



# The Grange School, Daventry

## Newsletter

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## Uniforms;

Can we remind all parents and guardians to clearly label their children's uniforms please. Below is a copy of our Uniform Policy which can also be found on our website. We expect all children to adhere to the Uniform Policy at all times. We appreciate this may be a struggle financially at times. Should you need help with uniforms please contact Mrs Hennessy on [mrs.hennessy@thegrangeschooldaventry.net](mailto:mrs.hennessy@thegrangeschooldaventry.net)

## Uniform Policy

We ask parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and that it is clean and in good repair. It is parents responsibility to ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly named.

The Grange School Uniform policy is set out below.

Children can wear:

- Dark grey or black school trousers
- White polo shirt
- School sweatshirt
- Black or grey socks
- Black shoes (plain, black trainer-type shoes are fine, but should not be any other colour or contain coloured designs)

In addition to the above, children may wear the following during the summer months:

- Dark grey/black shorts (not sports shorts)
- Navy blue cap
- Dark grey/black knee length skirt or pinafore dress
- Dark grey/black ankle length trousers or black leggings
- White polo shirt
- School sweatshirt
- Black, grey or navy tights
- White socks
- Black low heeled shoes (plain, black trainer-type shoes are fine, but should not be any other colour or contain coloured designs)

In addition to the above, children may wear the following during the summer months:

- Blue and white gingham or striped school dress
- Navy blue cap

Physical Education (PE)

- Plain black/dark blue shorts
- White school PE T-shirt or plain white T-shirt all in a named PE bag please

DREAM

BELIEVE

ACHIEVE



# Pre-loved Uniforms



## Reminder!!

We have our pre-loved uniform Swap-Shop where you can;

- Swap any uniform (in a good clean condition) for a different size.
- Purchase additional pre-loved uniforms from 0.50p - £1.00

Please contact Mrs Hennessy if you wish to visit the Swap/Shop ( [mrs.hennessy@thegrangeschooldaventry.net](mailto:mrs.hennessy@thegrangeschooldaventry.net) )



## Additional Support Available

We really encourage you to view this link available to our families who are on a low wage. We have taken the following directly from the website. Families/individuals can apply for themselves as they will need to show proof of their last 2 wage slips etc. This is in addition to the Household Support Fund Food Vouchers. Please follow on the link below for further information.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/claiming-benefits/household-support-fund>

## Working on a low wage

You may be able to apply for support if:

- you're in work
- you earn less than £400 a week net (after tax, including any government benefits)  
and
- you did not receive the Cost of Living Payment of £650 (paid in 2 lump sums of £326 and £324)

If your application is successful, you will receive an initial £125 payment, followed by another £125 payment automatically 60 days later.

# Calendar Dates Term 3



<p><b><u>Monday 16/01/23</u></b> Year 2 Titanic Workshop.</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 2/2/2023</u></b> Year 5 Hawthorn Swimming.</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday 19/1/23</u></b> Year 5 Hawthorn Swimming.</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 9/2/2023</u></b> -Year 5 Hawthorn Swimming. - Parents invited to class 09.15-10.30am</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday 24/1/23</u></b> Year 6 Holdenby House Visit.</p>	<p><b><u>Friday 10/2/2023</u></b> Last day of term 3 School finishes at 3.15pm</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday 26/1/23</u></b>  Year 5 Hawthorn Swimming.</p>	<p><b><u>Monday 20/02/2023</u></b>  Training day - No children in school</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday 26/1/23</u></b> Year 5-6 Athletics Competition at the Leisure Centre. Invitation Only</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 21/02/2023</u></b>  Term 4 Starts - Children back to school Please arrive at 8.40am for a prompt start at 8.50am.</p>

# Term Dates 2023/2024

## The Grange School Academic Year 2023-2024

Term 1	Training Day	Monday 4th September
	Term Starts	Tuesday 5th September
	Term Ends	Friday 20th October
Term 2	Training Day	Monday 30th October
	Term Starts	Tuesday 31st October
	Term Ends	Wednesday 20th December
Term 3	Training Day	Thursday 4th January
	Training Day	Friday 5th January
	Term Starts	Monday 8th January
Term 4	Term Ends	Friday 16th February
	Term Starts	Monday 26th February
	Term Ends	Thursday 28th March
Term 5	Term Starts	Monday 15th April
	Term Ends	Friday 24th May
Term 6	Training Day	Monday 3rd June
	Term Starts	Tuesday 4th June
	Term Ends	Tuesday 23rd July

\*\*Please note TRAINING DAYS may vary to other schools.

## Parents In Class



# Attendance News....

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th January 2023

Class		Class		Class	
Ash - R	94.8%	Willow - 3	90%	Acer - 5	93.3%
Oak - I	89.1%	Yew - 3	98.9%	Bonsai - 5	88.7%
Lime - I	92.9%	<b>Maple - 4</b>	<b>99.4%</b>	Hawthorn - 5	94.0%
Birch - 2	98.3%	Poplar - 4	98.9%	Sequoia - 6	96.7%
Palm - 2	95.6%			Sycamore - 6	96.6%

*Our whole school target  
-96.0%. Last week our whole  
school attendance was- 94.9%  
Getting better!*

***Well done Maple class who  
got the highest weekly  
attendance-99.4%***



Well done to all **373 children**  
who had 100% attendance  
last week!

