



Newsletter
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Together

Life at Lutley

Thank you to all of the parents who reached out and offered kind words of support this week during our Ofsted Inspection. The process was thorough, and the evaluations made of the school were supported by robust evidence throughout the inspectors' time at the school.

As always, staff in all roles and the children were an asset to Lutley and Hales Valley Trust. Everyone exemplified and actively promoted our school's values of Learning, Caring, Aiming High - Together. We are extremely proud of them all.

We are looking forward to sharing our report with you soon. In the meantime, we appreciate your ongoing support and engagement with our school.

Important Dates Coming Up

January 2025

Monday 20th January – 1U Inspire workshop – 9:15am
 Monday 20th January – 2TF Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
 Tuesday 21st January – 1SB Inspire workshop – 9:15am
 Tuesday 21st January – 2KR Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
 Wednesday 22nd January – 1KH Inspire workshop – 9:15am
 Wednesday 22nd January – 2LO Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10

February 2025

Monday 3rd February – 6EG Inspire workshop – 9:15am
 Tuesday 4th February – 6BR Inspire workshop – 9:15am
 Tuesday 4th February – 3EG Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
 Wednesday 5th February – 6AO Inspire workshop – 9:15am
 Wednesday 5th February – 3ES Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
 Thursday 6th February – 3AC Parent lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
 Monday 10th February – 5SM Inspire workshop – 9:15am
 Tuesday 11th February – 5LO Inspire workshop – 9:15am
 Wednesday 12th February – 5ZB Inspire workshop – 9:15am and ABC afternoon
 Friday 14th February – INSET day - school closed to children.
 Monday 17th February – Friday 21st - February half term.

Attendance 13th - 17th January 2025

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
RJG	95.71	RLS	94.29		
1KH	98.46	1NF	97.92	1SB	93.04
2TR	95.33	2LO	98.00	2HM	96.00
3EG	99.26	3AC	99.29	3ES	95.36
4GO	95.81	4KM	98.67	4LH	97.00
5LO	96.13	5ZB	94.14	5SM	96.67
6BR	97.81	6EG	95.67	6AO	97.10

Worker of the Week 17th January 2025

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
RJG	Eliza C Max P	RJR	Poppy R Violet S		
1KH	Ariella C	1NF	Matilda Y	1SB	Aurora P
2HM	Jacob P	2TR	Junior S	2LO	Lilly-Mai B
3EG	Miles V	3AC	Esha R	3ES	Elliott H
4GO	Evie S	4KM	Elsie L	4LH	Marley W-D
5LO	Tyler G	5ZB	Lucy W	5SM	Olivia B
6BR	Chloe L	6EG	Ella C	6AO	Ellie-Mai J

Each week, we will share a useful parent guide on a range of online safety topics. These are also available free to you if you sign up to National Online Safety. Keep your children safe by staying up to date! Also, take a look at <https://parentzone.org.uk/> for more.

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 & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging app. To end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients and even WhatsApp itself can't read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently as the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reported access to WhatsApp encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is not a law enforcement reported user and has withdrawn its response to the FBI's request for data.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a favourite for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a 'guitar stringing'. Plus a scam where fraudulent trigger a verification message by pretending to be in to your account, then posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misleading messages, WhatsApp forwards more than five times on the app now if you've 'Forwarded many times' (and also a double check icon). This means users realise that the message they've just received is far from an original - and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or videos with friends. Knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct, people used to be able to convince their disappearing content - but a recent update WhatsApp features now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to more easily manage or delete a specific 'locked chat'. A lock, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The real here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't appear to (such as age inappropriate messages).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safety on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location - potentially without strangers identifying a child's name, address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.



THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.



CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you opt a 'locked chat' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sending behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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