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Article of the Month 2 - No Discrimination

All children have all these rights no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what their religion is, what they look like, rich or poor, who their parents are, boy or girl, if they have a disability. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.

Class News

- Nursery - have been learning and playing based on the Magic Porridge Pot story, tasting lots of different porridge flavours
- YR - have been learning about 3-D shapes and spotting them in the environment. What shapes can you spot at home?
- Y1 - have loved watching and taking part in the Treehouse Theatre's take on Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Y2 - have thoroughly enjoyed the Treehouse Theatre's visit especially the Porridge Monster
- Y3 - have been working hard to practise their dances for the Christmas performance
- Y4 - have been learning all about the Battle of Hastings and had great fun re-enacting it!
- Y5 - have been thoroughly enjoying preparing for the Christmas production, it's going to be incredible
- Y6 - have thoroughly enjoyed their sporting WOW day and showed amazing teamwork and determination

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas preparations are definitely hotting up, the children thoroughly enjoyed Treehouse Theatre's version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

A huge thank you to SISA for a fabulous Christmas fair event, I think we would all agree a huge amount of work went in to making it an incredible event, thank you!

Covid-19

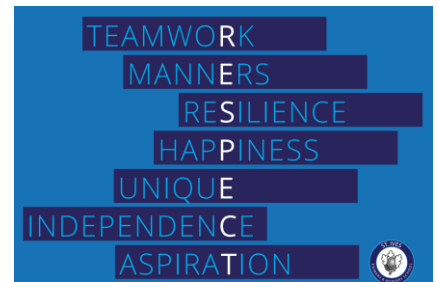
Case numbers in school, amongst staff and children remain low, however these are beginning to increase. Please remain vigilant.

Measures in place:

- Ventilation – in school will be monitored and we are using CO2 monitors as an indicator of where ventilation needs to be increased. Children may wish to wear a base layer under their school uniform to keep warm.
- Classrooms are sanitised regularly throughout the day
- Daytime enhanced cleaning of common touch points such as doors, light switches etc

Value of the week: Happiness

We have been looking at the school value 'Happiness' this week. Look out for acts of kindness.



Internet Safety

Certain online activities drastically increase the chance of a child seeing upsetting content: joining social networks below the recommended age, using age-inappropriate games or apps; watching live streams; and participating in unmoderated chat groups. A 2021 report by Ofcom, however, found that only 30% of parents set up their children's devices to block inappropriate content. As our guide this week explains, though, screening out unsuitable material is only part of the solution – and not a fool proof one, at that. Some material will eventually slip through the net, so trusted adults also need to feel confident of responding effectively if and when a child does stumble across content which is too adult for them to process by themselves.

Ringwood Town Football Club

Ringwood Town FC are starting a girls football session for year 1 and year 2 children on Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm at Ringwood's home ground Long Lane. Start Date will be in the early in the new year (2022). The session will be run by a FA L2 qualified coach and will be focused on introducing young girls to football fun, and developing their skills so they can be a part of the fastest growing sport in the UK. If you are interested please contact Geraint Lloyd-Steer on 07828714469 or geraintsteer@hotmail.com.

Christmas Lunch

The children's Christmas Lunch is on 15th December. This MUST be ordered by midnight Sunday 5th December online with Forerunner.

School Starters 2022

Apply online : Dorset residents @ www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions or call 01305 221060.
Hampshire residents @ <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions.htm>

Closing Date Starting school applications is: 15th January 2022.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

Please note teacher led afterschool clubs have now finished.

December

8th Year 6 NHS Weight & Height check
13th KS2 Christmas Production @ Verwood Hub 4pm & 6:45pm
14th KS1 Christmas Production 09:30am
15th KS1 Christmas Production 09:30am & **2:00pm**
17th Last day of term (1.15pm finish)

June 2022

6th Bank Holiday – Platinum Jubilee

July 2022

18th Inset Day
19th Inset Day
20th Inset Day
21st Inset Day
22nd Inset Day



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content, usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history, so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.



CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistakes – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.



BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.



GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.



STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.



Meet Our Expert

Coryley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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