

Friday 9th September 2021 - Newsletter 1

*A message from Miss Towler...*



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to have all the children back together after our summer break and haven't they done well! With positive attitudes, super respect and big smiles on their faces they have certainly made me proud. We have started to move towards bringing the children together and we have had our first assemblies as a school and daily lunches together in the hall. We really did miss those whole school opportunities where we could be one big family together. The children have shared that they have loved having this time back together as a team.

This week we have welcomed to school our new assistant Headteacher, Natalie Blythe, who is working as Early Years Lead and her wonderful Team Venus (more on this later...) They have had a wonderful first week and we are sure there is lots more of this to come.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Caroline Towler, Headteacher

**Our school attendance this week is:**

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: 93%

Reception:91% Jupiter:94% Top team attendance👍

Saturn:94% Top team attendance👍 Neptune:93%

**\*As Government guidance states, your child's attendance is compulsory in school and unless they are unwell or isolating we ask that you ensure they are in school, on time, every day.**



**Welcome Team Venus!**

Our new Early Years team have made a wonderful start to the year and have settled into their new home brilliantly. They also have a new name as they have aligned with our school planet's theme and so we welcome Team Venus. Team Venus is made up of Team Venus Nursery and Team Venus Reception. We are sure that they will make a fantastic team this year.



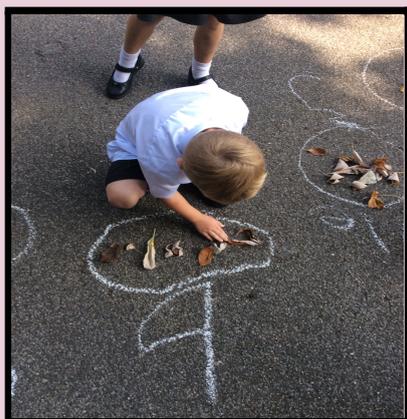


# Twitter at TPA

Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on Twitter right now!

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## Welcome back TPA dream team!



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help inform conversations about online safety with their children, should they feel it's needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, tools and tips for adults.

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

### Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you online. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

### Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

### Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night; you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

### Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

### Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

### React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened; they'll help you decide what to do next.

### Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

### Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

### Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

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## Shaping the future of TPA!

This week we have been working hard to think about the future for our school and what we would like our vision to be moving forwards. In our school we put lots of emphasis on being a team and showing respect and these are qualities we want for our children and the adults that work with them. I talked in my assembly on Tuesday about our vision and values for our school and this will be a theme for our assemblies and for our future School Council meetings. We will also discuss this with our Governing Body and of course we would love to have your input as well. We plan to have a Zoom online Parents meeting very soon so watch out for the date in next week's newsletter.



## Please put names in school belongings

Please can we ask that you put your child's name in their school jumpers. It always makes it easier for jumpers to find their owners! Thank you.

