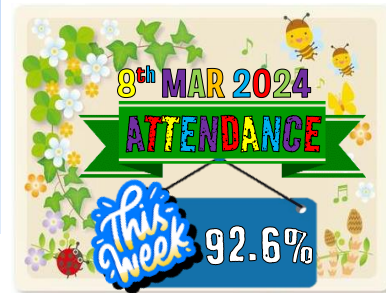


ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS

Next week at Ash Green, Rev. Robb will host an assembly at the Upper site and we have our LOWER SITE Skateboarding Club continuing at 3.30 on Thursday. We end the week with our annual Comic Relief fancy dress and Celebration Assemblies on Friday where we celebrate British Science Week with our Scientists of the Term.



We are beginning to use Class Dojo more and more for whole school communication via the School Story. This is in addition to your child's individual Class Story.

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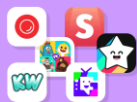
For updates, important messages, photos and videos from around the school. Stay in the loop with what's happening in your child's class!



**THANK YOU
& GOOD LUCK**

We will be bidding a fond farewell to two members of staff in the near future.

Our wonderful SENCo, Miss Crowther, leaves us at the end of April to take up an exciting post at Highbury Special School. She has been a fantastic, skilled colleague for many years and we wish her well. Over the next few weeks, she will work closely with Mrs McHugh who will take on the SENCo role having already supported Miss Crowther with this. Miss Thompson also returns from maternity leave on 18th March to head up the Inclusion and Progress Team which includes SEND. We also say goodbye to our Financial Administrator Mrs Thompson who leaves at Easter to follow an accountancy career. Mrs Thompson has been a hard-working and talented member of our Admin team and we wish her the best of luck in her future.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media is becoming ever more prevalent in our children's lives. Please see the notice board below for useful guides on Snapchat and TikTok.



FRIDAY 15 MARCH

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day.

RED NOSE DAY

We encourage children – and staff – to dress in red, or Comic Relief clothing, or just in their own clothes of choice. If children can bring a £1 donation to support the charity that would be great but the main thing is we show our support on that day.



St. Patrick's Day Menu

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day we have a special menu on Friday 15 March.

Beef Stew



Boiled Ham



Both served with Colcannon (Mashed Potato mixed with cabbage) and Soda Bread.



There will be the usual choices of Jacket Potatoes and sandwiches.

If your child is normally on sandwiches but would like a school lunch on that day then please pay £1.60 via the Gateway App. Thank you.

SCHOOL TRIPS



Date	Class	Destination
13 Mar	2K	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
15 Mar	2N	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
19 Mar	3A	York Chocolate Story

WORLD BOOK DAY

Today, we have celebrated World Book Day. We have all come into school dressed as our favourite characters.

This morning we revealed the faces behind our four masked readers! We also revealed the Story Box competition winners in assembly, and they received their certificates and their prizes. Every other child who entered the competition has also received a prize.

Through the week the children have had the opportunity to 'drop everything and read' and have also paired up with other classes for older children to read to younger children. It has been a wonderful week, thank you to all our school community for supporting Book Week and a particular thank you to Miss Coady for her skill and hard work in co-ordinating all activities so brilliantly!



EASTER	CLOSE – FRIDAY 22 MARCH	RE-OPEN – MONDAY 8 APRIL
	MAY DAY – MONDAY 6 MAY	
HALF TERM	CLOSE – FRIDAY 24 MAY	MONDAY 3 JUNE – TRAINING DAY RE-OPEN TUESDAY 4 JUNE
MID-SUMMER	CLOSE – FRIDAY 19 JULY	

NOTICES

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and teachers with the information to help us inform conversations about online safety with their children, should they need it. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe teachers should be aware of. Please visit www.nationonlineafety.com for further guides, facts and tips for schools.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

13+ AGE RESTRICTION

SNAPCHAT is a photo- and video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. Users can share images and videos with specific friends or through a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to the entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose during the pandemic, with many young people utilising it to connect with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivaling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects on the app with people they know, they may still receive friend requests from strangers. Snapchat's link with apps such as Wink and Instagram have increased this possibility. Accepting a request means that children are giving out personal information through the story, Snapmap and Spotlight features. This could allow predators to gain their trust for sinister purposes.

