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14th March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very exciting week at Torridon as the children became super scientists to celebrate National Science Week. We kicked off the week with shows and demonstrations from the Royal Institution. Children then had the chance to watch some live lessons and get hands on with a variety of practical investigations. We were delighted to see so many of you attending the family science show on Monday and would like to extend our thanks to Zoe's dad who inspired the Year 4 children with his assembly about his career as a sound technician. A very big thank you to Lizzie Maryon-Davies (Science Lead) for organising and leading such a great week!

I hope by now you have had a chance to review the statements from our potential parent governors. There is still time for you to vote if you have not already done so. Details of how to submit your vote can be found by clicking this link: [Parent Governor Elections](#)

Next Friday (21st March) is Red Nose Day. We will be inviting children to wear something red or to dress in bright colours and to tell a funny joke to their class for a small donation. All funds raised will be donated to Comic Relief to support some of their amazing charity work in the UK and overseas.

For those of you celebrating Holi this week, we send warm wishes to you and your families.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards

Manda George

Headteacher



Rights Respecting School



NO DISCRIMINATION

This week in our rights respecting assemblies, year 2 students have been celebrating **International Women's Day** which takes place on the **8th March every year**. It is a day to honour the achievements of women worldwide and promote gender equality. We discussed how this day links to **Article 2**, which ensures all children are treated equally.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

We have three candidates for our parent governor vacancy. You can find their election statements and the online form for voting by clicking on the link below:

[Parent Governor Election Online Voting](#)

Voting will close on Friday 21st March 2025

Red Nose Day – Friday 21st March

This year we will join thousands of people up and down the country coming together to spread joy, have fun and raise money for Comic Relief.

Friday 21st March 2025



We are holding a
NON-UNIFORM DAY
in aid of Red Nose Day



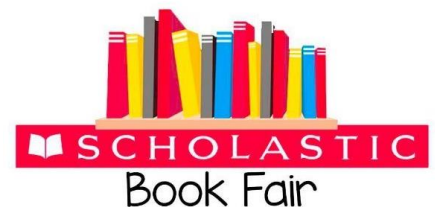
You are invited to come to school wearing a bright colour that will put a smile on people's faces. You could dress in your favourite, bright colour or just wear something red. It's up to you!

Do something funny – share a joke with your class.

All donations are welcome. We will have buckets on the gates before and after school.

Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who has visited, and bought books from the book fair. It was lovely to see children excitedly browsing through and leaving the bookfair eager to get reading.



We sold an incredible £1330 worth of books!

Torridon will receive a reward voucher from Scholastic to receive free books for our classes.

Thank you once again for your support.

Science Week – Parent Volunteer

We want to say a massive thank you to Jonathan for making time to come in and speak to the year 4 children about his job as a sound engineer. His talk was really interesting, full of lots of demonstrations and information. The children were able to ask answer questions based on what they have learned in science lessons this term.



OPAL Play

We would like to thank you all for your support in creating such an inclusive, magical and educational playground. Our children's play has vastly improved in a short space of time and it is lovely to hear the positive feedback about their exciting adventures during play.



Clowns without Borders Workshop

Clowns without Borders came to perform the interactive "Piranhas and Bananas" at School this week to our Year 3 children. The children watched excitedly an animated playful show and took part in a creative workshop afterwards.

The combination of an interactive performance and workshop allowed the children to immerse themselves in the experience.

The workshop included playful storytelling, physical comedy and encouraged the children to recreate moments they had viewed.

The day ended by showcasing ideas, sharing laughter and feeling heard and valued.



Reception -



This week, Reception children have enjoyed celebrating science week! We have completed different experiments, including making our own 'volcano eruption' and exploring shadows.



Make your own volcano!

In celebration of science week, Reception have experimented and made a volcano.

Wrap some card around a water bottle, and cut a hole at the top. Then, secure it with tape.

Make a solution of bicarbonate of soda, washing up liquid and some food colouring (1 tbsp of baking soda, 1 tbsp of washing up liquid 2 tbsp of water and mix). Pour the mix into the water bottle.

Separately mix 1 tbsp of food colouring with half a cup of vinegar. Get ready to pour the vinegar into the bottle and watch what happens!



Year 1 – Science Week

Year 1 have been having loads of fun during Science Week!

