



Dring Digest w/e 20 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

- **School Attendance Matters**
Not going to school every day can make your child more worried about going in.

#GoingInNotMissingOut

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For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



- **Ofsted Report**

We are delighted to be able to share the report from the school's recent Ofsted Inspection. Copies are available to read/download from our school website.

2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR		
AUTUMN TERM 2023		
Starts Tuesday 5 th September 2023 / Ends Friday 22 nd December 2023		
	Break up at the end of the day on:	Return to school on the morning of:
HALF TERM BREAK	Thursday 26 th October 2023	Monday 6 th November 2023
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Friday 22 nd December 2023	Tuesday 9 th January 2024
SPRING TERM 2024		
Starts Tuesday 9 th January 2024 / Ends Friday 22 nd March 2024		
	Break up at the end of the day on:	Return to school on the morning of:
HALF TERM BREAK	Friday 9 th February 2024	Monday 19 th February 2024
EASTER BREAK	Friday 22 nd March 2024	Tuesday 9 th April 2024
SUMMER TERM 2024		
Starts Tuesday 9 th April 2024 / Ends Friday 19 th July 2024		
	Break up at the end of the day on:	Return to school on the morning of:
MAY BANK HOLIDAY (Monday 6 th May 2024)	Friday 3 rd May 2024	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
HALF TERM BREAK	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 3 rd June 2024
SUMMER BREAK	Friday 19 th July 2024	To be confirmed
Professional Development Days (School Closed):		
Monday 4 th September 2023		
Friday 27 th October 2023		
Monday 8 th January 2024		
Monday 8 th April 2024		
Monday 22 nd July 2024		

- **2023/2024 Term Dates**

Next year's term dates have been published on the school website. Please make a note of these in your diary or hit the subscribe button on the school webpage and subscribe to our school calendar so you never miss a school event again.

➤ **NSPCC Number Day**

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 3rd February 2023.

Alongside our fun-filled day of maths games and activities, we would like the children to take part in 'Dress up for Digits'. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt etc.) Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2 and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

We ask that you bring donations for NSPCC to your class teacher on the day and our fundraising will help to support services such as Childline.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Dringhouses will make an enormous difference to children across the UK.

➤ **Oh Baby!**

We would just like to share the lovely news that Mrs Backhouse is expecting her second child in May this year. Mrs Backhouse will be with us until the Easter holiday before going on maternity leave. We hope you will join us in congratulating her and her family.

➤ **Andrew Tate - Parents/Carers of Children in UKS2**

You may be aware of the recent events regarding an online influencer called Andrew Tate. There is some background information about Tate and what he does at the end of this paragraph if you would like to know a little more.

The presence of Andrew Tate as an online influencer is something that we all need to be aware of in order to support young people to make positive decisions about what/who they interact with online and how this feeds into our daily lives. At school, we will be talking to the children about online influences without directly mentioning Tate, unless he is discussed by the children. As a school, we feel it is important to have honest and open conversations, without introducing children to information online that they may then want to further look into.

As parents, it is important that you have the same honest, open conversations and regularly check in with your child about what they have been doing if they have access to the internet. The following tips are useful for if your child talks about something that you're concerned about online:

1. **Don't ignore the subject:** The absolute worst thing we can do is do or say nothing (or very little).
2. **Open the conversation** so you can guide in a way that informs and educates.
3. **Approach with curiosity and non-judgment** and then explain why Tate's content is problematic (in language that is age appropriate).
4. **Name the content for what it is:** misogynistic and violent (when we ignore, we normalise).
5. **If you see your child laughing about or speaking positively about Tate, don't just tell them to stop talking about it.** Instead, try to explore why they see it positively and what they think is funny about it.
6. **If you hear your child actively acting out or expressing these views, immediately name the behaviour for what it is.** Eg: "What you have just said is homophobic/misogynistic/sexist/violent/abusive".
 - **Then, ensure any victim or witness of the comments is safe** and knows the views and behaviour is unacceptable.
 - **Finally, have a discussion with your child exploring the real harm of these views/behaviours** and educate them around the deeper issues. Eg: "Do you understand the things you said are serious and not okay?"

If you would like any further support with keeping your child safe online, please don't hesitate to contact either your child's teacher.

