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Redhill Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Free School Meals

Your child, or children, may be eligible to claim Free School Meals if you are on a low income and receive a qualifying benefit.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive universal infant free school meals, and this is not linked to your income.

If you receive one of the qualifying benefits, our school can receive Pupil Premium funding. Even if you don't want your child (or children) to receive the meals or they receive universal free school meals and you receive one of the qualifying benefits, it is still important to make an application to Free School Meals. This will allow your child's school to receive extra funding, which could then be used to support them. We support children on free school meals by enabling access to music lessons and some after school clubs.

Eligibility

Your child, or children, may qualify for Free School Meals if you meet the following criteria:

You or your partner (if you have one) have a child for whom you receive Child Benefit and who is attending a school or college in Telford and Wrekin,
and you get any of the following:

Universal Credit and your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get),

Income Support,

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance,

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance,

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190),

Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit),

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

How to Apply

To apply for Free School Meals or the Pupil Premium, please complete the Telford and Wrekin online web form:

[Free School Meals and Pupil Premium application form - Online form - Telford & Wrekin Council](#)

Healthy Snacks

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free piece of fruit or vegetable every school day through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. If you are providing your child with a break time snack, please remember that it should be healthy.

Please refer to the food policy on the website for further information.

Policies - Redhill Primary Academy (ttsonline.net)

End of the School Day

Please remember that children should not be using the playground equipment at the end of the school day. We kindly ask that you leave the playground promptly after picking up your child(ren) so that end-of-day procedures can be completed.

Year 6 Head Boy and Head Girl

I am very pleased to announce our Head Boy and Head Girl for this year:

Oakley James and Kaeto Nwachukwu

These two pupils have consistently demonstrated outstanding behaviour and strong leadership throughout their time at Redhill. They truly embody the values we strive to instil in all our students. We have every confidence that they will represent our school with pride and integrity as ambassadors.



Priorslee Surgery - Gatcombe Way Car Park - Temporary Closure

We have been notified of the following:

On Tuesday 23rd September essential maintenance will be taking place to repair a sunken drain.

For everyone's safety, the car park will be closed to vehicles for the day.

Pedestrian access will remain available, and the surgery will stay open as normal.

However, please take extra care when using the pathways and allow a little more time for your journey.

The work should be completed the same day, with normal access back in place the following morning.

Thank you for your understanding while this repair is carried out.

Earrings

In accordance with Health and Safety Regulations, we have requested that children do not wear earrings or any jewellery for PE lessons, activity clubs or swimming. If your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves at school, then please can you ensure that they are not worn to school on the days that they have PE, activity clubs or swimming. If your child has newly pierced ears, please supply micro-pore tape for them to keep in their bag, so that they can cover their earrings during PE. This is to prevent any accidents occurring which could cause considerable discomfort to your child and we would ask for your co-operation in this matter. If earrings are worn to school, only small studs are appropriate.

House Captains

This year's House Captains are:
Mila Ram and Noah Woodrow - Wright
Amrin Sandhu - Webb
Blake Petrovic - Darwin
Esme Ward - Brookes



Executive Council

The Executive Council are:
Roop Khaira, Daniel Hemuka, Rory Fance, Nikita Moolgie-Weiss, Emma Brown and
Jacob Thorpe (not in the photo)



First Aid Incident and Medication Administration Notifications

To help us improve how we record and manage first aid incidents and medical administration in school, we use a system called Medical Tracker. Medical Tracker enables us to communicate more efficiently with parents and carers. For example, if your child has a head bump (but is well enough to remain in school), you will receive an email notification. The system also helps us to safely and securely analyse medical data, allowing us to monitor trends and make improvements to our health and safety procedures.

Some of the benefits of using Medical Tracker are:

- The ability for us to record and track first aid incidents involving your child.
- Accurate recording and tracking of any medication administration during the school day.
- Email notifications sent to you if your child experiences a head bump (and is well enough to remain in school). **Please note that we do not send email notifications for other minor first aid incidents.**
 - Reminders when your child's medication held at school is due to expire.

