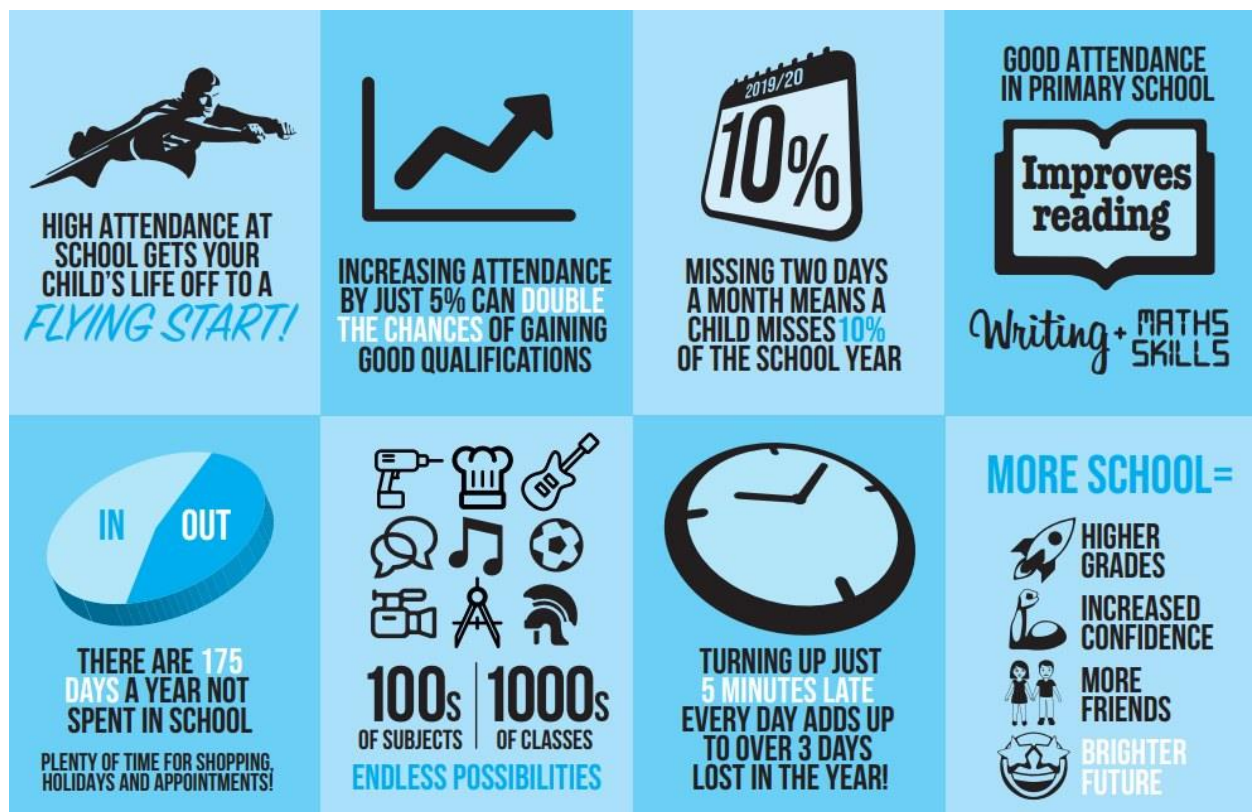




## Newsletter for 29th November 2024

Every lesson counts - your child must attend school every single day for the best chance of success!





**"THIS MORNING, HE  
WAS WORRIED ABOUT  
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



**HM Government**

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.





Prizes to be won!

## Every Day Counts



From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November for 3 weeks, we will be holding our 'Every Day Counts' prize draw.

If you are in school every day, on time, 100% of the week, your name will go into the class prize draw.

Every child who has been in 100% and on time will receive a certificate to add to your collection. You've got this!

