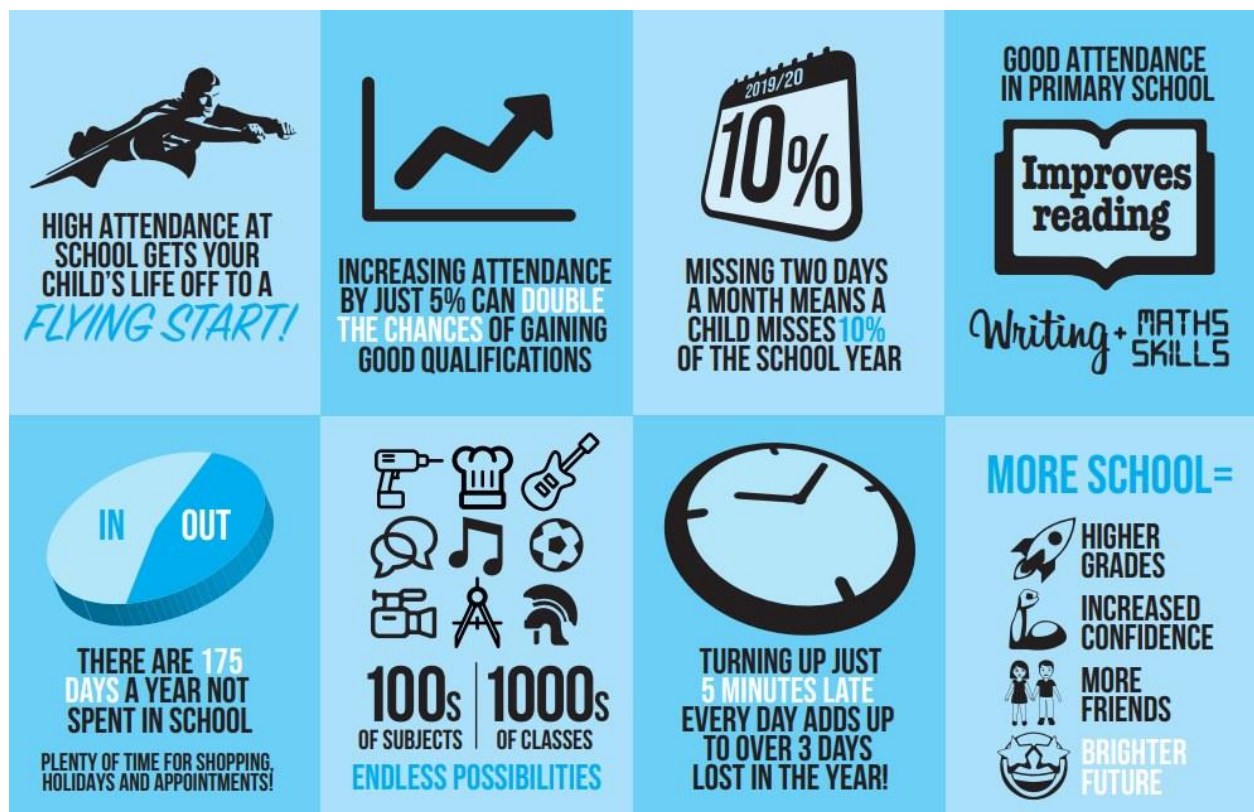




## Newsletter for 4th October 2024

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



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***Our best attending classes this week are:***

***1st Place – Gold, Turquoise & Crimson 100%***

***2nd Place –Emerald 99.6%***

***3rd Place – Copper 98.7%***

***Well done to those classes! Thank you so much parents and carers for making sure your child attends school every day!***

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**"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.