We made rockets and blew them to see how far they would travel, we investigated the benefits of camouflage by making and hiding caterpillars and did a 'Deep Sea Yoga' session with poses named after sea creatures that have adapted to be able to change with their environments and needs. We also thought about the changes we have experienced in our minds and bodies, since we were born.

We also had a live science lesson and conducted an experiment to see how materials can be manipulated to change their properties...in this case, to become waterproof.



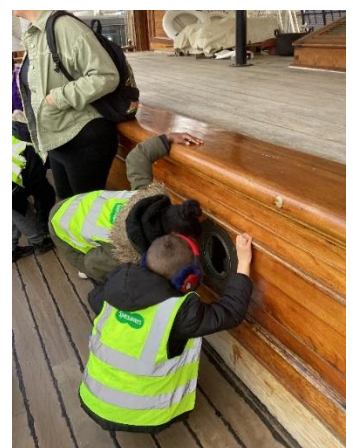
Resource Base – Science Week

This half term our topic is water, so we have been carrying out lots of science experiments using water this week. We created our own lava lamps which the children found very calming and we did the walking water experiment to transfer colours between water cups using tissue. The children have loved experimenting with water and seeing the different ways that we can use it.



Year 2 trip to the Cutty Sark

This week Year 2 had an amazing trip to Greenwich, where we visited the Cutty Sark and the Maritime Museum. We learned all about how sailors survived at sea, from the food they ate to the dangers they faced. Exploring the different parts of the ship was exciting—we even got to stand beneath the towering hull of the Cutty Sark! We admired beautiful old figureheads and had fun drawing our own versions. It was a fantastic day full of discovery and adventure!



Year 3 – Forest School

Year 3 are loving being back at forest school! Now that spring has sprung, we are noticing lots of changes – the flowers are blooming, and we have even spotted newts in the pond. It is wonderful to spend time with our friends in the great outdoors - building secret dens, searching for mini-beasts and climbing trees. Some of us are also helping Kelley with a special project to help protect the flowers and plants.



Year 4 – Chemistry

To investigate the science week theme of change, year 4 took part in a chemistry lesson.

We used 'red cabbage indicator,' to test the PH levels of lots of different substances like lemon juice, milk, bicarbonate of soda, sugar, vinegar, soap and lemonade. We observed the colour change in the substance when we added the RCI to it. We then matched the colour on our PH charts and then identified whether the substance was acid or alkali. We recorded the results in a table.



Year 5 – Science Museum

Year 5 visited the Science Museum this week as part of our Earth and Space topic. The students enjoyed the visit and were captivated by the guided workshop, exploring the wonders of the universe. They had the chance to engage in hands-on activities, such as launching rockets, bringing space exploration to life. The session deepened their understanding of key concepts and sparked curiosity about the vastness of space. The trip was both educational and inspiring, leaving everyone eager to learn more about our planet and beyond.



Year 6 – Physics

Year 6 children have taken active part in science week activities this week. They began the week with a Science workshop by Royal Institution, where they learned about life on the International Space Station and how astronauts keep and stay healthy. They also learned how viruses reproduce and how cells look and regenerate. They spent an afternoon investigating how gravity, kinetic energy and potential energy affect a moving and/or stationary object, and how different structures and textures affect how an object moves due to friction.