Attendance Team

## Headteacher's Message



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*Dear Families,*

*Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who attended our KS1 and Reception Phonics Workshops this week; we hope that it was useful in sharing how we teach phonics and early reading in school, and how you can support at home. Miss Queen will be delivering another session next term, so look out for details if you were unable to attend.*

*This week, our children in Years 2 to 5 have been taking NTS test papers and the children in Year 6 have taken a past SATs paper. These tests support teachers in assessing every child's knowledge and understanding in reading and maths, and everyone is really proud of how positively all of the children have approached them!*

*Our Parent/Carer Fitness sessions restart on Tuesday 3rd December 9:00-9:30 am so please come along for fun and fitness! Everyone is welcome to join; the sessions are led by our school coach Ameen and supported by Mrs Patrick.*

*Friday 6th December will be Miss Walters' last day in school before she starts her maternity leave. I'm sure that you will all join me in wishing her and her family the best at this special time. Miss Begum will be teaching Aqua from 9th December and has been getting to know the children in the class over recent weeks.*

*We are busy planning our Festive Christmas Fayre on Thursday 12th December. It will be open from 3:00 pm for parents and carers only to browse stalls which will have gifts available to buy. Children can join the fun after homework. There will be a Santa Grotto, food stall, glitter face paint stall, disco, Santa letter writing station, and creative arts station! Details of charges for the Santa visit and school-run stalls will be sent out by text so please look out for this next week.*

*Tuesday 17th December is the date for our Festive Singalong. The school corridors are alive with the sound of children's voices practising already so please save the date and come along at 3:00 to join in! There will be hot drinks and mince pies available to buy on the day for £1 (hot drink and a mince pie).*

*Wednesday 11th December is when our Nativity productions will take place, including children from EYFS and Year 1. There will be two performances on the day, one at 9:30 am and one at 2:30 pm. Please look out for details coming out by letter.*

*Have a lovely weekend,*



*Christine Chapman*

*Headteacher*

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## **Apply for free school meals**



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[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Did you know that by registering your child for free school meals, you're not only ensuring they get a nutritious, hot meal every day but also supporting our school's funding? Every child who is registered for free school meals generates extra funding for the school, which we can invest directly back into your child's education and wellbeing. This funding helps us provide more*

*resources, better learning environments, and additional support for our pupils. While all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 (as well as those under the Mayor's Meals scheme in London) automatically receive free school meals, we only receive extra funding if you officially register your child. Please read the attached letter for information on how to apply.*

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## **FREE Vouchers for Milk and Food**



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### ***What is Healthy Start?***

*If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.*

*If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks.*

*You can use your card to buy:*

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- *plain liquid cow's milk*
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- *fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables*
  - *fresh, dried, and tinned pulses*
  - *infant formula milk based on cow's milk*
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*You can also use your card to collect:*

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- *Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding*
  - *vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old*
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*For more information and **to apply online**, please click the link [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)*

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*We have a number of children (and grown ups!) who have nut allergies in school. With such allergies, sometimes just being around nuts (smell and touch) can trigger a dangerous allergic reaction.*

***Please do not send any products containing nuts into school.***

*Thank you,*

*Becky Lewis*

*Deputy Headteacher*

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## Safe Treat List - Important



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*We do not want to prevent children from bringing in treats for their friends if it is a special occasion such as a birthday. This is a long standing tradition that we would like to continue but it must be safe for all children.*

*Please see ideas for safe treat options that do not contain nuts below;*

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- Cadbury Dairy Milk
  - Cadbury Twirl
  - Cadbury Caramel
  - Cadbury Wispa
  - Cadbury Eclair
  - Cadbury Fudge
  - Cadbury Crunchie

- *Cadbury Buttons*
  - *Galaxy Minstrels*
  - *Galaxy Milk Chocolate*
  - *Galaxy Caramel*
  - *Galaxy Ripple*
  - *Mars bar*
  - *Kitkat (original)*
  - *Halal Haribo*
  - *Cadbury's Heroes (but remove mini Double Deckers - they are not made with nuts but made in a factory that processes nut products)*
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## **School Term Dates for Next Year - 2024/25**