## Headteacher's Message



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*Dear Families,*

*I would like to thank the families who turned up on Tuesday to have their photograph taken for our new Community entrance display. Many families turned up unexpectedly on the day so it was a very busy time and I appreciate everyone's patience!*

*Year 1 have been exploring the outdoor areas this week to create beautiful natural patterns, inspired by their Art unit on the artist and sculptor Andy Goldsworthy. To see their creations, please visit our Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/manorparkprimaryacademy/>. On Instagram, you can also find fantastic artwork created by some of our youngest school members. Reception have been learning about families and have created self-portraits after studying their features in mirrors.*

*I also enjoyed seeing Teal class work really collaboratively to start creating slide show presentations about Bletchley Park, supporting their learning in history. I'm looking forward to seeing the final outcome!*

*Next week, we are holding our Open Days for Reception 2025 on Monday and Tuesday. There are more dates available in November and the session will include a tour of the school. If you know a family whose child is due to start school in September, please let them know that they can contact the school office or go to Eventbrite <https://shorturl.at/CTFzH> to book a space.*

*Due to the Open Days, our parent and carer fitness club will be cancelled on Monday 7th October and will restart on Monday 14th October.*

*Letters for Parents' Evenings will be coming out next week so please return the slip to book your slot. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to find out how your child has settled into their new class, as well as ways to support at home. Please bring your child along to the appointment so that they can share in celebrating their successes! A Book Fair will be available in the small hall during the event.*

*Kind regards,*

*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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## Year 5 and 6 Trip to Scout Adventures January 2025



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*Year 5 Parents,*

*We have now extended our Year 6 residential trip to include Year 5 children too!*

*Any questions, please come and see me but also look below for the presentation, video and questions from other parents that were answered during our meeting last week.*

**[Year-6-Parent-Meeting-re-Scouts-2025.pdf \(manorparkacademy.co.uk\)](#)**

*Please look at [Why choose Scout Adventures](#) website for all other information about the centre.*

*Look out for letters sent home today.*

***Once numbers are confirmed we will set up the payment system for you.***

*Thank you and have a fabulous weekend!*

*Becky Lewis*

*Deputy Headteacher*

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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*
  - *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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A gentle reminder...



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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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# School Term Dates for Next Year - 2024/25

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



## Manor Park Calendar 2024/25

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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			



## Star of the Week



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*The value of the week is 'Aspiration' Here are Manor Park's Stars of the Week*

*Nursery Asma*

*Indigo Tommy Lee*

*Gold Omar*

*Copper Muhammad*

*Aqua Salaar*

*Turquoise Musa*

*Cerise Adora*

*Crimson Maryam K*

*Bronze Jonah*

*Ochre Aaliyah*

*Ruby Jannat*

*Topaz Camron*

*Teal Rida*

*Emerald Chidiogo*

***Well done everyone!***

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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)*

*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](http://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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***Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park Thursday 24th October***

***Parents Evening Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October 3.50pm***

***Parent Fitness Sessions Mondays in the main hall 9.00am***

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Coffee and Chat for parents and carers at Manor Park Primary Academy



JOIN US FOR

What makes Manor Park a great school?  
How can we make it even better?

Find out about ESOL and Healthy Cooking Adult  
Education Classes

Saima Asif from BAES will be joining us

Tuesday 15th October

9 AM - 10 AM



Raffle Prizes to be won!



## 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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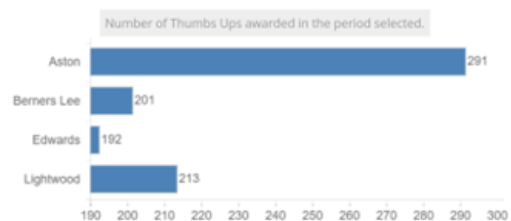
# — AND — THE WINNERS *are...*

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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!*

