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22nd September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

It has started to feel a little more autumnal this week - we have definitely had some soggy playtimes! It has not stopped us having lots of fun at school and outside of school. Year 3 had an inspirational learning walk at Forster Park and some of our key stage two girls played brilliantly at the football tournaments. I think they were inspired by the Lionesses.

It was lovely to see so many of you on site this week. I hope you found the maths workshop helpful. Workshops for parents and carers of children in Key Stage Two are coming up soon. Look out for the dates later in the newsletter.

The PTA Annual General Meeting was very well attended. I am pleased Megan and her team were able to share with you an overview of all the fantastic work they did last year. We have included a link to the slides for those of you who were unable to be there and a nomination form for anybody who would like to put themselves forward for one of the roles on the committee.

The highlight of the week was seeing all the wonderful learning following our 'Take One Picture' theme weeks. Thank you to Emily, Flora, Chris and Deme for working so hard to put the exhibition together. We really enjoyed seeing the children proudly sharing their learning with friends and family.

For those of you with children in year 6, it is time to start thinking about your application for secondary school. We will be having a drop-in session after school on Thursday if you would like to discuss your school choices or if you need any help to complete your application forms.

I hope you have a super weekend.

Best wishes

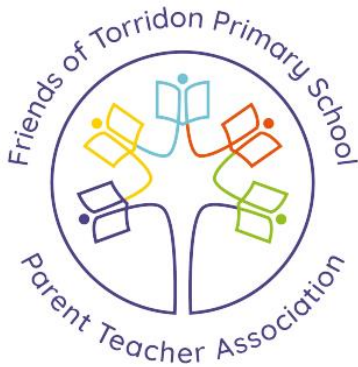
Have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



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Thank you from the PTA Committee

Thanks to everyone who attended the PTA AGM. We had an impressive turnout, engaged discussion, and lots of enthusiasm from new members. You can view our presentation slides [here](#) and a more detailed breakdown of our activities and finances [here](#).

Join the Committee

Are you passionate about your child's education? Do you want to play an active role in the school community and help shape the future of the PTA? The Committee needs you! Learn about opportunities to get involved [here](#). To express your interest or learn more, please email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com or message Megan on 07760520790 by Thursday, 28 September.

Lewisham Foodbank

Please bring any donations to the school office.

Thank you for your kindness.



Take One Picture Celebration

Thank you to everyone who came to see our 'Take One Picture' celebration. We are so proud of all the children's outcomes.





Forest School After

Forest School news

It felt amazing to be back in our woodland this week with After School Club.

The children were so excited to harvest a new crop of radish, spring onion and lettuce.

We had a mini tasting session and the children took some lettuce and onion home to share with their family!



After October half term we will be reintroducing our weekly sessions to our Nursery, Reception and Green pathway children, we will also be extending our Forest school curriculum to KS1 this academic year.

Children in year 1 and 2 will take turns to attend Forest School throughout the year.

Year 2 will start their sessions after half term until Christmas and Year 1 will have a term of sessions from January 2024.

Letters will be sent out to parents and carers in the next couple of weeks to confirm details.

Resource Base

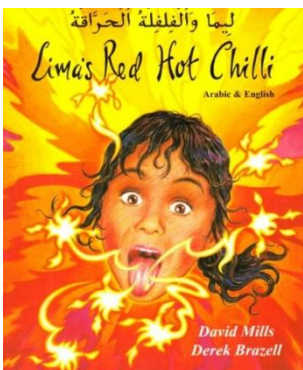


This week we have continued learning about tigers in Green Pathway. We all turned into tigers using our masks and practised our best tiger walks and roars! We have been working really hard making information booklets about tigers and creating sentences to say where they live, what they eat and how they move.



We have tried new foods in the base. We had roasted red pepper dip and pecorino dip with basil. We are working on being more adventurous with new flavours and foods.

