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### HEAD'S LINES

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new term—I hope that you were able to enjoy the Christmas break despite some of you having to isolate due to covid. Unfortunately, some of our staff are positive at this time and have been unable to return to school, we wish them well and send our hope for a speedy recovery. Staffing is very tricky across the county at present, and we are all trying our best to mitigate any problems. There may be times when we are unable to have someone in the reception etc and we thank you for your patience and understanding with this. Our priority is to keep the school fully open without having to revert to remote learning. This means that staff are being very flexible at present to ensure this happens. The children have shown a great enthusiasm on returning to school and have all worked incredibly hard this week. They are a credit to you as parents. Clubs begin next week, so I do hope that many children will sign up for these extra curricular activities. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mrs Batt*



### I promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth...

This half term our focused Christian Value is about truthfulness. Teaching children about right and wrong and being honest is one of the most powerful qualities that we can develop. All children will lie at sometime - to avoid getting into trouble, avoid hurting another person's feelings or to make themselves look better. It is part of a stage in their cognitive and social development. This is why it is so important that at school and home we can teach children the importance of telling the truth. So here are some top tips: Model **honesty**; don't set them up; tell positive stories; say truth-telling makes you happy; teach tact; don't reward the lie; catch them **being honest**. At school we will also be thinking about how children can be true to themselves and others—particularly in standing up for the truth even if things are tough. We have sent home a sheet with ideas which we hope you will find helpful as you explore the value together.

## Upcoming Dates

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| 10.1.22 | Football Match at Shooters    |
| 17.1.22 | Bags to School                |
| 8.2.22  | 3:40 - 7:30pm Parents Evening |
| 9.2.22  | 3:40 - 6pm Parents Evening    |
| 14.2.22 | Half term                     |

### *Bible Verse for this half*

*term:*

*“Speak the Truth in the Spirit of Love”*

*(Ephesians 4.15)*





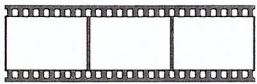
# THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS  
DO NOT PARK ON ZIG ZAG LINES

YOU COULD ENDANGER  
A CHILD'S LIFE



Parents parking when dropping off or collecting pupils from school has become a concern for us and the local residents recently. There have been some who have displayed inconsiderate and dangerous behaviour which does not reflect the values that we uphold here at Moreton. The school worked hard to ensure that we were able to continue using the car park behind the Dog and Pickle but some parents are not using this space and parking out the front of the school. Please do not park in front of residents drive or the gates to our car park. May I also remind you that it is illegal to park on the yellow lines outside the front of the school. As adults, we ask that you model to pupils how to act respectfully and considerately. Thank you



**CLUBS ARE  
BACK ON!**



Clubs begin back next week. At this time of year we make New Year's Resolutions—what's yours? Maybe your child would like to take up a new hobby or club? It is a great way for them to socialise and build their communication skills in a fun way. The club timetable can be found on our website.

New year is a great time to clear out items that you no longer need. If you have any good quality games or puzzles (complete ones please) we would love them for wet playtimes at school.





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

## PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

## SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

## FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

## ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

## FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

## PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to [PlayStation.com](http://PlayStation.com) and search 'family account' for instructions.

## DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

## SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

## SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

## TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console, so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

## INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

## STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

## Meet Our Expert

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