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*Please see the calendar below showing all of the school term dates, bank holidays and teacher training days for the next academic year.*

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## Manor Park Calendar 2024/25

August 2024						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa Su
31				1	2	3 4
32	5	6	7	8	9	10 11
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November 2024						
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December 2024						
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### Bank holidays 2024/25

26 August '24	August Bank Holiday	26 December '24	Boxing Day	18 April '25	Good Friday	5 May '25	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '24	Christmas Day	1 January '25	New Year's Day	21 April '25	Easter Monday	26 May '25	Spring Bank Holiday

### Teacher Training Days

2 September 2024	3 September 2024	29 November 2024	31 March 2025	21 July 2025
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## Star of the Week



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*Watch this space for Stars next week!*

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## School Policies

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*Please find our school policies on our website by clicking here:*

*<https://www.manorparkacademy.co.uk/about-us/policies/>*

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## Have you moved house or changed your number?

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*Please let the main office know if any of your details change such as:*

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- 
- *Your address*
  - *Your phone numbers*
  - *Your emergency contacts*
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*Just call 0121 3271023 or email [enquiry@manorparkacademy.org](mailto:enquiry@manorparkacademy.org)*

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*Thank you!*

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## Apply for our Nursery or Reception Classes!



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*Do you have a child or know another parent with a child born between 01.09.2020 - 31.08.2021? We have spaces available in our lovely Nursery!*

*If you also have or know a parent with a child born between 01.09.19 - 31.08.20, we have spaces in our amazing Reception classes too!*

*Please contact the school office for a tour and a chat with our friendly team. You can also see more information here on our website: [Early Years – Manor Park Primary Academy \(manorparkacademy.co.uk\)](http://manorparkacademy.co.uk)*

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## Dates for your Diary



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***ESOL Classes*** - Every Thursday 1.15pm - 3.15pm

***Fussy Eating and Sleep Routine Workshop*** - 3rd December ALL WELCOME

***Reception Nativity*** - 11th December at 9:00 (9:30 start) and 2:00 (2:30 start) Refreshments available before show starts

***Winter Fayre*** - 12th December

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**The session will cover:**

What fussy eating is  
The causes of fussy eating  
The types of fussy eaters  
A range of practical solutions  
to manage and improve  
fussy eating



# SEND Workshop

**Tuesday 3rd December**  
**9:00 - 10:00 am**

Fussy Eating  
Sleep Routines

**The session will cover:**

Sleeping difficulties  
How to create a calming  
sleep routine.  
Why sleep is important



## Attendance Procedures



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*Please call 0121 327 1023 to report your child's absence by 9.30am*

*If you need support with your child's attendance, please contact Jo Green via email at [enquiry@manorparkacademy.org](mailto:enquiry@manorparkacademy.org) or call the school office.*

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# — AND — THE WINNERS *are...*

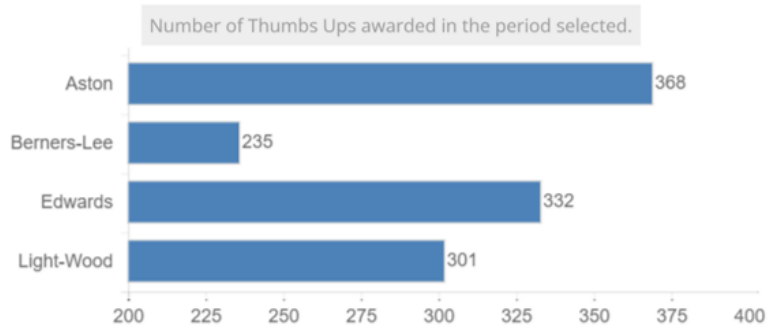
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*House Points are now collected using Marvellous Me. **You can see you child's individual house points by clicking on the 'thumbs up' button.** However many 'thumbs up' they've had, this is the number of house points they have received in school!*