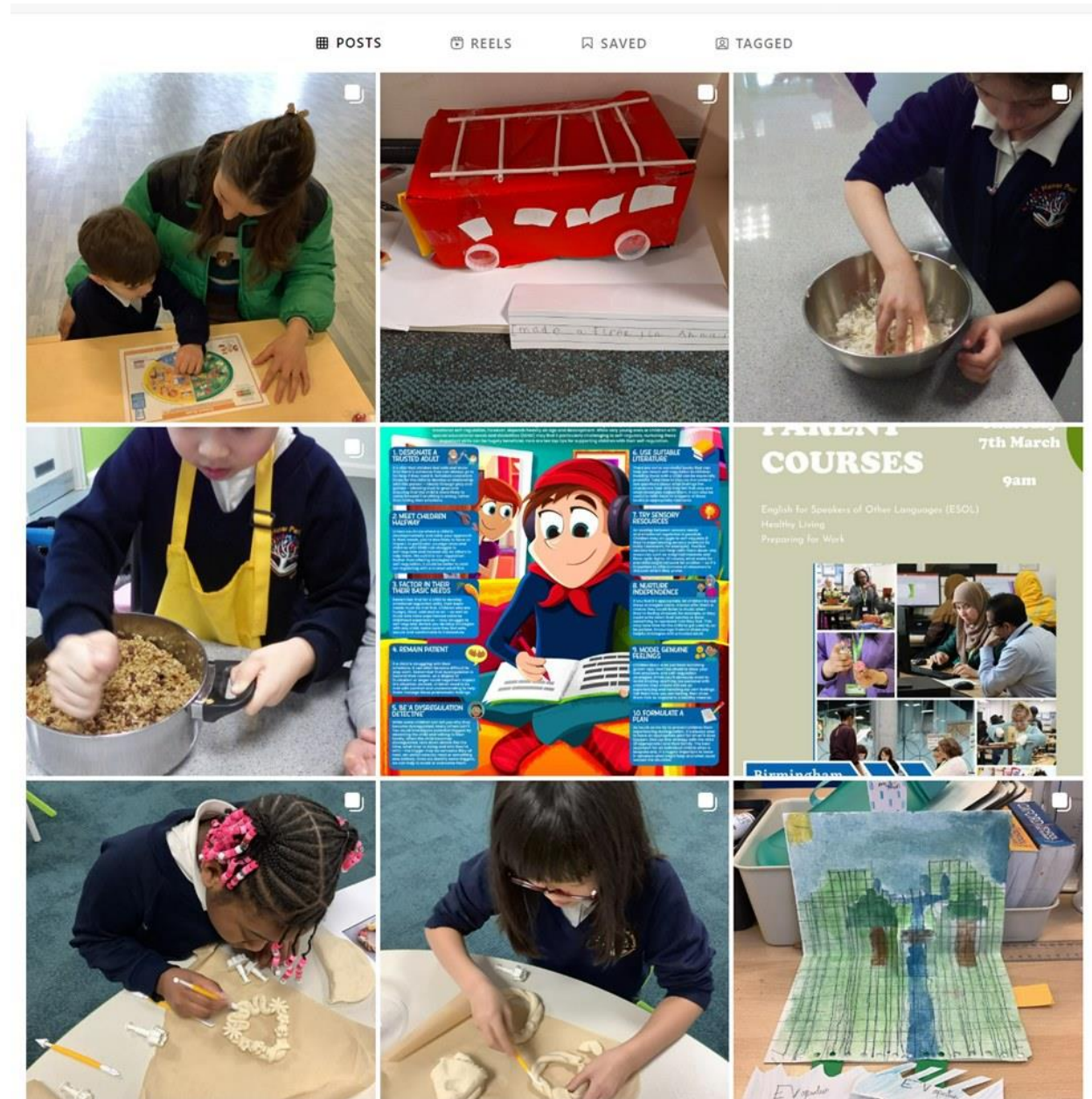
*This week's winners overall are Aston...again!*

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*Give us a follow on Instagram!*

<https://www.instagram.com/manorparkprimaryacademy/>



## Autism Support



# FREE LUNCH & WELLBEING WALK



Meet at Hay Hall Manor House,  
Redfern Road, Tyseley, B11 2BE

All are welcome to come and  
enjoy some food, some light  
exercise, the outdoors and have a  
chat