Background information about Andrew Tate

'Andrew Tate is a former kickboxer who appeared on UK's Big Brother in 2016. After a video leaked of him assaulting a woman with a belt, he was removed from Big Brother. Since then he has started several businesses, including a fan cam service and, most recently, Hustler University, which sells a very specific lifestyle to young men and teenage boys. He has built an online following on TikTok, Instagram, and

Source: <https://www.editem.com/blog/2022/9/13/andrew-tate-and-his-boys-an-educators-guide>

We have recently been informed that some of our children may be accessing television programmes and video games which are not age appropriate. Please can we ask that you monitor what programmes and video games your children are accessing and assess if this is of an age appropriate nature. Advice for parents on age appropriate streaming (such as that shown below for the popular streaming service Netflix) or for specific video games can be found on the Online National Safety website.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What parents need to know about

NETFLIX

Launched in 1997, Netflix is now one of the world's leading online streaming services, providing users with unlimited access to a huge selection of TV shows and films. It's available on any internet-connected device that supports the Netflix app, from smart TVs and games consoles to tablets and smartphones, and is becoming increasingly popular with a younger audience. This is unsurprising given consumer attitudes are changing more towards video-on-demand (VoD) services. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Netflix is about.

Inappropriate content

Netflix hosts and produces content for all ages. It has a wide variety of films and TV programmes for young children, teens and adults and its extensive catalogue can provide hours of entertainment. Children can search for almost anything but if they share the same account as an adult, it can also open them up to viewing material that is adult themed or inappropriate. Netflix doesn't check who's watching so children could access films or TV shows that contain violence, nudity or foul language.

Risk of hacking

With millions of users in over 190 countries, Netflix is often targeted by hackers and phishing scams which try to illicit usernames and passwords to gain access to accounts. If successful, hackers can steal payment details or try to sell your data on the dark web, providing others with the opportunity to profit. Given Netflix doesn't provide 2-factor authentication, it's important to ensure your login details remain secure.

Binge-watching

With the ability to access Netflix on almost any device, it can be easy to fall into 'binge-watching' TV series, with users finding it difficult to turn it off without knowing what happens next. The autoplay function also means that the next episode usually plays within seconds of the last ending and the Netflix algorithms mean that recommended programmes are very often similar to those you've just watched. This can easily lead to spending hours in front of the TV through the day or staying up through the night, potentially affecting sleep, mood and the ability to concentrate the next day.

Screen addiction

In addition to binge-watching, the fact that Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection means that parents may find it difficult to prise children away from a screen. With a huge collection of children's TV programmes and the latest film titles, children could start watching on the TV, continue on the tablet and finish on their games console. Increased screen time means that they may spend less time learning, playing outside, find it difficult to sleep or communicate less with family and friends.

Netflix party

Netflix Party is a free extension on Google Chrome that gives users the ability to watch a film or TV show online simultaneously with friends or family in different locations. It also provides the ability to chat to each other during the stream. Users can create a party and send a link to people they want to invite however the link can be copied and distributed further, meaning children could potentially be open to a group chat with people they don't know. It should be noted that Netflix Party isn't an official Netflix product and needs to be downloaded separately to the app.

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Safety tips for parents & carers

Create a Netflix Kids experience profile

One of the biggest advantages of Netflix is the ability to control what content your children can watch. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means that children only have access to TV shows and movies which have been carefully selected for kids. The look and feel of the app is simpler and children can't access any account settings.

Set maturity ratings & block content

If your child is a little older, parents can create a separate profile to their own and set a maturity rating that means children will see only TV shows and movies that fit that rating. The three categories of rating for the UK are kids (all U, PG), teens (12, Guidance, Teen) and adult (15, 18, mature, adult). You can also block specific TV shows and movies from individual profiles which means they don't show up in the browse or search results.

Have an open & honest conversation

Parents can review the TV shows and films that have been watched on each profile under their account. If your child seems upset or shocked by something they have seen or if you are concerned about anything they've viewed, try to talk to them about it and have an open and honest conversation to help understand any concerns.

Switch off autoplay

Netflix has two autoplay features that can be switched on and off across different accounts and takes effect across all devices. Parents can disable the ability for consecutive episodes to play automatically and for previews to play when browsing. Both can help to limit the amount of time children spend on the app.

Lock your profile

It's important to keep your own account secure so that children can't freely switch between profiles and potentially access more adult-themed content or change access levels. Parents can set up a Profile Lock PIN which means only they can access their own Netflix account.

Set screen time limits

Although switching off autoplay will help to stem programmes playing continuously, children can just as easily choose to play the next episode themselves. Whilst Netflix has no options to help limit viewing time, many devices now allow parents to set screen time restrictions, so you can switch off the app automatically when you think they've had enough.