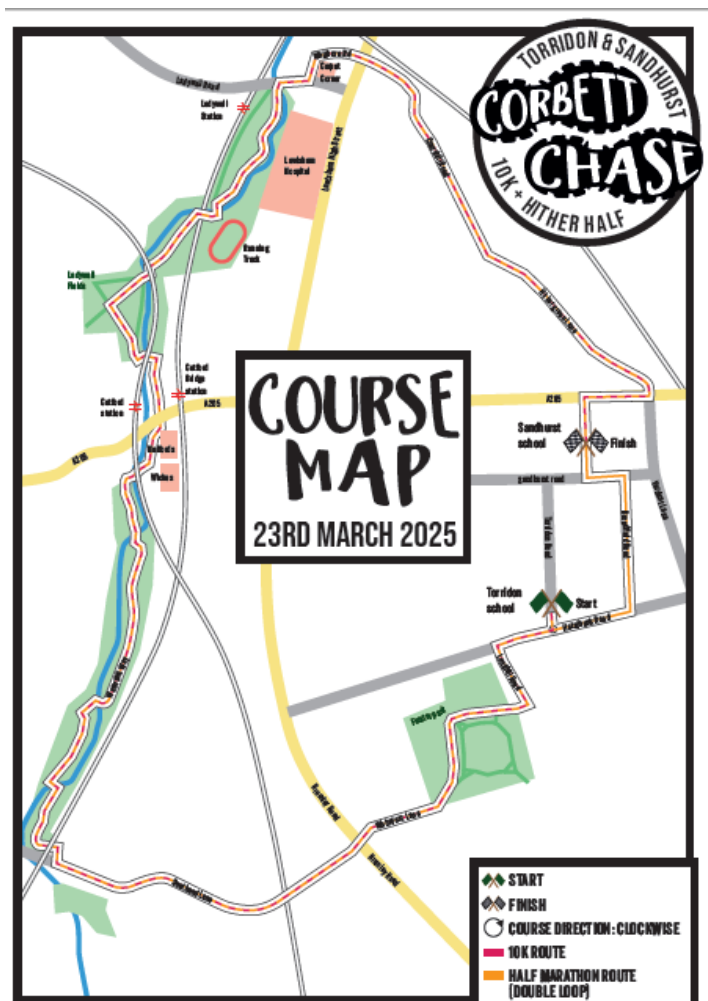
CORBETT CHASE - SUNDAY 23rd MARCH!

There's still time to join the 50+ parents and friends from Torridon and Sandhurst taking part in the [5th Annual Corbett Chase](#) - or come out and enjoy the Community Play Street on Minard Road from 10am-12noon on Sunday 23rd March.

Sign up - running, walking, cake-baking or volunteering - here: [SIGN-UP FORM](#).

And please support our brilliant runners and walkers as they pound the pavement in aid of Torridon School. [DONATE HERE](#).

Any questions? [Check out our info website](#) or email: friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com.



Term Dates 2025 - 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

INSET DAYS	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
First Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October 2025
INSET DAY	Friday 21 st November 2025
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 19 th December 2025
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

First Day of Spring Term	Monday 5 th January 2026
INSET DAY	Friday 16 th January 2026
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 27 th March 2026
EASTER HOLIDAY	Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 13 th April 2026
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 4 th May 2026
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th July 2026
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 th July 2026

Children do not come to school on INSET Days

Dates for Your Diary

w/b Monday 17 th March	Whole school assessment week Year 4 to the Natural History Museum
Tuesday 18 th March	Yellow class to Mudchute Farm (please note change of date)
Thursday 20 th March	5pm Year 6 SATs meeting
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
	Red and Blue class to Mudchute Farm (please note change of date)
Sunday 23 rd March	Corbett Chase
Tuesday 25 th and Thursday 27 th March	Parent and Carer open evenings
Wednesday 26 th May	9am Drum kit performance for parents and carers
Thursday 27 th March	9am EYFS parent and carer workshop – attention and listening
Tuesday 1 st April	9am Strings performance for parents and carers (including string ensemble)
	Year 5 and 6 tag rugby festival
Thursday 3 rd April	9am Woodwind performance for parents and carers
	5V Goldsmiths Arts trip
Friday 4 th April	Woodland Dress Up Day Last day of the spring term (2pm finish)
Monday 7th – Monday 21st April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 14 th – Thursday 17 th April	Year 6 Easter School
Wednesday 23 rd April	Reception Hearing and vision screening
Tuesday 29 th April	Resource Base to Pizza Express
	UNITY dance competition
Thursday 1 st May	9am Guitar performance for parents and carers
Friday 2 nd May	9am Piano performance for parents and carers
Monday 5th May	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 8 th May	9am SEND Coffee morning – language development
Monday 12 th May	Nursery to Horniman butterfly house
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 16 th May	Year 2 football tournament
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 5 and 6 boys' cricket tournament
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 5 and 6 girls' cricket tournament
Friday 23 rd May	PTA fundraiser – non uniform day
Monday 26th – Friday 30th May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Sunday 8 th June	Family Fun Run (Forster Park)



Lewisham Food Bank

It means the world to our visitors to receive treats from time to time on top of the tinned meat, baked beans and UHT milk.

Our aim is to ensure that everyone receives an Easter treat.

EASTER 2025



Make Easter Sweeter!

Help us spread joy this year by donating Easter eggs and chocolate treats for our visitors.

A small treat can bring a

big smile! 🍷🐣

Thank you!