Do you  
know your  
child's  
attendance?

Whole  
school  
target  
is 96%

Please contact Mrs  
Best if you would like  
to discuss your child's  
attendance further.



# International Theme Day

Thursday 19 January 2023

## English cooked breakfast

Bacon, egg, hash brown and baked beans

(Allergens: SULPHITES (bacon), EGG (hash brown), GLUTEN (hash brown), MILK (hash brown))

*Order deadline for this meal is by 12 noon, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January*

## Italian veggie balls

Vegetarian 'meatballs' in a herby tomato passata, served with pasta

(Allergens: GLUTEN (pasta) - gluten free available)

*Order deadline for this meal is by 12 noon, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January*

## Mexican potato boats

Baked potatoes, stuffed with Mexican style beans and melted cheese

(Allergens: MILK (cheese))

*Order deadline for this meal is by 9.00am, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January*

## American subs with various fillings

Fillings: cheese, ham, tuna crunch and egg salad

(Allergens: GLUTEN (subs) MILK (cheese), EGG (egg salad), FISH (Tuna))

*Order deadline for this meal is by 9.00am, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January*

## Dessert

A choice of:

**Australian Anzac biscuits, Greek Yoghurt & Caribbean fruit platter**

(Allergens: GLUTEN (biscuits), MILK (yoghurt))





# Online Safety

# S

## Stay Safe

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



# M

## Don't Meet Up

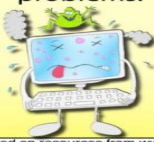
Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



# A

## Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.



# R

## Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



# T

## Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Teaching Online Safety

SMART tips based on resources from [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

All National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to help their children and young people stay safe online. Please visit [nationalonlinesafety.com](http://nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, videos and tips for adults.

## What you need to know about... GAMES CONSOLES

Part of our Gaming & Gambling series

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### What are they?

'Games Consoles'

Much like television allows you to watch movies or a radio allows you to listen to music, a games console allows you to play video games. The most modern ones are named you might be familiar with - Sony PlayStation, Microsoft Xbox, and Nintendo Switch - and almost all of them can now connect to the internet and be enjoyed online with friends.

### Know the Risks

#### Online Content

While modern consoles look like they need to be switched to the internet, many of them have a built-in internet browser or provide the ability to stream or download content. It's important that the appropriate filters and parental controls are in place to protect children from any inappropriate content.

#### Addictive nature

Games consoles are designed to be addictive. They can be used for hours at a time, and the addictive nature of the games can lead to children spending more time playing than they should. This can lead to children missing out on other activities and spending more time playing than they should.

#### Hacking risk

It's important to be aware of the risks of hacking. Some consoles have been hacked in the past, allowing users to access content that is not intended for them. This can lead to children accessing inappropriate content or even being hacked themselves.

#### Online Chat

Many consoles have an online chat feature, which allows players to talk to each other while playing. This can be a great way to make friends, but it can also be a risk if children are talking to strangers or being bullied.

### Safety Tips

#### Check contacts

Online predators and hackers often use tactics to build relationships with children. Get them to like personal details through gaming platforms or gaming communities. Be on the lookout for suspect communications such as invasive personal messages or people you suspect might not be who they say they are.

#### Look for behaviour changes

Becoming withdrawn, irritable and anxious when not playing on a games console are tell-tale signs of gaming addiction. If children turn angry when asked to stop playing, that could also be a sign that an intervention is needed.

#### Keep details private

Games consoles will almost exclusively ask you to enter your details securely on the console itself, or through a trusted website tied to the console maker. If somebody claiming to be working for Sony, Microsoft or Nintendo asks you to share your passwords or account details, do not give it to them.

#### Use parental controls

Most gaming consoles will have parental controls which can be used to set up things like family management accounts. From here, parents can often set age limits on games and content, spending restrictions, limit play time and set up passwords and authentications to help keep children safe.

### Further Support

#### Block and report

If someone has made your child feel uncomfortable, make note of suspect players or usernames. Often, you'll be able to block or report these players in game's settings. If you have proof of their identity, don't hesitate to contact your local police force or authority with as much information and evidence as you can gather.

#### Seek Support

If you're concerned about your child playing too much on their console and think they may have developed a gaming addiction, try and offer them support. The World Health Organisation has published gaming disorder as a mental health condition and there may be services you can access to help you or your child.

#### Keep IDs safe

We have a guide to your child about the importance of keeping their identity safe. If they ever receive messages claiming to be a friend or someone they know, tell them to stop playing and report and inform you. Things like adding uplinks and game IDs, arrange email addresses, or asking for personal information are tell-tale signs.

### Our Expert

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# Online Safety

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



# WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to lure them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

#### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

#### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

#### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

CLICK HERE

#### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



#### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



#### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam, if the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



#### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



#### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



#### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



#### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



### Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday



MAKE SOME **NEW**  
**FRIENDS**

**START**  
SOMETHING  
**NEW**

LEARN A **MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

**FOR FREE**

HAVE **FUN**

# Upbeat Brass



New learners  
group starting  
12th January 2023  
at 6.30pm

Ideal for KS2 and KS3  
Parents can learn too.

You can come along if you are  
just curious or if you have  
already started to play.

Sessions last for 45 minutes. Term time only

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