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Dear Parent

HALF TERM

School will close next Friday 22 May at 3.15pm for the half term break and will re-open on Monday 1 June at 8.45am

YEAR 6 NON-UNIFORM

To celebrate the end of SATs, Year 6 will be going to Witton Park tomorrow morning and can come to school dressed in non uniform – no football shirts please.

Clothing should be suitable to change quickly for their swimming lesson and please can sensible footwear be worn. Thank you.

BIKE HELMETS

If your child is riding their bike/scooter into school, please ensure they are wearing their bike helmets whilst on the school grounds Thank you.

SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

The ten weeks until summer attendance challenge has started this week.

For every full week your child attends school every week, they will earn an attendance ticket. The ticket will be placed into a prize draw to win an Amazon Fire Tablet. The draw will take place in the last week of term.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES

The deadline to order/change your child's leavers hoodie is 12pm tomorrow (Fri).

YEAR 3 RE VISIT

As part of their RE topic on the 10 Commandments linked to Christianity, Father David will be visiting Year 3 next Thursday 21 May. Having learnt about the ten commandments in their RE lessons, the children will be interviewing Father David to find out how the 10 Commandments affect his life as a Christian.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – RECEPTION & YEAR 6 GROUP PHOTOS

The school photographer will be here next Friday 22 May for Reception and Year 6 group photos. Children may have their hair down in their chosen style for the photo only but if hair is longer than shoulder length, it must be tied back up afterwards.

YEAR 1 BLACKPOOL ZOO

As part of their Science topic on animals, Year 1 will be visiting Blackpool Zoo on Thursday 9 July. The cost of this visit is £19, which includes coach travel and the entrance fee. Children should wear their school uniform. Please log on to ParentPay for further details and complete the consent and payment by Friday 3 July. Thank you.

YEAR 2 LYTHAM ST ANNES

As part of their topic on the Geography and History of seaside towns and seaside holidays in the past, Year 2 will be visiting Lytham St Annes on Tuesday 23 June. The cost of this visit is £11.50, which includes coach travel and an ice cream. Children should wear their school sweatshirt with beach appropriate clothes (no tights please) and suitable footwear dependent on the weather on the day. They may bring beach toys, e.g. buckets, spades and balls in a labelled carrier bag. Please log on to ParentPay to complete the consent and payment by Friday 19 June. Thank you.

YEAR 3 LAKES

As part of their English and Geography topics, Year 3 will be visiting the Lake District on Wednesday 1 July. The trip consists of a steam train ride throughout the Lake District, a visit to the Lakeside Aquarium and a boat trip across Lake Windermere so it is a fun filled, busy, educational experience. Please pay on ParentPay by Friday 26 June. Thank you.

MENUS AFTER HALF TERM

Parents can now book their child's meals for the first 2 weeks in June, however the last 2 weeks in June won't be available until after we come back from half term. This is due to a change in the menu for week 3 which can't be changed until after next week as it would cancel all pre-orders for next week!! Furthermore we will be having an Eid party menu on Thursday 4 June which will consist of mini lamb kebabs, mini chicken burgers, onion bhajis, burger buns, waffles & hash browns followed by assorted muffins and a carton drink as a treat. Further details regarding the party day will follow next week.

YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES WEEK AND HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Please can instalments for the Year 6 Activities Week be brought up to date. The final instalment must be paid by Friday 19 June. Thank you.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

If you are interested in purchasing pre-loved uniform, please contact Mrs Khan or Ms Emam to arrange a viewing or to enquire about specific items.

All sales will make a real difference to our school nominated charity, Barnados.
Thank you for your support

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Come along to our Parent and Toddler group every Thursday at 8.45am-9.45am in the school hall. A chance to meet other parents and have a fun time with your little ones.

We have the following activity this term:

21 May - Role Play

RECEPTION & NURSERY FUND

Reception and Nursery fund is now due for the Spring Term. If you have not already paid for the year, please pay £5 at the school office. Thank you.

MILK

Milk money is now overdue for the Autumn Term for all infant children; however all Reception children will receive free milk up to the term in which they have their 5th birthday. Please can parents of children in Years 1 and 2 pay £12 online for this academic year. Parents of children in both Reception classes – please check with Ms Emam. Thank you.

SWIMMING LESSONS AND WATER FUN SESSIONS

If you have registered your child for any of the swimming lessons or water fun sessions please check the confirmation email that was sent last week. You must ensure you complete the consent form and make the payment by tomorrow (Friday 15th May). Failure to do this will mean their place will be offered to someone else. . If you do not receive anything and you registered your child please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES

There is another block of Women's only fitness classes starting after half term. Please see the letter that has been sent out (<https://bit.ly/LetterJune26FitnessWF>). Sign up via this link: <https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessJune26WF>.

MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please note due to Eid falling during the half term holidays there will be no holiday activities running this half-term.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE

Blackburn Children's University have been successful for the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and have been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores (Blackburn Superstore, Bank Top, Roe Lee, Livesey and Darwen Express). Voting is now open and will continue until the end of July 2026. The voting is to help fund Blackburn CU holiday activities including cooking as well as a variety of sport and wellbeing activities so children can

have fun and learn new skills. Please look out for this if you visit any stores and pick up a token to cast your vote!

LIBRARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY – PAINT, PLANT AND EXPLORE!

Step into a world of natural fun: paint with plants, create your own mini greenhouse, and become a nature detective on our tree themed scavenger hunt! These will be taking place at:

Mill Hill Library – Tuesday 26th May at 3pm

Cherry Tree Library – Wednesday 27th May at 2.30pm

Blackburn Central Library – Thursday 28th May at 2pm

Free tickets are available from each library and must be booked in advance. If your child is a member of Children's University and you attend this event please remember to pick up a slip from the library and bring it into school after the holidays together with their CU passport so it can be stamped.

BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION – GRADUATION HOURS

Please note Blackburn Children's University will be holding their annual graduation on Saturday 11th July 2026. If your child attends any external clubs or activities please note the deadline for hours will be the first week back after May half term. Please ensure you get these up to date and hand their Children's University passport in to be updated for these. Further details will then be sent on hours and certificates in early June.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE GROOMING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and relatable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.



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