EXCESSIVE USE

There are many features that are attractive to users and keep them excited about the app. Snap streaks encourage users to send snaps daily. Spotlight Challenges give users the chance to obtain money and online fame, and the Spotlight feature's scroll of videos makes it easy for children to spend hours watching content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. The hashtag used to group content are determined by the poster, so an innocent search term could still yield inappropriate results. The app's Discover function lets users swipe through snippets of news stories and trending articles that often include adult content. There is currently no way to turn off this feature.

SEXING

Sexing continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature makes it easy for young people (boys in particular) to share explicit images on impulse, while these pictures do disappear – and the sender is notified if it has been screenshoted first – users have found alternative methods to save images, such as taking pictures with a separate device.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE

SNAPCHAT's filters and lenses are a popular way for users to enhance their 'selfie game'. Although filters can be used to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' filters on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Comparing other Snapchat users could threaten a child's confidence or sense of self-worth.

VISIBLE LOCATION

My Places lets users check in and search for popular spots nearby – such as restaurants, parks or shopping centres – and recommend them to their friends. The potential issue with a young person consistently checking into locations on Snapchat is that it allows other users in their friends list (even people they have only ever met online) to see where they currently are and where they regularly go.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add function helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this feature could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

SNAPCHAT has recently announced that it is rolling out a new safety feature: users will receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

Talk to your child about what is and isn't wise to share on Snapchat (e.g. don't post explicit images or videos, or display identifiable details like their school uniform). Remind them that once something is online, the creator loses control over where it might end up – and who with. Additionally, Snapchat's 'Spotlight' feature has a challenge like TikTok: it's vital that your child understands the potentially harmful consequences of taking part in these challenges.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Your child can send Snaps directly to friends, but stories are visible to everyone they have added, unless they change the settings. If they use Snapmap, their location is visible unless 'Ghost Mode' is enabled (again via settings). It's prudent to emphasise the importance of not adding people they don't know in real life. This is particularly important with the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchatters to see the places your child regularly visits and checks in. Strangers, bullies and gamblers could use this information to engage in conversation and arrange to meet in person.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and choose report or block. There are options to state why they are reporting that user (consuming or malicious messages, spam, or misquoting someone else, for example).

MEET OUR EXPERT

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TIKTOK is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around 3 billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol use, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok's introduction in mid-2019, users can view 18+ party content outside the app.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – and that also means it's hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for 5-minute videos to turn into a 45-minute story.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99c to an eye-watering £88 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be the next big thing will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't get into personal details and avoid videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 18s accounts to 'private'. Explain that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Private' switch lets users opt out from other people's videos into their own and 'Quiet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case someone does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report any content that they feel uncomfortable with. You should also explain to your child that anything they post or share is public and can be seen by anyone. This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage screen time as it is in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the app's permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

MEET OUR EXPERT

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Book your place now to join the Healthy Holidays Calderdale fun, taking place this Spring across Calderdale.

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What is the role of the Early Help Guidance and Advice Service?

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We have a dedicated advice line available for professionals, parents, carers and young people.

This will be accessible from 9am-5pm Monday to Thursday, 9am-4pm Friday (excluding bank holidays).

We will work in partnership with other agencies offering advice and guidance to achieve the best possible outcome for children and families.

What we can help with:

- We can provide details and signpost to a range of services to support you and your family.
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- Details of specialist services for children and young people.
- Services available to children and young people.

Find out more:

For advice and guidance, contact the Early Help and Advice Officers by email or phone: earlyhelpadvice@calderdale.gov.uk or call: 01422 393387

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