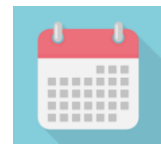




Autumn Term: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## Welcome Back

Wow! What a fantastic return to school we have had! It is the end of our (technically) third week and children have settled into their new classes with positive attitudes and smiles on their faces. Thank you to all parents and carers that have ensured their children are in school on time – please ensure children are in their classrooms by 9:00am as this is when gates are closed.

## Queen's Art Competition

A humungous thank you to the children that have already brought in some fantastic portraits of our Queen or some written extracts about her importance.

Please return any entries by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

There will be one overall winner and three runners up, who will **win an art set**. Their work, including other children's work, will be displayed in the gallery.

## My Child at School App

All correspondence is sent out via the My Child at School app. Please ensure that you have the app downloaded to receive any correspondence.

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

If you have any issues or questions regarding the app, please contact the school office.

## PE Days and PE Kits

Updated PE days for all year groups were sent via My Child at School app at the beginning of this week.

Children's PE kit **must** consist of:

- Pump bag (clearly labelled with child's name)
- Black/navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms depending on the weather
- Black/navy blue zip up jacket or a black/navy blue pull over jumper/hoody
- White T-shirt
- Black trainers/pumps

## Important Dates

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022** – Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral – School closed
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022** – Year 5 visit to East Park
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022** – Last day of autumn one term
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022** – October half term break
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022** – Children return to school
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Last day of autumn term for children

## School Uniform

A massive thank you for ensuring that children have returned to school looking so smart.

Please ensure that children come to school everyday in the correct uniform and that all clothing is clearly labelled with the child's name.

Uniform is as follows:

White shirt or polo shirt  
Grey or black trousers or grey or black pinafore/skirt  
Blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan  
Black shoes (if these are black trainers, they must be all black including black soles)

## National Online Safety Guides

Please see below for posters that can support at home with the passing of Queen Elizabeth and online safety.

These posters can be read by parents and carers as well as shared with children if you feel appropriate.

# The extraordinary life of QUEEN ELIZABETH II



1926

Princess Elizabeth is born in London.



1945

Towards the end of World War II, 18-year-old Elizabeth joins the Auxiliary Territorial Service and trains as a driver and a mechanic.



1947

Princess Elizabeth marries Prince Philip, an officer in the Royal Navy.



1948

The princess gives birth to her first child, a boy named Charles who will grow up to be King.



1966

Her Majesty is at Wembley to see England beat West Germany (as it was called before the Berlin Wall came down) 4-2 in the World Cup final, presenting the trophy to victorious captain Bobby Moore.



1957

Her Majesty gives the first televised Christmas broadcast to the nation. 'The Queen's Speech' goes on to become a permanent and powerful tradition of the festive season.



1953

The new Queen is crowned at Westminster Abbey – the first coronation to be televised. Sales of TVs soar as many families buy one for the first time to watch the ceremony. The eventual worldwide audience is around 277 million.



1977

Britain and the Commonwealth celebrate the Queen's silver jubilee (marking 25 years on the throne). A chain of beacons is lit around the country, and thousands of street parties are held.



2015

Having ruled for 63 years, Queen Elizabeth becomes the longest-reigning monarch in British history – overtaking her great great grandmother, Queen Victoria.



2022

The nation celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with more events and street parties. Sadly, however, Her Majesty's health declines and she passes away months later, aged 96. After 70 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth II leaves a legacy of lasting affection and respect from people not only in the UK, but around the whole world.

## Did you know?...

## Rest well, Your Majesty – and thank you.

The Queen received her first Corgi, Susan, as an 18th birthday present. She loved that breed of dog throughout her life, going on to own another 30 of them.



As Britain was still recovering from the effects of the war, the young Princess Elizabeth had to save ration coupons to buy the material for her wedding dress!

The Queen took the unusual step of inviting a TV documentary crew into Buckingham Palace in 1969. This let people see the Royal Family in a way they'd never been able to before.



In 1982, a mentally ill man broke into the palace and reached the Queen's bedroom! Reports suggest Her Majesty calmly kept him talking for 10 minutes until the security team arrived.



It was Queen Elizabeth who, in 1993, decided to open up Buckingham Palace to visitors from the public for the first time.

To help launch the 2012 Olympics in London, Her Majesty featured in a short film where she meets super-spy James Bond, as played by Daniel Craig.



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom; it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

## Meet Our Expert

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