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#### **Dear Parent**

**Wrap Around Care** - We understand that sometimes these sessions are needed at short notice, but it would be most helpful if parents could book sessions in advance for Wrap Around Care when possible. This is especially important for instances when we may have to cancel the session due to unforeseen circumstances. Thank you!

**Age Appropriate TV**—As a school, we frequently have conversations with children (and parents) about what the children watch on TV, play or access online. Sometimes children tell us about things they have played or watched that are not appropriate for their age. It is important to be aware that age ratings are there as guidance and protection, but also that allowing children to watch age-rated content that they are not old enough to watch is against the law.

However, as parents, I'm very aware that it can be really difficult to navigate what is and isn't right to let children watch or play, especially given the breadth of content that there is available for children to access. To help with this, there is a wealth of guidance and advice available. For example, this is some excellent advice from Common Sense Media (<a href="www.commonsensemedia.org">www.commonsensemedia.org</a>):

Research shows that viewing or playing violent content <u>could have an effect on children</u>. This applies to both real and fictional violence that they might see on-screen. Violence that children absorb through TV, social media, movies, games, and other entertainment can:

- Raise their levels of fear, anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues
- Desensitize them to the pain and suffering of others
- Increase the chances of them acting aggressively

As hard as you try, you won't be able to avoid all exposure to violent media and entertainment. Our nonstop news cycle and social media feeds can make it difficult to avoid disturbing images. If your child learns about a tragic event or witnesses graphic photos or videos, talk with them about it in an age-appropriate way.

At home, parents and caregivers have some control over what children play and watch. If you'd like to limit how much violence your child sees in entertainment, try looking at reviews before pressing play. Look for entertainment that's free of violence and that your children will enjoy. If your child is ready to handle more violent media, you can introduce it age-appropriately and discuss it together. In the meantime, choose movies that aren't too scary, find alternatives to violent games, and seek out podcasts that help them express their emotions.

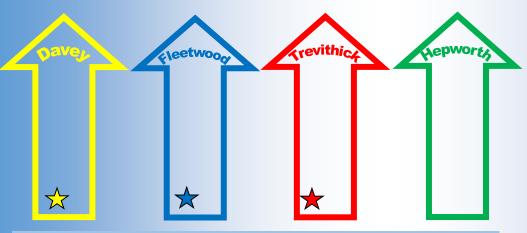
These websites may also helpful – their focus is on online content, but most of it is similarly applicable to TV shows and films:

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/

I realise that this can be a sensitive and challenging subject for many, but if you would like any more support with navigating this difficult issue, please get in touch.

All the best Mr Boyes



#### A reminder of the school times

8am - Early Bird

8:30 - Wake & Shake

8:30 Children can arrive and wait in the playground with their parents.

8:40 - Doors open

8:45 - Registration

15:15 - End of the day

15:15—17:00 Kids Club

#### **Photomontage**

In art this term; Godrevy are thinking about photomontage. In our extra art session on Tuesday, Godrevy had to design an advert for either fashion, gardening or cooking. They really embraced finding appropriate materials in weekend supplements from national newspapers and supermarket leaflets.



#### **Health Information**

The National Childhood Measurement appointments have been booked for Tues 25th March for children in YrR & Yr6.

Nearer the time we will inform you how you may withdraw your child from being measured.



# Spring 1

#### Toys



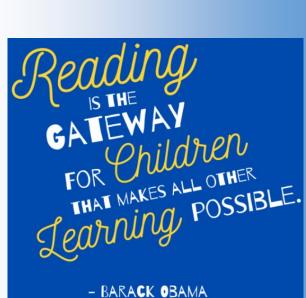
Old bear - Jane Hissy

This text provides opportunities for both character and setting description. The exploits of the characters provide a basis for writing lists and instructions. This is a heartwarming tale of friendship, perseverance and doing your best. The text is beautifully illustrated, making for a highly accessible and immersive read as the toys appear to control the narrative. The wonderful portrayals of the beloved toys really make them come alive.

