







End of Term Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for another very successful term at St Joseph's, it has certainly been a very busy one!
Some of this term's highlights include:

January		French Lessons with Mrs Bond from St Paul's Visit to the National Space Centre St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Celebrations	Health and Wellbeing festival Year 3/4 Young leader training Year 5/6
February		Archery Taster sessions Internet Safety Day Playground Activity Zones	Planting of the Orchard (KS1) Fire and Rescue Year 1 and year 5
March		Gymnastics Competition Mardi Gras World Book Day Mass with Father Philip Sikhism Workshops Jubilee Celebrations on St Joseph's Day	Developments in the Wildlife Garden - Building a Bug Hut / Tyre Flower wall Walk against Hunger Litter picking - Looking after our environment A visit to Twycross Zoo Gymnastics County Finals A visit to New Walk Museum
April		DCI Inspection	Easter Performance

Safeguarding

As we will be spending time at home, please keep a close eye on how your children are communicating online. Check out the posters, included in this letter, as we continue to educate and support our children in learning how to build a safer digital world.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a super space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is suitable for all ages, but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform where users can connect with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can be risky, as users may be scammed, cyberbullied and even to encountering predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on the account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to keep the user watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially for children, is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online personas as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and bullying from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be accessed by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is becoming a well-known place to watch and join in with. Children often find challenges to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The potential harm and risk is very quickly increasing as more and more challenges are created.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have influencers in the comments section, attempting to lead users into clicking on their profile pictures by offering prizes. These influencers are often scammers who are looking to get rich quick and these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as violence, sexual situations) to underage viewers. To access this feature, users must be logged in to a Google account. Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as violence, sexual situations) to underage viewers. To access this feature, users must be logged in to a Google account.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching. You will also display their recently watched videos, accounts and recommendations in your Google Family account. This gives you an overview of how your child is using YouTube and what they are watching. You can also see if they are using any of the features that are not recommended for children.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'public' – as they could be shared with anyone on the internet. If you're not comfortable with your child's public content, you can change their privacy settings to 'private' or 'unlisted'. If you're not comfortable with your child's public content, you can change their privacy settings to 'private' or 'unlisted'.

MONITOR SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows, movies and music. If you're not comfortable with your child's spending, you can set up a Google Family account. This gives you an overview of how your child is using YouTube and what they are watching. You can also see if they are using any of the features that are not recommended for children.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

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 their 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 on even larger audiences and emulate current trends, including new forms 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 'add' feature allows users to add friends by name, or by scanning a QR code. A request means that children are then deciding personal information through the story, snapmap and spotlight features. This could give predators a way to gain their trust for sinister purposes.

EXCESSIVE USE

There are many features that are attractive to users and keep them hooked on the app. Snapmap allows users to see the location of other users and snapmap allows users to see the location of other users. Snapmap allows users to see the location of other users and snapmap allows users to see the location of other users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. The app's 'add me' feature allows users to share their location with others. This could be used to share their location with others. The app's 'add me' feature allows users to share their location with others. This could be used to share their location with others.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add function helps people find each other on the app. This function will suggest friends based on mutual friends or someone's number. If your child has this feature turned on, they may receive friend requests from people they don't know. You can turn off Quick Add in the app's settings.

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

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TALK ABOUT SEXTING

It may feel like an awkward conversation, but it's important to talk to your child about sexting. Sexting is the sending or receiving of explicit images or videos. It's important to talk to your child about sexting. Sexting is the sending or receiving of explicit images or videos. It's important to talk to your child about sexting.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make their public to get more followers. Your child can send Snap directly to friends, but stories are visible to everyone they have added, unless they change the privacy settings. It's important to talk to your child about sexting. Sexting is the sending or receiving of explicit images or videos. It's important to talk to your child about sexting.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a user sends you a Snap that you don't want, you can block them. Blocking a user will prevent them from sending you Snaps or talking to you. It's important to talk to your child about sexting. Sexting is the sending or receiving of explicit images or videos. It's important to talk to your child about sexting.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

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-synching 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 a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's 'For You' feed are age-appropriate, but some are not. Children can see content that is inappropriate for their age, including violence, sexual situations, and profanity. This can be upsetting for children. It's important to talk to your child about sexting. Sexting is the sending or receiving of explicit images or videos. It's important to talk to your child about sexting.

