



Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

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World Book Day
6th March 2025



We will be celebrating World Book Day on 6th March in school. On this day, children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character or bring their favourite book into school.

We will be celebrating the day with lots of fun, enjoyable activities to promote reading.

Your child will receive a £1 book token to spend on a FREE book, or to save £1 on another full price book of their choice.

Full details are available at www.worldbookday.com where you can see the fabulous books that are on offer this year.

E-safety week

As part of E-safety week, Becky from One-Day Creative has worked with different classes across school to learn about e-safety.

Year 4 used role play to develop their understanding of how to stay safe when gaming online.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Care Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawalk) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawalk Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Sources: <http://www.theweek.com/2020/10/20/roblox-over-half-of-us-kids-play-it/>
<https://www.pornhub.com/parents/>



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BREAK THE RULES

RULES TO BE BROKEN

1. No crazy hair, temporary dye, wigs or big bows
2. No temporary tattoos
3. No crazy socks or tights
4. No nail varnish
5. No shoes other than school shoes
6. No soft toys
7. No hats or caps in classroom
8. No choosing own seat (for 2 lessons)
9. No eating dessert before main
10. No wearing uniform backwards

break the rules day

We invite Redhill children to 'break the rules' for a day!
For just £3, children can break as many rules as they like from the list.

Ticketts are now live on PTA Events!



easy fundraising app

The Free £2 App-eal

Our PTA will get a bonus £2 for every person who installs the app and signs up to support us by 28th Feb. if you have not signed up already can we please ask you to consider it?

How you can support us for free

- Download the [easyfundraising app](#)
- Sign up as our supporter



pta social everyone is welcome

We are holding a PTA social on Monday the 24th of February @ The Lion in Priorslee

Please come along, we would love to see as many as possible and hear your ideas on how we can raise funds for our children and their school!