#### **Trannack Reading Spine**

The topic for Praa Sands class this term is 'Toys', they are reading 'Old Bear! By Jane Hissey' as the fiction text from their reading spine for this half term.





9. Beautiful children's book illustrations introduce a child to art and creative expression.





Recommended for ages 5 - 7

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#### Storytime Online

Scan the QR code and the link will take you to a video of the of the story being read aloud. Click on this link: https://

<u>www.booksfortopics.com/</u> resources/storytime-online/ to see

#### **Attendance**

Whole school to date: 94.7%



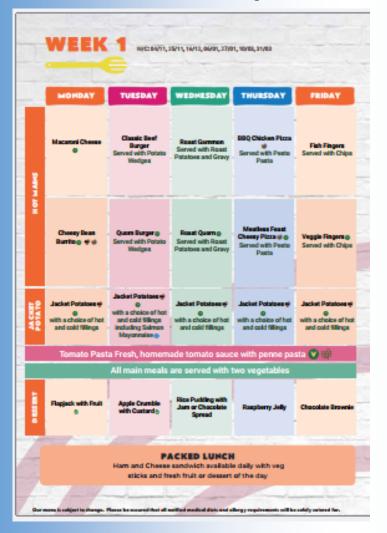
This week

Praa Sands Class ~ 98.5%

Godrevy Class ~ 95.3%

Portreath Class ~ 89.65%

### Menu for week commencing 27/01/2025



School Meals
£2.65 per day
£13.25 per week
Please pay via
ParentPay.



Diary Dates

Godrevy swimming ~ Fri 17/01/25 to Fri 14/02/25 inc.

Will Keating leading a singing workshop with all KS1/2 children - 29/01/25

Trust Council event at Paradise Park - 31/01/25

Godrevy visit to Light & Life Centre - 05/02/25

NSPCC Number Day (more info to follow) - 07/02/25

Yr1 Hearing Screening—10/02/25

Safer Internet Day (more info to follow) -11/02/25

Half term ~ 17/02/25 - 21/02/25 inc.

Mon 24/02/25 ~ School closed INSET day

Mass Cornish Sing - Yr1 - 6 - by coach to Hall for Cornwall - 03/03/25

St Piran's Day - Pasties for lunch 05/03/25

Portreath swimming ~ Fri 07/03/25 to Fri 04/04/25 inc.

Rocksteady concert for parents ~ Tue 01/04/25 9am

Praa Sands swimming ~ Fri 02/05/25 to Fri 23/05/25 inc.

Half term ~ 26/05/25 ~ 30/05/25

Residential (Bristol & Bath) Yr5/6 ~ Mon 09/06/25 - Weds 11/06/25

YrG transition to Helston ~ Tue 01/07/25 9am -3pm

New parents' eve Helston 6pm

Yr6 transition to Helston ~ Wed 02/07/25 9am - 3pm

New parents' eve Helston 6pm

Rocksteady concert for parents ~ Tue 22/07/25 ~ 9am

Last day of term 22/07/25





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPR PRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aways of what to do if they be appeared to age-inappropriate content.

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# WHERE IS IT FOUND?

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular eith young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring assualised dancing or profanity. Same social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

#### GAMING

daming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalizing to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) anime players aften use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or recent.



and a range or video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nuality, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

#### adverts

Online adverts frequently include age—inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history; so if you've recently looked up a new harror movie, shapped for lingeris or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child barrows your device.



PLAY NOW

Advice for Parents & Carers

#### TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they on always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

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## CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake — but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experience you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

#### BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the probern, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

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#### GET SPECIALIST HELD

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.



#### STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the nation that it would be easy to talk to you obout similar issues in the future.

### Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice of theing counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as recurrence and technique in professional and coop health.



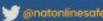


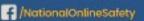


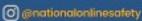
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