Early Years



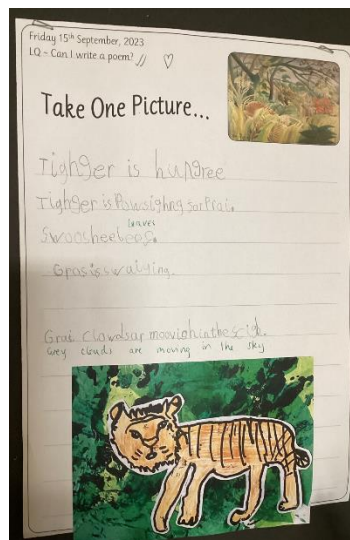
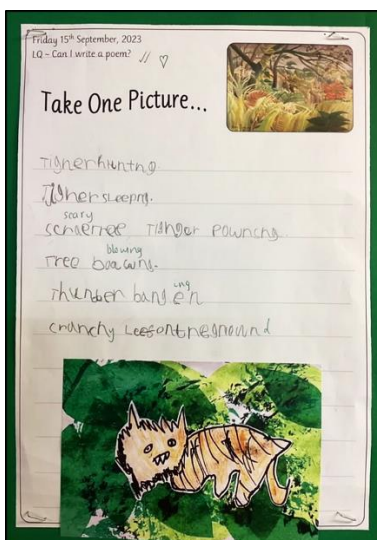
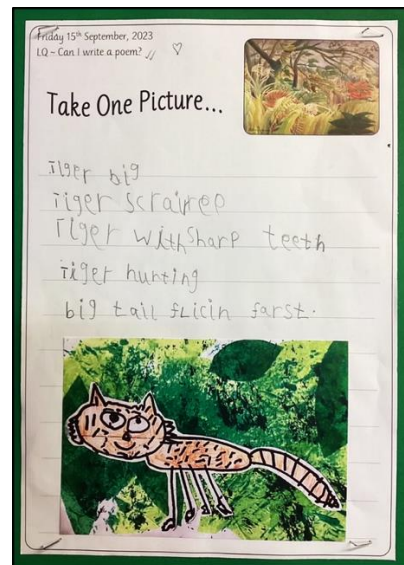
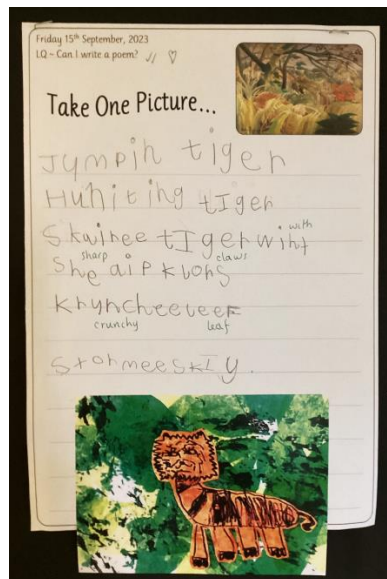
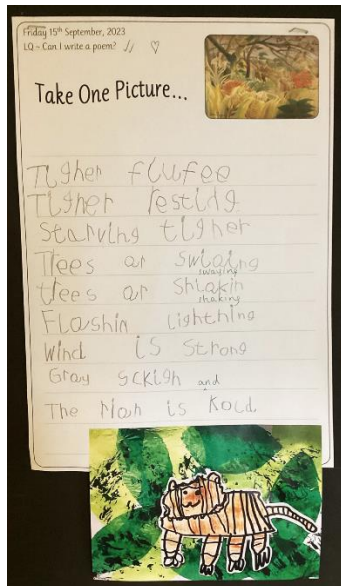
This week in Nursery we have read the story Lima's Red Hot Chilli pepper. The children got to see a chilli pepper and they tried some of the foods from the story which were vegetable samosas, mango and jelly. They also got

to hold a coconut too!



Year 1



Before getting acquainted with Winnie the Pooh and friends through our new theme, 100 Acres of History, Year 1 put lots of care and effort into publishing our descriptive poems and putting our mixed-media tiger artwork together. We are very excited to share them with you!



Year 2


This week Year 2 discovered that an interesting creature had been causing chaos in Lewisham. It had scratched and burnt down trees in gardens and even melted rubbish bins! We used the evidence that we had found to find out what had been causing all of this damage. In end we discovered that it was a mischievous, city dragon!

Monday 18th September 2023

LQ: Can I write a list?  **Evidence Form** 



What has happened?
Last night there was
strange things happening in
Lewisham.

We have found:
a burnt tree,
melted bin,
shiny eggs,
bones and
scales and
hard rough
scales.

Draw the evidence:



Extension - What do you think did this?
I think it is a dragon because
there was burnt stuff.

