

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents and carers,

This is a big week in school. The Key Stage 2 SATs are under way and the Year 6 children are doing their best in the tests that they are sitting throughout the week. We are incredibly proud of them as they have worked very hard this year and their progress has been noted by staff in school. Let's hope that this is reflected in their SATs results too!

Online safety is a very important and challenging area of life. When I was at primary school the internet had not been invented, so learning how to manage the benefits and threats of being online is challenging for school staff and parents alike. In school, the children have regular lessons about online safety and are aware of the ways that they can keep themselves safe online. As a parent of primary school-aged children myself, I know how hard it can be to know exactly what your child is doing online, who they are communicating with and what is being said. All we can do is to be vigilant, monitor their use and support them when they get it wrong. From a school perspective, online safety very much comes under the banner of safeguarding, and therefore we are concerned about the 4 Cs of Content, Contact, Conduct & Commerce, with relation to the children's online lives. If you have any concerns about this topic, please contact the school office and we will support you in any way that we can.

Parking near the school - As a school community we have a collective responsibility in ensuring the safety of our children when arriving and leaving school. This is a top priority for all of us. We encourage as many of our families as possible to walk to school not only for health but environmental benefits too. Where this is not possible, could we please remind parents when dropping off near the school gates not to park on any of the double yellow lines or leave their cars in front of local residents' driveways. This puts families and residents at risk. Mandy Lollipop (School crossing patrol) advises that the Police and parking enforcement continue to patrol the area periodically. Of course everyone should be parking safely as it is the moral thing to do, not because we are worried of the chance of being fined.

Online Safety reminder for parents/carers to check what their child/ren are accessing online and television to ensure that the content is suitable for primary aged children. Staff have a duty to record any concerns as a safeguarding concern due to the inappropriate content that children can have access to. Please ensure that all necessary filters on all devices that children use and please remember to monitor the search history. If you are unsure, films/games all have a certificate rating and the school can offer online safety advice to any parent/carer that is interested.

Don't forget to read the attached May edition of our Online Safety Newsletter for more helpful tips and advice.

Attendance News - At Magdalen Gates we have a duty to provide a happy, caring and safe environment where we encourage positive attitudes to school and learning. It is our goal that each child attends school regularly and on time, making the most of the opportunities available to them. We would like to thank you all for your hard work and support in ensuring your child/ren attend school every day. Please continue to work with us to help improve attendance for every child at Magdalen Gates by arriving at school on time, continuing to book holidays during the school holidays, informing us of reasons for pupil absence or reaching out to us if you need support.

School Contact Details

School Office hours – 8:15am – 3:30pm

Telephone 01603 622675

Email Office@magdalengates.co.uk

Out of school club contact –

01603 343881 3.30pm-5.30 pm only

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook & Twitter

Note – Yr 6's PE Days are now Thursday and Fridays. Thank you

Whole School Attendance to date

94.31%

Diary Dates

May

9th – 12th – Yr6 SATS week

11th – Yr2 SATS meeting for parents @ 3:30pm

16th – Yr4 Food Discovery Garden

17th – Yr1 Visit to Bishops Garden

19th May – EYFS Bus Tour of City

26th – School closes 3:15pm for Half Term

June

5th – School Reopens

All parents invited to Free First Aid course

Art week

6th – Yr4 Food Discovery – garden

7th – Yr5 Robert Kett trip

19th – Parent/Teacher apts

21st Yr4 Food Discovery

22nd – Class Photos

26th – Diversity Week

28th – YR5 Royal Norfolk Show visit

29th New 2023 Intake parent info meeting

30th – 1-3pm Sports Day

21st – School closes 3:15pm



Snapchat update: My AI

You should be over 13+ to use Snapchat.

Snapchat have announced that My AI will now be available to all users, it was previously only available to paid subscribers of Snapchat+. My AI will show as one of your chat contacts and users will be able to ask it questions and have a conversation with it.

Snapchat are planning to incorporate an overview in their parental tools (Family Centre) to allow you to see if your child is chatting with My AI, but there is no confirmed date as to when this additional tool will be available.

There were concerns with My AI when initially released, for example it was providing responses that weren't always age appropriate. Snapchat have stated that 99.5% of responses now conform to their community guidelines, but we would recommend talking to your child about their use of My AI.

At present the only way to delete My AI is to become a Snapchat+ subscriber.

You can find out more here:
<https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/13266788358932-What-is-My-AI-on-Snapchat-and-how-do-I-use-it>



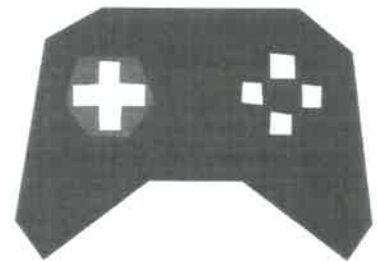
Fortnite

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to one hundred players compete against each other.



What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available:
<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>

From the Financial Times – 'Capture: who's looking after the children?'

This is a 15-minute drama produced by the Financial Times looking at online harm, regulation and responsibility. The drama features Jodie Whittaker and Paul Ready. You can watch it here:

<https://www.ft.com/video/ea39f3a9-8993-477d-a763-317ba51c2e75>

Minecraft Legends

Minecraft Legends was released last month and is available across a variety of platforms. It is rated as 7+ by PEGI with a further content descriptor of 'violence.'



As mentioned earlier though, when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft Legends does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

What should I be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items to support (although not needed) game play. You can set up appropriate parental settings to restrict/prevent purchases.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.

You can find out more in this article:

<https://www.esrb.org/blog/what-parents-need-to-know-about-minecraft-legends/>

Rocket League

Rocket League is rated as 3+ by PEGI. In Rocket League, players use cars to play in football matches and is available for free across a variety of platforms.

What should I be aware of?

If your child is under 13, then their account will have chat and purchases disabled (unless you override these settings). For children over 13, you will need to disable/restrict these settings as appropriate. There is the option to play online with others as well as make purchases to enhance your car. You can set up appropriate parental controls by setting up an account with Epic Games and applying settings on your child's device as well.

Further information:

You can find out more in this article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/digital-parenting-pro/rocket-league/>

Microsoft Family Safety app

Does your child have a Microsoft device e.g. an Xbox? If so, you can access the Microsoft Family Safety mobile app, which provides you with a variety of free features including:

- The ability to set screen time limits to devices, apps and games.
- Set content filters and block inappropriate apps/games.

Additional features such as location sharing are available as part of a paid subscription.

To access the app, you will need to enter your mobile number or email address at the link below and Microsoft will send you a download link:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/family-safety>

Tackling Online Hate

One way in which we can tackle online hate is ensuring our children learn about what it is and how they can stop it. Internet Matters have created a quiz that you can complete with your child. As you progress through the questions you will be given advice as well as questions to discuss and help you have a conversation with your child. The quiz is available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/the-online-together-project/tackling-online-hate-quiz/>

What is Online Grooming?

This is a really informative article from Thorn:

<https://www.thorn.org/blog/online-grooming-what-it-is-how-it-happens-and-how-to-defend-children/>



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Wednesday 3rd May & Tuesday 16th May

Norwich Showground Arena, Dereham Road, NR5 0TT.

Appointments available between 12.40 – 15.30 & 16.30 - 19.00

Friday 2nd June

Church of Jesus Christ, Greenways, NR4 6PA

Appointments available between 12.40 – 15.30 & 16.30 - 19.00

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