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-synching and dancing to music. Many of the songs featured on the app are explicit, including those with profanity, sexual references, and violence. It's important to talk to your child about sexting. Sexting is the sending or receiving of explicit images or videos. It's important to talk to your child about sexting.

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 stars. This can be a good thing, but it can also be a bad thing. It's important to talk to your child about sexting. Sexting is the sending or receiving of explicit images or videos. It's important to talk to your child about sexting.

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LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

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ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

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USE RESTRICTED MODE

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MODERATE SCREEN TIME

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ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

- 1. MONITOR VIEWING HABITS**
Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.
- 2. CHECK ONLINE CONTENT**
Understand what's being shared and what seems to be trending at the moment.
- 3. CHECK AGE-RATINGS**
Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age limit.
- 4. CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS**
Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.
- 5. SPEND TIME ON THE APP**
Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.
- 6. LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE**
Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.
- 7. LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK**
Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.
- 8. ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**
Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.
- 9. KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**
If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.
- 10. SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT**
If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

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Telephone: 0116 454 1004 (24-hour service) or contact the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Visit: Customer Service Centre, 91 Granby Street, LE1 6FB to call us from a free telephone.

Uniform

A quick reminder about our uniform policy:

Please may I remind you that all children are required to: wear a school tie and black shoes.

I am also aware that there are a number of children wearing adaptations of the school uniform: Leg warmers, converse style trainers/ boots and very short skirts; extremes of fashion and not permitted.

Where the school uniform policy is not being adhered to/ followed contact with home will be made.

<https://www.st-josephs.leicester.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2022/01/Uniform-for-the-website-2.pdf>

There are many reasons why we wear a school uniform:

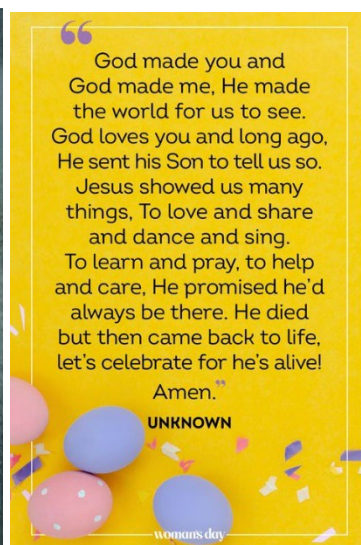
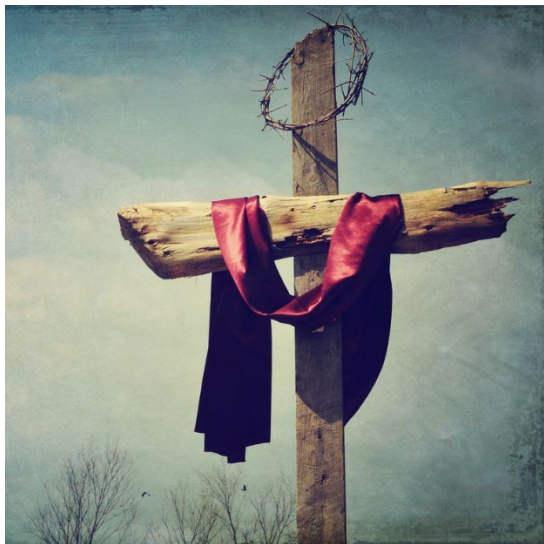
- A sense of pride in our school
- A sense of belonging
- Supports behaviour
- Supports wellbeing

I thank you all in advance for your support with this matter.

Please do not forget that we have a swap shop and second handrail - please contact the school office for further assistance.

St Josephs Mass Times

<https://www.st-joseph-leicester.co.uk/#ChurchOpening>



I wish you all a very relaxing, safe and well-earned Easter Break and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 25th April 2022.

God Bless Mrs Clair Dedman, Head Teacher

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