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
What has happened?
Last night there was some strange things happening
people's gardens were destroyed in Lewisham
and know we know who did it?

We have found:
A burnt dusty fence,
a melted bin, a
burnt tree with ash,
claws and teeth, dragon
bones, golden
shiny eggs and
scales of a reptile.

Draw the evidence:



Extension - What do you think did this?
Dragons because they like meat there
big and scaly and they breath fire.

Monday 18th September 2023

LQ: Can I write a list?  **Evidence Form** 

What has happened?
Last night some mysterious
things happen in Lewisham.

We have found:
a burnt wood,
melted bin, burnt
trees, golden eggs,
bones and
sharp teeth.

Draw the evidence:


Extension - What do you think did this?
dragon because it can breath
fire and it is scaly.

Year 3

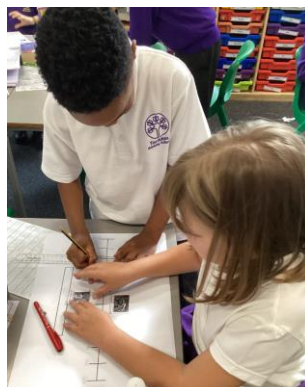


Year 3 went for a walk to Forster Park. We explored the park using our senses. We used all that we had seen and done to support our writing.



Year 4

In year 4 history lessons, we begun our learning about Victorian London, by talking about the periods of history that we have already studied at school. We then worked out where the Victorian era fits onto our big class timeline. After this, we learnt about the significant events that happened during the Victorian era. We worked in partners to sort these events into chronological order and then added them to our Victorian Era timelines. We talked about which events we thought were the most significant.



Year 5

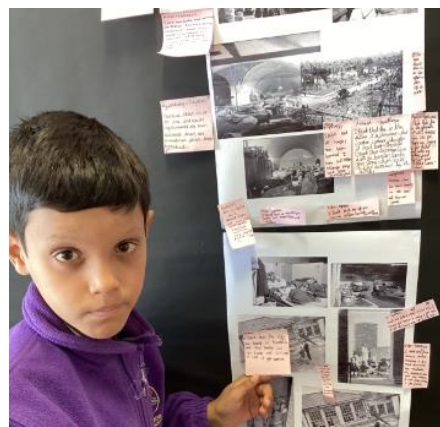
In year 5 this week, the children have been reading The London Eye Mystery book. They have been researching main attractions in London, in order to create a leaflet using persuasive devices.



Year 6

In history, we were introduced to our learning for this half term, which is how World War 2 affected our local area. Our main learning for this week was to carry out a historical enquiry. We started by looking at various sources of evidence about the second world war and made hypothesis based on what was happening in each picture. We then plotted a KWL grid to share what we already know and what we would like to find out. We studied the key events and dates about the war and what led up to the war, as well as the countries that were involved. Finally, we plotted these events on a timeline in chronological order.

By Sariah Dixon Williams



Smoking outside the gates

Dear families, please be mindful not to smoke or vape during drop-offs and collection. Thank you



Parent and Carer Maths Workshop

The way that we teach maths has changed lots since most parents were at school. Sometimes, it can be hard to know the best way to support your child or which methods to use. If you would like to learn more about how we teach maths and how to help your child, we hope that you are able to join us at one of our maths workshops over the next few weeks.



Tuesday 26th September: Y3 and Y4

Tuesday 3rd October: Y5 and Y6



Amazing Job Maya!



Well done to Maya who picked up litter with the local Community to protect our environment last Saturday in Hither Green. She did this for one and a half. You have made Torridon proud!

Visit My Mosque: Faith and Food

This event takes place once a year as part of a national initiative set up by the Muslim Council of Britain whereby Mosques all across the UK encourage their neighbours and locals to go inside and see what happens as well as enjoy some food and tours. This year's theme is Faith and Food.

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A national initiative by the Muslim Council of Britain, The East London Mosque is inviting you across all faiths and none to attend the Visit My Mosque open day to explore special insights into 'faith and food' from the Qur'an.

TELL US YOU'RE COMING:
visitmymosque2023.eventbrite.co.uk

SAT 23 SEPT 11-6PM
SAVE THE DATE!

