# Safeguarding and Wellbeing Newsletter

## Autumn 2 (November & December 2023)

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## School Information/ What's On:

Friday 17th November:  *Junior Parent Assembly*

Wednesday 22nd November: *Non-Uniform Day*

Friday 24th November: *Christmas Fair/ Santa's Grotto (Swa-LIII)*

Friday  24th November - Friday 8th December: *UV Mocks*

Tues 28th/ Weds 29th/ Thurs 30th November: *Junior/ EYFS & Pre-prep/ REM, LIV, UIV Christmas Lunch (respectively)*

Tuesday 5th December: *UIV Parents' Evening (online)*

Tuesday 5th December: *LV/UV Christmas Lunch*

Tuesday 5th/ Wednesday 6th December: *Junior Christmas Play*

Thursday 7th December: *Carol Concert at St Simons*

Friday 8th December: *Christmas Jumper Day/ End of Term*

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## The Safeguarding Team

Your first port of call for pastoral support for your child is their class teacher/ form tutor.

**Mrs N Ramsey** - Assistant Head Pastoral/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Mrs S George** - Deputy Head Junior School (Swans - U3)/ Deputy DSL

**Mrs L Morriss** - Assistant Head Pastoral/ Staff-Pupil Liaison (REM - UV)

**Mrs A Miles** - Head of Middle School (REM and LIV)

**Miss N Perry** - Head of Pre-Prep (L1 - L2)

**Mrs S Williams** - Nursery Manager (Swans and Kestrels)

**Mr R Meli** - Pupil Welfare & Inclusion Officer (including morning/ after care, and holiday club)

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## Young Carers

Is your child a young carer? Please email Mrs Ramsey for more information regarding support available for Young Carers.

## Online Safety:

### Snapchat

Snapchat is a popular social media messaging app that allows you to send and receive pictures and videos (called Snaps) to users.

The minimum age to use Snapchat is 13 years old. However, research shows that children under 13 do use the service.

If your child is interested in using social media but does not meet the age requirements, they face additional online risks. Until they reach the minimum age, consider these alternatives suitable for under-13s.

### Snapchat Family Centre (Parental Controls)

Family Centre on Snapchat allows a direct link between parent and teen.

What Snapchat Family Centre allow parents to do:

- See which Snapchat friends their teens have sent messages, photos or videos to in the last seven days. It does not reveal the actual contents of their conversations (Snaps or messages);
- See a complete list of their teens' existing friends;
- Easily view new friends their teens have added, making it easy to start conversations about who their new contacts are;
- Easily and confidentially report any accounts Snapchat's 24/7 Trust and Safety teams to investigate;
- Access key information about how to use Family Centre tools as well as resources for important conversation starters and tips for using Snapchat safely.
- Teens who have opted-in to Family Centre can also see what their parents see, with a mirrored view of features. Teens can also notify parents when they report an account or a piece of content on the platform.

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## To set up Snapchat Family Centre:

**Step 1** – Create or login to your personal Snapchat account. From your profile, tap Add Friends and add your child by searching their username. Return to your profile.

**Step 2** – Tap the gear icon in the top right corner to get into Settings. Under Privacy Control, tap Family Centre and select your child's name > Send invitation.

**Step 3** – Login to your child's account (or ask them to access it on their phone). From their profile, tap Add Friends and then your username.

**Step 4** – Tap View Invitation and then Accept.

On your own account, you can now tap your child's profile in Family Centre to see their activity, which you can use to start conversations around their online experiences.

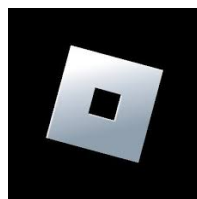For more information please visit:

Snapchat website:  Safety and Security

Internet Matters Snapchat Guidance

NSPCC Snapchat Guidance

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## Roblox

Roblox has been a major hit with children worldwide, even though it is an odd-looking and often confusing game. Like Minecraft before it, its attraction to youngsters is partly because "mum and dad don't get it". That makes it all the more exciting but can also lead to fears over its safety. After all, much of Roblox is played online.

Roblox is an online game creator system where the majority of the content is created by "amateur" game creators in Roblox studio. These game makers are able to create and publish games to the community using simple tools. These games can then be played by children worldwide, often online together.

Because the content in Roblox is user-generated it doesn't fall under the same rigorous age ratings as content made by commercial companies.

## Parental Controls in Roblox:

There are other parental controls that can be used in the game to ensure Roblox is safer for younger players. It's worth going to the Roblox website for guidance (see below for link).

It  is important that you enter the correct date of birth for your child's account. This will trigger the appropriate safe-chat with a higher level of filtering. This also means you will get a separate parent login so you can check up on your child's interactions.

You should limit games to those curated by Roblox staff as follows:

- Log in to roblox.com
- Click the Gear icon in the top right
- Select Settings then Security
- Enable the Account Restrictions slider

Being an online game means that players in Roblox can interact and communicate with each other in various ways. This can be via voice or written text once friend requests have been made.

To restrict these interactions on your child's account:

- Log in to roblox.com
- Click the Gear icon in the top right
- Select Settings then Privacy
- Restrict interactions via Content Settings and Other Settings

You should note that this doesn't disable friend requests in Roblox. Therefore, it's important to check in on the Friend Requests page on the website to ensure strangers are not being accepted.

For more information please visit:

Roblox website: Parents, Safety and Moderation

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