Please be assured that Medical Tracker is registered with the Data Protection Registrar and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

Important - Email messages will be sent from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk.

Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters.

Contact Details and Consent

Please remember to keep your contact details up to date on Arbor.

If you ever want to withdraw your consent for the Academy to process your data, please fill in the consent withdrawal form which is available on our website.

School Meals are Free to all Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a healthy nutritious lunch at no cost to you. Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) is a government initiative aimed at improving academic attainment for infant children and to help families save money. No proof of eligibility is required.

Each child gets a healthy nutritious cooked lunch which includes a main course and pudding; water is always available in the school dining room. There is also an option to order backed potatoes or pre order sandwiches, which the children can select with 2 additional items such as fruit, raisins, yoghurts, or the school's daily pudding.

The menu is on our website. It shows the meals that are being prepared on a three week rotation. The menus always reflect the seasons with different vegetables and fruit on offer.

We aim to cater for those on special diets.

Good food provision in schools has been shown to lead not only to healthier children, but to improved attainment. The plan was brought in to help create a generation of children who enjoy food that makes them healthier, more successful and, most importantly, happier.

For more information about the benefits of a healthy school lunch, visit the Children's Food Trust website. As a parent/guardian this scheme can save you an average of £370 per year on lunchtime meals as well as the time it took to prepare packed lunches. Another benefit is that after school your child won't need a cooked meal because you know they have already had a nutritious one at school.

Safeguarding Resource for Parents

What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

Child Sexual Exploitation, often shortened to CSE, is a form of child sexual abuse (CSA). It refers to when a child or young person (or a group of children or young people) under the age of 18 is abused by a person or group of people in a position of power. The person or group of people will use their position of power to manipulate and coerce the child or young person into sexual activity. Child sexual exploitation can happen to anyone regardless of their gender or sexual orientation and can be carried out by anyone, including people of the same age. Young people or children are unlikely to disclose CSE, that's why it's really important to know what CSE can look like and how to spot the signs.

What does CSE look like?

CSE can take many different forms. Often the abuser forms a relationship with the child or young person with the intention of manipulating them - this is known as grooming. This could be seen as a friendship or a romantic relationship. Through gifts and expressions of love, the young person or child becomes close to the abuser before the abuse starts. This way the abuser is able to convince the young person or child to do sexual activity often framed as a thing that friends or boyfriends/girlfriends do. This can leave the young person or child believing they are in a loving relationship. CSE often involves some sort of exchange. The abuser will give the young person something for example money, alcohol, accommodation, affection or power and in exchange demand sexual acts. Often the young person is manipulated to believe they owe the abuser. Some gangs will use CSE to recruit new members. Other times it is carried out by an opportunist abuser who happens to meet the young person online or in person. Abuse can happen once, or it can become a pattern of abuse in which the young person feels trapped and unable to escape.

What are some of the signs of CSE?

CSE can happen to anyone, although certain young people may be more vulnerable to CSE, for example if they have a disrupted family life or have a history of abuse or disability. Some potential signs of CSE include:

- Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Using two different phones
- Carrying or owning lots of money or items with no explanation
- Inappropriate sexual behaviour
- Physical signs of abuse including unexplained cuts and bruises
- Looking frightened or nervous in certain areas and with certain people
- Hanging around with people who are older than them
- Spending less time with family and friends

I'm concerned about a child or young person, what do I do?

If you think a young person is being abused, don't confront the abuser as this may put the young person at greater risk. If the young person is in immediate danger, call 999. You should also report it to the authorities even if you're not 100% sure. You can report directly to Family Connect on 01952 385385. You can speak to our CSE lead, Mrs Cartwright or any of our DSLs here at school.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics

Quote to Inspire Young Innovators

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." – Albert Einstein

Perfect for reminding us that art and science thrive together.



STEAM Challenge of the Week

Build a Bridge with Spaghetti!

Using only spaghetti, tape, and marshmallows, challenge families to build a bridge that can hold a small toy. Encourage them to test and redesign—just like real engineers!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



ROBLOX



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With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefers and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers

Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.



Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.



Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNLAD Gaming and GAMINGBIBLE. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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