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Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Thomas	For being very helpful during tidy up time. Well done, Thomas! 😊
Nursery AM	Nella	For settling well into Nursery and for being kind and friendly to her friends. Well done, Nella! 😊
Nursery PM	Ahmed	For showing good listening and being very helpful during tidy up time. Well done, Ahmed! 😊
Blue Class	Yasmine	For being so enthusiastic to learn and an excellent role model for her peers. Well done, Yasmine!
Red Class	Thea	For always joining in with every activity with such enthusiasm. Well done, Thea!
Yellow Class	Andrew	For good listening and being kind to others. Well done!
1M	Rowan	For her excellent behaviour and polite manners. She is always ready to learn and is a brilliant role model to others. Well done! 😊
1N	Pablo	For his amazing focus and enthusiasm in Maths. He has demonstrated great listening skills and been the first one to follow all my instructions. Well done! 😊
1W	Carter	For always trying to make the right choices. He is kind, helpful and a respectful member of the classroom.
2S	Jude	For his amazing creative writing this week! Your lovely learning has been full imagination and exciting adjectives making it a pleasure to read. Keep it up Jude 😊
2SW	King- david	For his good listening skills and trying best in his learning! Well done, keep it up! 😊
2V	Amira	For being a star pupil by trying her best in her learning, using adventurous vocabulary and for helping her peers with their as well. Well done 😊
3A	Chizaram	For settling in so well to our Torridon community. Well done!
3G	Jude	For making a great effort this week. Well done – we're really proud.
3S	Jude	For showing respect to everyone in our school community. Thank you for producing some interesting learning all about verbs. Well done!
4A	Junior	For demonstrating great teamwork and learning
4L	Dejahn	for always taking pride in the presentation of his learning and for his excellent acting as Mr Spink.
4S	Ellis	For always being so polite, courteous and respectful to his peers and the adults that support him. It's a real pleasure to have you in our 4S team!
5C	Isabella	For participating in all areas of her learning and being consistent in class. Well done!
5L	Isla	For your determination in swimming. You completed 54 lengths without stopping – wow! Well done!
5S	Eduardo	For showing perseverance and determination in his learning and for displaying positive attitude always. Well done!
6A	Sariah	For displaying our core value of respect towards everyone, and for approaching all her learning with a great level of focus and determination.
6C	Jake	For always being very respectful to both your peers and adults. You are an excellent role model – well done.
6L	Khloe	For showing great enthusiasm in all areas of her learning and demonstrating what it means to be resilient and focused. Well done!
RB Blue	Nathan	Well done for being flexible at lunchtime and completing fantastic learning in the Resource Base.
RB Green	Haroon	Well done for coming into the classroom to eat your lunch today!

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 26 th September	9.00 – Year 3 and 4 Maths information session for parents and carers
Tuesday 3 rd October	9.00 – Year 5 and 6 Maths information session for parents and carers
Tuesday 10 th October	Mental Health Awareness Day
	Year 4 visit to Museum of London Docklands
	Parent and carer open evening
Wednesday 11 th October	Parent and carer open evening
Thursday 12 th October	Individual, sibling and class photographs
Friday 13 th October	2:15 - Resource Base sensory afternoon Autumn Bake Sale (Friends of Torridon PTA event)
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 1 st November	Flu Immunisation (Year 1 to Year 6)
Week Beginning 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 th November	Korky Paul – illustrator visit
Wednesday 15 th November	Resource Base to Panathlon Sports Festival
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 24 th November	INSET DAY
Week beginning 4 th December	Whole school assessment week
Thursday 7 th December	School Disco
Monday 11 th and Tuesday 12 th December	Whole school art exhibition
Wednesday 13 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance
Thursday 14 th December	9.00 Year 1 Christmas assembly 2.45 Year 2 Christmas assembly
Friday 15 th December	9.00 Year 3 Christmas assembly 2.45 Year 4 Christmas assembly
Monday 18 th December	9.00 Year 5 Christmas assembly 2.45 Year 6 Christmas assembly
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas jumper day Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term – 2pm finish
Thursday 21 st December to Friday 5 th January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 8 th January	First day of spring term

Community Survey - St Andrew's needs you!





St Andrew's Church is going through a time of change. We need your help to continue to grow into the future and to serve our whole community. We would like your views about the impact St Andrew's church currently has on our community and how we can do more to support people in our local area.