Meet our expert

Pete Bath is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area in West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.

Create a strong password & always log out.

Given that Netflix doesn't use 2-factor authentication, the need for a unique username and strong password is even more important. Try to use a different password to ones you've used before and use a mixture of numbers, letters (uppercase and lowercase) and symbols, with a minimum of 8 characters. Always log out when not using your account so that if your device is lost or stolen, your account remains inaccessible.

SOURCES: <https://www.netflix.com> | <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264> | https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/190616/children-media-use-400pages-2019-report.pdf

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➤ **Children's Flu Vaccination – Catch up Clinics**

If your child has not yet received the flu vaccination this year and you would like them to have it the following clinics are being held in the area.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM, TEESSIDE, NORTH YORKSHIRE & YORK FLU CLINICS

Tuesday 17/01/23	3pm to 5pm	Woodhouse Close Family Centre	Walker Drive, Woodhouse Close Estate, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 6QL
Wednesday 18/01/23	3pm to 5pm	West Middlesbrough Children's Centre	Stainsby Road, Whinney Banks, Middlesbrough TS5 4JS
Wednesday 18/01/23	3pm – 5pm	Everyone Active, Scarborough Sports Village	Ashburn Road, Scarborough, YO11 2JW APPOINTMENT ONLY
Saturday 21/01/23	9am to 11.30am	Rawcliffe Pavilion - York	St Mark's Grove, York YO30 5TS
Saturday 21/01/23	1pm to 3pm	Old Girls School Sherburn in Elmet	18 Kirkgate, Sherburn in Elmet, North Yorkshire LS25 6BL
Monday 23/01/23	3pm to 5pm	Richmond Friary	9 Queen's Road, Richmond DL10 4AJ
Tuesday 24/01/23	3pm to 5pm	Stockton Library	Church Road, Stockton TS18 1TU
Tuesday 24/01/23	3pm to 4.30pm	Mowbray House & Hutton Rugby Surgeries	Mowbray House, Malpas Road, Northallerton DL7 8FW APPOINTMENT ONLY
Wednesday 25/01/23	3pm to 5pm	Hartlepool Headland Fire Station	26 Durham Street, Hartlepool, TS24 0EL
Wednesday 25/01/23	3pm to 5pm	Harrogate CDC	Lancaster Park Road, Harrogate HG2 7SX APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please note all clinics are **drop ins** apart from the clinics that state **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. If your child is having an injection, can you please call the number below to book an appointment.

TEL: 0300 003 2554 EMAIL: HDFT.SAIS@NHS.NET

*These clinics are for any child **aged (reception-year 6) (year 7-9) who have missed their flu vaccination in school**. If you have already booked an appointment or are intending to go to a drop-in clinic then you **don't need to contact us**.

Please contact us if **you have NOT already completed an online consent form for flu** and would like to attend a clinic marked **APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

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Fulford Social Hall
- Adventures for All - 2.00pm

Fridays

Tadcaster Barn
- Adventures for All - 9.05am
Wilberfoss Community Centre
- Adventures for All - 10.50am
Spearhead Hall, Strensall
- Crawlers & Toddlers - 10.00pm
- Pre-Schoolers - 2.00pm



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**MONDAYS
HUNTINGTON**

**Huntington Secondary
School All Weather Pitches,
Huntington Road, YO32 9WT**

**AGES 8 - 12
YEARS**

5-6PM

**AGES 13 - 17
YEARS**

6-7PM

**THURSDAYS
ACOMB**

**Energise Leisure Centre
All Weather Pitches,
Cornlands Road, YO24 3DX**

5.30-6.25PM

6.30-7.25PM

**£1
per
player**



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City Kickabout is a social inclusion programme offering football for all, working with various local youth partners, offering positive diversionary activity & opportunities. All participants will need to provide parent/guardian contact details in case of emergency. U12's must be completed by parent/guardian. Coaches reserve the right to refuse access to the sessions if details not provided or if the player code of conduct is not followed.

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<https://www.yor-ok.org.uk/young-people/shine-new.htm>

Our [Yor OK Shine](#) page has information on what is happening in York throughout the school holidays, for children of all ages, young people and families. This includes a page for [Holiday Activities and Food, HAF](#)

You can also search for activities and services for families by visiting our [online search](#)

York Family Information Service offers information to families on anything to do with family life in York, so no matter what your query, just ask!