*This week's winners overall are Aston*

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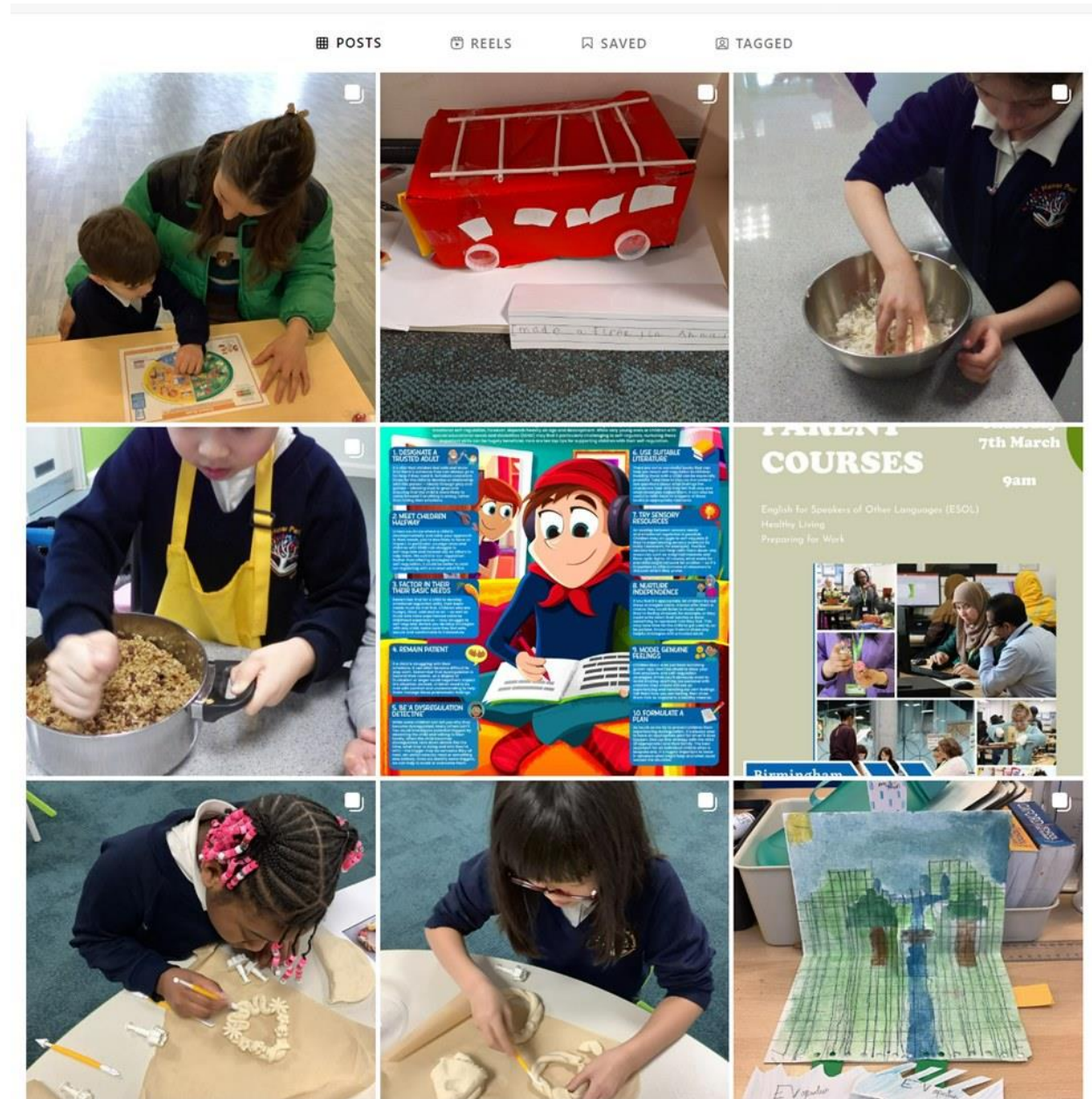
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Awarded**  
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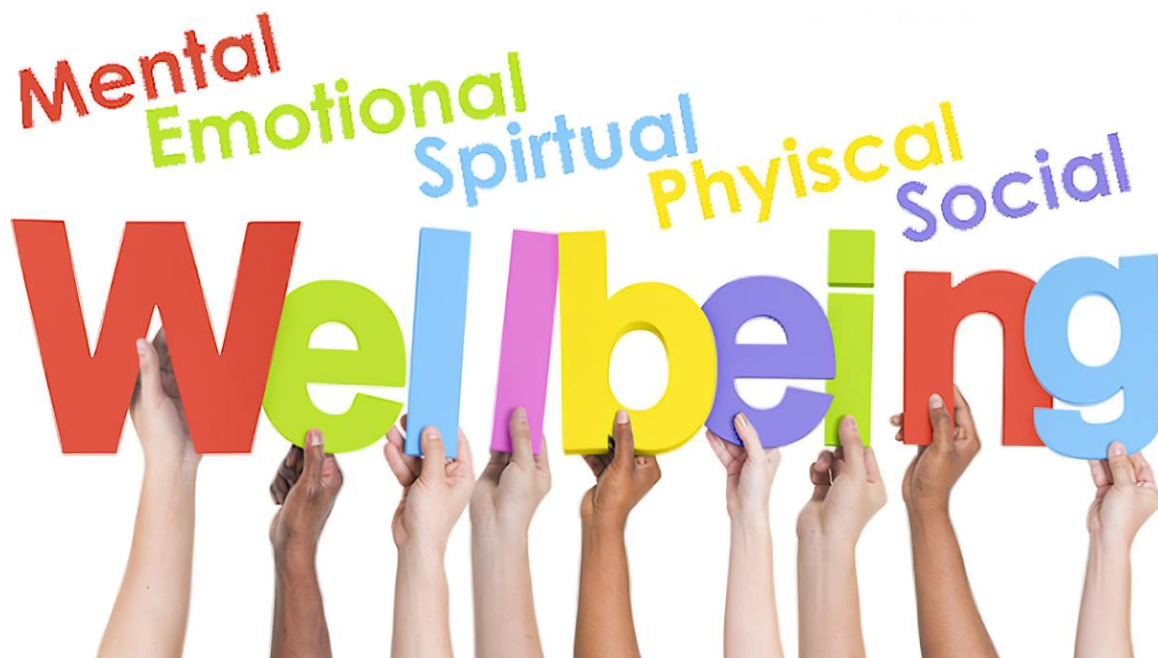
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## Safeguarding and Wellbeing Update - Toy Safety and Snap Chat



### Toy safety

*"I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces."*

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

**Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.**

#### Buying safely

- Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous.
- Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
- Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit gov.uk and search 'product recalls'.
- If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.

#### Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children. Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.

Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings. If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

#### Which toys are most dangerous?

- Toys with:
  - accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
  - super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
  - long cords that can strangle your child
  - small parts that can choke your small child
- Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed
- Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.



#### Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:

- Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the box
- Check for any loose small magnets
- Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
- Look for long cords or access to stuffing
- Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.

#### Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:

- Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0800 223 1133
- Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0800 223 1144
- Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0800 144 6000
- Northern Ireland Consumerline: 0300 123 6262

[capt.org.uk](https://www.capt.org.uk)

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

[@capt\\_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

child accident  
prevention trust



**SNAP STREAK**

**97**  
DAYS

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

### PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

### MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

### SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

### ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

### BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>



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Academy everyone  
has the right to feel safe.**

**At Manor Park Primary  
Academy everyone  
has the right to learn.**



**We are your Designated Safeguarding Leads.  
We can help you.**



Ms Christine Chapman  
**Headteacher**  
DSL



Mrs Saima Mahmood  
**Teacher**  
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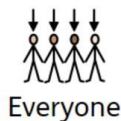
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