It should take about ten minutes to complete the survey.

Please could you complete a brief survey by scanning the QR code or by visiting: <http://bit.ly/standrewscatford>

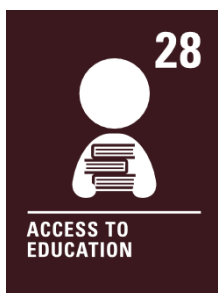


Weekly Attendance by Class

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	98%		3A	100%		5C	95%	
1N	97%		3G	98%		5L	94%	
1W	96%		3S	95%		5S	95%	
2S	99%		4A	96%		6A	90%	
2SW	97%		4L	94%		6C	92%	
2V	95%		4S	100%		6L	90%	

Well done to all the classes who achieved 100% attendance this week!

Rights Respecting School



Article 28 – The Right to Education

‘Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.’

Article 29 – Goals of Education

‘Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full.’

This week during our rights respecting assemblies we have been exploring the importance of education. We discussed what we thought were the most important things for pupils to learn in school and why.

Open Mornings



Please see our website to book a place

Open Evening	Open Mornings
Thursday 21st September 2023: 5-8pm	Daily from 25th - 29th September 2023: 9.30am

Tel: 020 8778 5917 www.harrisbromley.org.uk Lenard Road, Beckenham BR3 1QR Harris Federation

Open Events 2023

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Peter Groves, Executive Principal

Open Evening and Mornings 2023

We are delighted to welcome you to our Open Evening and Open Mornings for 2023.

Our **Open Evening** will take place on **Thursday 28th September 2023, 5pm-7pm**.

In addition we also have **drop-in mornings** from 8.45-10.30am on the dates below:

- Monday 2nd October
- Tuesday 3rd October
- Wednesday 4th October

If you need **more information** about the school please do **look around this website** (the content and links lower down this page be a good starting point) or feel free to **email us** on info@harrisdulwichboys.org.uk and we will be happy to respond to your query.



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Open Evening
Wednesday 27 September, 5pm

Open Mornings
3, 5, 10 or 12 October at 9.15am

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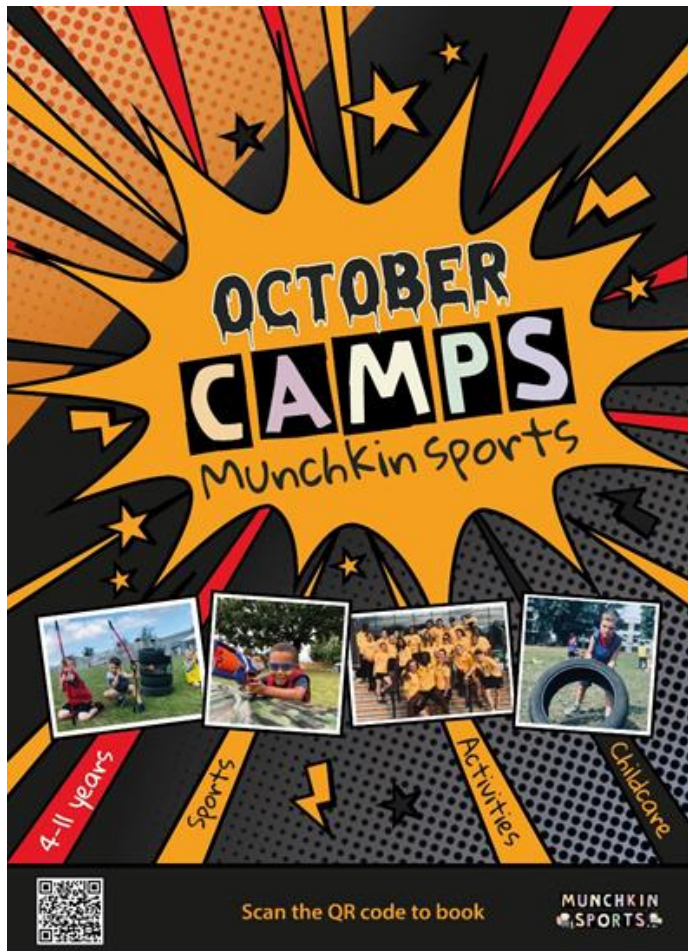
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

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 unsolicited 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 Burdett 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 online behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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