



# Ashwater Primary School

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Dear Parents,

In assembly last week we talked about International Women's Day, which was last Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. On Friday, it was wonderful to see the children in Yellow & Blue non-uniform to raise money for the Ukraine emergency appeal. We raised £86, thank you for your generous support with this. It was important for the children to feel they were contributing something positive. The children will be planting sunflowers this week and bringing them home to see how well they can be grown. These are symbols of hope for the Ukrainian people and will be another positive thing for our children to do.

Class 1



Class 2



Thank you to Miss Miners and Miss Frayn for presenting the **SATs meeting to parents** last week. It was good to see a number of parents attending; I hope you found it useful and informative. Here is a link to the PowerPoint that was shared: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parents-SATs-meeting-presentation.pdf>

### Quicksticks Match Report

The Y5/6 Quicksticks team went to Holsworthy College on Monday and really 'Aimed High'. Here is their match report written by Logan and Jayden:

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Halwill and Ashwater Primary schools visited Holsworthy Community College to attend a Quicksticks (hockey) tournament. First, the teams were sorted into two groups. Everyone played all the teams in their group. Ashwater won their group and Halwill came second so for the semi-final it was Ashwater vs Halwill. Halwill won in extra time! The final was Bradford vs Halwill. It was a very tight game ending with a score of 1-0 to Bradford. What a fantastic afternoon and well played everyone!



### Thank you to Holsworthy Rotary Club

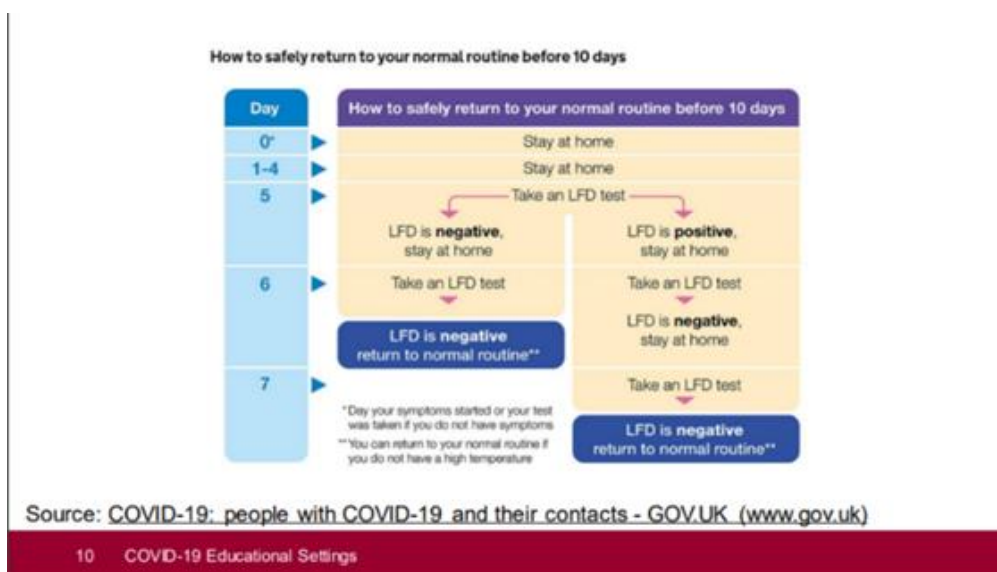
A huge thank you for the kind donation of library books to help children understand the importance of climate change.



## COVID

A reminder of latest advice can be viewed here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Letter-COVID-Changes-27.02.22.pdf>

In essence, PHE advice is to still isolate if a person tests positive, testing with an LFD on day 5 and 6. Please see the diagram below.



## Vacancies

We will shortly be advertising for a cleaner at Halwill and a cleaner at Ashwater. The successful candidates will be employed by the Federation (and not by Devon Norse as previously). When the adverts are available, they will be shared in the newsletter and on Facebook. Please do share with anyone who might be interested.

## Non-uniform Day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March in aid of Comic Relief

Children can wear non-uniform (no theme) and a red nose if they wish. A suggested donation of £1, to be handed to class teachers, will be greatly appreciated.

## Class Assemblies

As we were unfortunately unable to have the Christmas shows, we are inviting parents and carers to join for Class Assemblies as follows:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 9:10 am - Class 1 (including Pre-School)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 9:10 am - Class 2

## Parent Consultation Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1:30 – 5:30 pm

This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. As we are a small school, we feel it will be safe to return to face-to-face meetings because the number of people on-site at a given time will be low. However, we appreciate that some parents have enjoyed the flexibility that virtual meetings have offered so if you feel you would prefer to have a Zoom meeting, please let the office know and we will do our best to accommodate this, though it may be at a different time. **Please contact the school office to make an appointment. It is open until 11:30 on Monday to Wednesday and until 10:30 on Thursday and Friday.**

## Easter Bonnet Parade, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9:10 am at the Village Green

This will be an event where parents, carers and the local community will be able to watch the children parading in their Easter Bonnets. We will ask parents to drop children to the Green in the morning. Further details and permission slips will be shared nearer the time.



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 game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX



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With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

### No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, grievers and online predators.



### Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

### In-App Purchases

Roblox is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Roblox can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



### ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

### Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



## Advice for Parents & Carers



### Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



### Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.

### Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



### Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clearly why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.



### Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



### Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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## Safeguarding at Ashwater

### The Safeguarding Team

#### **Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

**Mrs R Alford**

#### **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

**Mrs R Cawsey**

**Miss H Frayne**

#### **Attendance Officer:**

**Miss S Revers**

#### **Safeguarding Governor:**

**Mrs G Marshall**

Want to talk to your child about on-line safety? Click here for more information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



### The Carey Qualities

#### **Relationships by being Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful**

Each Friday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.



For building <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Thomas Harry H	Elisabeth Faith		Alfie	

*Dates for your diary:*

**March**

18th	Non uniform day—Comic Relief. £1 donation
23rd	Parent Consultation 1.30pm—5.30pm
24th	Tempest Photography
30th	Class 1 assembly (including Pre-School) 9.10am

**April**

6th	Easter Bonnet Parade, 9.10am, Village Green
8th	End of Spring Term
25th	Start of Summer Term

**May**

2nd	Bank Holiday
25th	Class 2 assembly 9.10am
30th May—3rd June	Half Term

**July**

22nd	End of Summer term
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**September**

1st	Inset Day
2nd	Inset Day

**November**

23rd	Tempest Photography
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**Please remember to order your  
School lunches via school-  
money by Friday of each week.  
This helps us cater correctly.  
Thank you.**



**Contacting Ashwater School**

The school office (01409 211228) is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8.30—11.30 and Thursday and Friday mornings 8.30—10.30. If you urgently need to contact a member of staff when the office is closed please either call the Classroom direct line or contact Halwill school on 01409 221476.