

# William Law CE Primary School

## School Newsletter - Autumn Term (Dec)

### Update from Miss Lenton



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy half-term at William Law with so many of our Christmas celebrations taking place. We kicked off the festive season with a bang with the brilliant our Year 1 Nativity. The children, supported by the wonderful team, gave three fantastic performances to their school community and parents and carers. The singing, dancing and acting was brilliant to see! The party sheep definitely had a lovely time.

The festive celebrations continued with the Christamas Bizarre. A huge thank you to our PTA for organising such a successful event. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated and help create the jam jars. A huge well done to Year 6 for their milkshakes which were certainly a hit! Thank you to the PTA for organising the school discos, which the children really enjoyed! We really appreciate all the time that the PTA dedicate to our school and all those parents that also support the events.

We had our Christmas Service today, it was amazing to hear the orchestra play, the choir singing, our worship leaders leading the service and our Year 3 children acting.

As you are aware each morning members of staff greet the children on the gates. After the Christmas break these members of staff will be changing.

Mrs Attwood and Mrs Jessop will be on the playpark gate.

Miss Lenton will be on the gate at the front of school by the hall.

Mrs Post will be on the orchard gate.

Mrs Fotheringham and Miss Brown will continue to welcome the Early Years children on their gate.

From January 2024 the Playpark internal gate will be locked at 8.45am (this is the gate that is opened at 8.35am).

The external playpark gates will be locked once all the parents have left. At times the external gates are open beyond 8.45am due to allowing time for parents and guardians to leave the playpark. This has meant that children are coming into school via the gates when registers are closing and beyond 8.45am, which is inconsistent compared to the other gates in school. Please ensure that your child has entered the internal gate by 8.45am. If your child enters the playpark after 8.45am then they will not be able to enter the school via this route as the gate to the school will be locked so children will need to be brought around to the office.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas, a Happy New Year and a very restful break.

I look forward to hearing about what the children have got up to!

### Staff Update

We understand how difficult it can be for some children when their Teacher is not in school. We will therefore advise the parent/carers of the relevant class when a Teacher is going to be off long term (more than two weeks), and how we will be covering their class. For any absences less than two weeks, no communication will be sent.

It is with sadness that we advise that Mrs Crossan will be leaving William Law at the end of December after 19 years of service. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Mrs Morgans joins us on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 as interim SENDCO for the Spring and Summer Term. We trust that you will all welcome her to the William Law family.

### Parents Calendar



The parents' calendar is on the school website for your perusal. Each time an event is added, the date in the top right hand corner will be changed. This way you know which the latest version is. Please find below a QR code which will take you to the parents' calendar.

The web link is

<https://www.williamlawceschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6476&type=pdf>

Please note the changes for the Year 3 and 4 Productions. Year 3 and 4 will now have separate productions in the Spring Term.

### Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need this year. A total of £448.25 was made in school.

### Vaping on the School Site

Just to remind you that there should be no vaping on the school site. This includes outside the front of school while you are queuing to enter school or are waiting to collect your children.

## Attendance Update



At the end of each half term, as part of our [Trust's Attendance Policy](#), school are required to send out communications to parent/carers about their child's attendance.

As part of this process, emails will be sent via Arbor to those parent/carers whose children's attendance is above 96% (National Average) which is identified as "good attendance".

If your child's attendance has improved since the previous half term and is now above 96% you will receive an email for ensuring your child attends school where possible.

If your child's attendance is between 90% and 96% you will receive an email advising that attendance between 90% and 96% is considered "at risk".

Where a child's attendance has dropped below 90%, a letter will be sent advising that there is a concern about the attendance and that it will be monitored closely. At the end of the next half term, if the attendance has not improved, then another letter will be sent, inviting parent/carers in for a meeting to discuss attendance and how school can support you in getting your child to school. These letters are Local Authority documents as they are the body that are responsible for issuing fines relating to absences.

Authorised absences, unauthorised absences and lateness (after the registers have been taken) does impact on your child's overall attendance.

Illnesses, medicals, suspensions and agreed family holidays, whilst recorded as such are classed as authorised absences. A family holiday (not agreed), any other unauthorised absence and late (after the register closes) are classed as unauthorised absences. These are just a few of our classifications used. Please note that any code used apart from the present code does have an impact on your child's overall attendance figure.

We do understand that illness cannot be avoided but where possible please send your child to school when they are well enough to do so. Please click on this link sent by the NHS entitled 'Is my child too ill for school.' <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for advice should you be unsure whether to send your child to school.

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant to work with children on a fixed term basis, starting in class as soon as possible.

**Hours:** Term time only plus one inset day every September, Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 3.00pm (30 hrs per week) with half an hour for lunch. The fixed term will end on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**Salary:** Grade D (point 3-4) - Full time equivalent £20,812 - £21,189  
Actual salary is £14,092.01 - £14,327.28

William Law CE Primary School is entering an exciting new chapter. The school has recently joined Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET) <https://www.pdet.org.uk/> and has a new Senior Leadership Team.

As a school we are mindful of wellbeing and have introduced the following to support **worklife balance of staff**.

- Staff meetings are only 1 hour and other CPD is creatively planned into the school working-day through Team Meetings and a supportive coaching model
- a wellbeing day for staff who demonstrate commitment to supporting school related activities such as discos and PTA events
- a 'live marking approach' which emphasises the importance of in the moment feedback as part of lessons
- regular release for subject leaders to support their subject leadership
- PPA at home
- Shared team planning within a 3-form entry primary
- An SLT which is supportive and are streamlining systems and processes to reduce unnecessary paperwork and workload.

Help take this Academy school to outstanding.

The ideal candidates would

- Be enthusiastic and lively
- Be a committed and inspirational teacher
- Strive for excellence
- Have high expectations of self and pupils
- Be a team player

In return we can offer

- Enthusiastic and well-behaved pupils
- Friendly and supportive staff and Governors
- A caring Christian ethos
- Support with 3 classes per year group
- A "Good" Ofsted report – March 2023 – please click on link to view our latest report <https://www.williamlawceschool.co.uk/page/?title=Ofsted&pid=816>
- An "Excellent" SIAMS report – April 2019
- A personalised approach to continuous professional development and supporting career development.

William Law CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children expecting all staff to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Applications can be made on line via [PDET Recruitment](#) - locate the role you wish to apply for, click on the item and then apply.

Applicants are welcome to view the school prior to interview date. Please ring the School Office on 01733 577600 to arrange an appointment.

Closing date: Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 9.00am  
Interview date: Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## Peterborough **Healthy, Happy** Holidays

Children and young people who are eligible for free school meals through qualifying benefits may be able to access a fully funded holiday place, during the School holidays!

Everyone will receive a nutritious meal and have opportunities to take part in enriching activities!



For further information on the programme, available locations and provider details please contact [www.peterborough.gov.uk/HAF-Programme](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/HAF-Programme) or Families Information Service on 01733 864446

For HAF queries please contact [HAF@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@peterborough.gov.uk)



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

## IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

## ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

## PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At [my.account.sony.com](http://my.account.sony.com), create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

## IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

## XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password is protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

## NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

## WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

## CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

## MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

## SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

## Meet Our Expert

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