Deliver by 4 April to:
Lewisham Foodbank Warehouse
353 Bromley Road SE6 2RP
(entrance via Beachborough Road)

www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk

 Lewisham
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Oracy – A Celebration of Worlds!

As you know, we have been working on improving children's speaking and listening this year as part of a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) funded project. During World Book Day, we introduced lots of vocabulary building activities for the children as another way to extend their oracy skills.




Children played a variety of word games, such as word association, guessing which word matches a certain definition, and charades.

Children also celebrated vocabulary by writing their favourite words in chalk across the playground, and they even went on a word hunt to find out staff member's favourite words.



You can extend this learning at home by sharing your favourite word (from any language) and explaining why you like it!

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance_	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
1M	95%	3A	97%	5V	95.6%
1N	97%	3G	87%	5L	95.9% 
1W	92%	3S	97%	5C	94%
2S	97%	4K	99% 	6R	94%
2SW	98% 	4L	98.7%	6A	93%
2E	97%	4S	93%	6L	95.7%

Well done to those with the highest attendance in the whole school! Impressive Work!

Coding Club




After-school has never been so fun!

A fun and engaging 10-week coding course, split into two 5-week blocks (before and after half-term).

-  Zero cost to the school, paid for by parents
-  £50 per student per half-term (£100 total for 10 weeks)
-  KS1 & KS2 coding & tech clubs on offer
-  Maximum 20 children per club
-  2 x DBS cleared Code Camp facilitators per club
-  Any afternoon that suits your school
-  Free pupil premium places available



For more information contact Abbie on:
07539281080

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Nathaniel	For fantastic counting and being patient and waiting for his turn. Well done, Nathaniel! 😊
Nursery AM	Initha	For sharing her ideas during circle time and for being kind to her friends. Well done, Initha! 😊
Nursery PM	Helena	For joining in during carpet times and for being helpful during tidy up time. Well done, Helena! 😊
Blue Class	Lily	For being such a helpful member of the class at all times. Well done, Lily!
Red Class	Lakeivia	For always showing kindness to her peers and adults alike! Lakeivia always tries her best in everything she does 😊
Yellow Class	Hamish	For always working hard and being a kind and thoughtful member of the class. Well done!
1M	Roman	For working hard on his target to improve his handwriting, Roman has been consistently using leading lines in all his writing. And for trying his best to sit still on the carpet. Keep it up, Roman!
1N	Matthew	For the excellent effort he has been putting into all of his learning. He has impressed us so much with his reading, writing AND maths, which he has been completing independently and even with a smile! Keep up the great work! 😊
1W	Ibrahim	For developing independence in his writing. He has worked hard to improve his handwriting and write simple sentences. Well done Ibrahim!
2E	Sanata	For having an amazing first week at Torridon Primary School. She has settled in so nicely and we are so happy to have her as part of 2E. 😊
2S	Max	For his wonderful focus and attention during our carpet sessions. Your contributions have been amazing. Well done Max! 😊
2SW	Carlos	For always being so kind and caring to his peers. He always does his best to cheer people up when they're having a bad day. Well done Carlos, keep it up! 😊
3A	Niveesh	For your hard work and focus during maths, reading and writing this week. Keep up the amazing work! 😊
3G	Ebrima	Trying his best to improve the content and presentation of his written learning. 😊
3S	Manasseh	For having a positive mindset towards all areas of his learning. Well done, keep it up! 😊
4K	Zaydon	For consistently demonstrating great effort in his learning, staying focused and making valuable contributions to class discussions. Well done! 😊
4L	Renice	for showing real effort and improvement in Maths and gaining more confidence in speaking in front of the class.
4S	Orel	For consistently demonstrating enthusiasm, a hard-working attitude and a supportive nature towards others. You are a fantastic member of our team, well done!
5C	Nanshika	For consistently producing some excellent pieces of learning that she should be proud of as well as being a very helpful member of the class. Well done! 😊
5L	Sasha	For always having a mature approach to your learning and school. Well done! 😊
5V	Max	For showing excellent behaviour for learning and putting in a lot of effort into completing his learning to the best of his ability. Well done Max, keep it up. 😊
6A	Tyler-Rae	For her consistent positive attitude in every area of her learning and for being an excellent role model for the class and school community. Keep it up!
6L	Adelina	For being a fantastic role model for the class. You apply yourself always in all areas and should be very proud of your progress. Well done!
6R	Aksha	For consistently demonstrating excellence in every area of her learning. Really proud!
RB Blue	Gabriel	Well done for a week of fantastic learning behaviour and for showing us your new skill – speaking Japanese!
RB Green	Munasar	Well done for being so great! You have had a fantastic week of focused learning.