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL SO WE CAN  
LET YOU KNOW IF CANCELLED  
FOR ANY REASON.**

Please come join us on our  
wellbeing walks

- Tuesday 10th September 2024
- Tuesday 8th October 2024
- Tuesday 12th November 2024
- Tuesday 10th December 2024

Lunch @ 12:30pm  
followed by  
1 hour canal walk @ 1:30pm

For further information and  
to book on the walk please scan the QR  
Code  
or  
[CLICK HERE](#)



Contact Kelly Email: [kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk](mailto:kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk) Call: 07794230243

Please do sign up to the The Active Wellbeing Society card, which also allows  
you to attend some free and cost-effective events in Birmingham:  
<https://theaws.co.uk/join-us/wellbeing-card/>

[www.resourcesforautism.org.uk](http://www.resourcesforautism.org.uk) Charity number 1061253



Parent / Carer

# Autism & Good Sleep Workshop



Tuesday 17th September 2024

10:30am - 12:30am

@ BAYC, 581 Pershore Road, Birmingham, B29 7EL



To book onto the workshop please  
[CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR Code above

The Autism & Good Sleep Workshop

This workshop is aimed at parents/carers of children and young people to sleep educate and offer some ideas and strategies to try to help improve sleep at home

Run by Kelly Reed  
Resources for Autism  
Behaviour Manager West Midlands

Limited onsite parking, but free road parking  
and 45 & 47 Bus stops nearby

for further information please email  
[kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk](mailto:kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk)  
Kelly Bumpas  
Family Support Coordinator



## Community Support



### Come dine with us !

**adore**  
CHURCH

**Pull up a seat, you are welcome!**

School holidays can be so much fun...but they can also be a bit of hard work! We would love to take the pressure off by giving you a really great answer to the two big questions kids have during the holidays: "what are we going to do today?" and "what's for lunch?"

At your local Make Lunch Club you'll get to meet a friendly team of volunteers, who are all safely recruited, and happy to make sure that there's plenty of food and fun activities to go around. Our sessions are free of charge.

Partnering with  
**TLG make lunch**

**Come and Join the team at:**

Adore Church, 76 Church Road,  
Aston, Birmingham, B6 5TY

**Our Lunch Club will take place:**

Wednesdays 11am-1pm  
During School Holidays  
30/10

**Additional information:**

Bring the whole family! This is a space for  
parents and children (0-18) alike.

**If you want to chat or find out more  
you can contact us at:**

[matt@adore.church](mailto:matt@adore.church)

**...we can't wait to see you!**



Scan to register  
or come along!

# SHINE A LIGHT

community event  
2nd November  
3-6pm



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community event  
2nd November  
3-6pm  
76 Church Road  
Aston, B6 5TY



Games  
Challenges  
Free Food  
Prizes

Join us for an evening  
of fun, friendship and  
food!

There'll be something  
for everyone so bring  
the whole family and  
celebrate light and  
community with us!







**LivingWell**  
UK

# REACHING COMMUNITIES

Join us for exciting FREE sessions! sessions!

Sport, arts, yoga, mindfulness and workshops on a range of topics...

Sessions are opened to Children and Young People 5-17 years old

**Where:** The Chris Bryant centre, 300 Reservoir Road, B23 6DA

**When: Wednesdays**

**During School Holidays: 10am-12pm**

**During Term Time: 3pm-5pm**



Register via QR Code or walk-in on the day!

**Holiday Sessions**



**Term-time Sessions**



**Need more info?...Contact**  
**[programmesteam@livingwellconsortium.com](mailto:programmesteam@livingwellconsortium.com)**  
**for all enquiries**

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## Safeguarding and Wellbeing Update - What Parents Need To Know About In Game Chat





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

### DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

### DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

### BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

### POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

### COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

### REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



The National College®

Source: See full reference list on guide page at [nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat)



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**At Manor Park Primary  
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**  
DSL



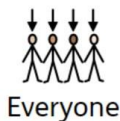
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DSL



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**Lead DSL**



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