HAF Easter Camps



FREE PLACES & LUNCH*
available for eligible families

Four Days of Fun!

Monday 7 April
Tuesday 8 April
Wednesday 9 April
Thursday 10 April

10:00am - 2:00pm

Sandhurst Primary School, Minard Road, London, SE6 1NW
Access via Ardgowan Rd

Ages 4-16 years

Suitable for children and young people from Reception to School Year 11

REGISTER NOW

Book free* places via HolidayActivities.com



Book paid places via our website or scan QR code.

Activities Include:

Multi-Sports | Fun Games | Football Tournaments | Arts & Crafts

Enjoy healthy meals and enriching activities over the school holidays. *FREE for children and young people eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals.

Eligible families will receive e-vouchers via email or text from HolidayActivities.com to book.

Paid places also available (please bring a nut-free packed lunch and drink).

★ £15 per day ★ £55 for all 4 days

For more information, contact us:

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EASTER HOLIDAYS WK2 2025

HAF MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

LEWISHAM LIONS CENTRE

10AM - 2PM EACH DAY

FREE FOR FSM KIDS BUT MUST SIGN UP VIA HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES VOUCHERS

MUNCHKIN SPORTS EASTER CAMPS



WE'RE BACK FOR EASTER!

Our popular Munchkin Camps are back this Easter! With four themed mega days and over 40 activities across eight locations, we're ready for another fun-filled Easter break. You already know how much the kids love it so secure their spot and enjoy another action-packed Easter with us!

CAMP LOCATIONS

- Babington House School
- Bickley Park School
- Harris Academy Greenwich
- Langley Park School for Boys
- Parish CofE Primary School
- Poverest Primary School
- St Dunstan's College
- Tubbenden Primary School **New!**

Lewisham Parent and Carers Forum

LEWISHAM PARENT AND CARER'S FORUM

COFFEE MORNING – DROP IN



Tuesday 11th March 2025 – 10am to 11.30am

Catford Costa Coffee (large one)

Free drink and cake/pastry

Please just come along. No need to book.

Come along and chat with other parents/carers. We will have some information and resource packs for you.



SAVE THE DATES – FUTURE COFFEE MORNINGS

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 – 10am to 11.30am

Wednesday 7th May 2025 – 10am to 11.30am

Thursday 12th June 2025 – 10am to 11.30am

Wednesday 9th July 2025 – 10am to 11.30am

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Dear all

We have our Parent Forum AGM on Friday 14th March. All are welcome, please do come along and support your Forum, find out more about our work and also what is happening in Lewisham for our families. Please let us know if you are coming if possible, at sue@lewishamparentcarer.org.uk, or just come along. Mobile 07534568020

LEWISHAM PARENT AND CARER'S FORUM AGM AGENDA

Friday 14th March 2025 11am to 1pm
Main Hall, Leemore Centre
Bonfield Road, Lewisham SE13 5EU
(side of building through the green gates)

Please arrive around 10.30 for refreshments

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| 11.00am | Welcome |
| 11.10am | Lewisham Parent and Carer's Forum Presentation Update |
| 11.25am | Trustees and Volunteer Information |
| 11.30am | SHORT BREAKS (Respite for families) Vivienne Allen and Tiffany Curtis (Care Package Reviewing Officers) and Laura Cole, Short Breaks in House Centre Manager at Rockbourne. |
| 12pm | Reinild Onuoha - Head of Integrated SEND Services for Children & Young People |
| | To talk about Lewisham's SEND Inspection, our SEND Improvement Plan and SEN Support Events for parents and carers. |
| 1pm | Finish – light lunch provided |

SEND DROP IN

Organised by Lewisham Parent and Carer's Forum

**We have our last SEND drop in on Thursday 20th March
from 10am to 1pm.**

We will have refreshments, a light lunch, and activities.

**LPCF – Family Support Worker supporting families
plus
a variety of other services in Lewisham**

Where

LEEMORE CENTRE -MAIN HALL

Bonfield Road, Lewisham SE13 5EU (side green gate)

Phone 07534568020 – email info@lewishamparentcarer.org.uk

Online Safety

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable in smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back - or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



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