



Dring Digest w/e 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

➤ **Is your data correct?**

Please can you all to check that the details and permissions we hold for your child on our MIS system in school are still correct?

The quickest and easiest way to check your data is to log in to the ScholarPack app where all the information we hold about your child is available for you to review. If you would like any details or permissions amending please send a message via the app, detailing the changes to be made and we will ensure that this is updated on your behalf.

Please review your data by Friday 7th July 2023

If you are unable to access the app or need a new activation code please contact the school office who will gladly help and/or generate an access code for you. Thank you

➤ **School Attendance Matters**

GoingInNotMissingOut

Not going to school every day can make your child more worried about going in.

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



➤ **Sports & Social Club Car Park**

Please can we remind parents that the Sports & Social Club car park is not to be used by parents when dropping off and picking up children from school. The school has an arrangement with the club which allows school staff to use the car park, however club membership is only £10 per annum and allows you to use the car parking facilities as well as discounted drinks in the clubhouse.

We are no longer locking the gate to the car park and politely ask that parents/non members don't abuse this. If you don't want to invest in a club membership we have an agreement in place with the Cross Keys pub which allows parents to use their car park when dropping off and picking up children from school.

➤ **Mayfield Grove (road at the back of the school)**

Please be aware when using this road that it is very busy and narrow. We ask that you be extra vigilant and aware of pedestrians and cyclists in this area. We had a report earlier this week of a near miss involving a car and other road users who were dropping children off at the school. Thank you

➤ **School Meals Survey**

Earlier this week we sent out a survey via email regarding school meals at Dringhouses Primary. We want to hear your thoughts to help us to improve our school meals service. If you missed the earlier email and would like to share your thoughts please copy the link below into your search bar to complete a short survey and have your say. Your feedback really does matter to us. Many thanks

<https://forms.gle/vfy6btvcWYyxzuaf7>

➤ **Dring Summer Picnic Lunch – Monday 17th July**

To celebrate the end of another great academic year at Dring we are hosting a Summer Picnic. The picnic will be held on Monday 17th July and our picnic items will include a choice of ham or cheese sandwich, crisps, cake and a piece of fruit. The picnic will be charged at £2.40 each and orders can be placed in the usual manner on ParentPay. Thanks

➤ **Free School Meals**

Do you think that you may be entitled to free school meals? If you do or you are not sure if you might now meet the criteria for eligibility, please take a look at our [school website](#) and use the link to complete the Free School Meals Form. All information submitted is strictly confidential. For more information about free school meals, please speak to a member of the school office staff.

All pupils in Reception until the end of Year 2 receive a free school meal, once your child enters year 3 you will be charged for school meals unless you have completed a form and met the criteria for free school meals to be continued. Don't miss out!!

➤ **Musical Notes**

Music Notes -Y6 transition & opportunities for all...

Anyone wanting to continue with, or even begin instrumental music lessons at MILLTHORPE, here are the contact details of their teachers.

Feel free to contact them over the summer to arrange lessons for next term.

Guitars: Steve Powell: stevepowell726@gmail.com

Woodwind: Rachel Letham: letham@talktalk.net

Drums: Andy Jennings: www.yorkdrumteacher.co.uk

Strings: Catherine Strachan: catherinestrachan@gmail.com

Keyboard/Piano: Katie Saunders/ katiejanesaunders@yahoo.co.uk

Brass: Les Vaughan: vaughanmusic1234@gmail.com

Note that Catherine, who teaches cello and double bass here continues with these and also teaches the violin at Millthorpe.

Anyone wanting to explore other musical opportunities in York (not just Y6) here are a few useful websites: York Music Centre, for a range of orchestras, bands, etc...:

<https://www.yorkartsed.org.uk/index.php/york-music-centre/information>

York Music Forum - similar to the above but brass/jazz-based...

<https://www.yorkmusicforum.com/>

Yorchestra - orchestral courses in the holidays-this is booking now for the summer-

<https://www.yorchestra.org/>

Any questions contact me at cclarke@dringhouses.co.uk

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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 of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AI VIRTUAL FRIENDS

Artificial intelligence – particularly in terms of how it generates natural language – has seen significant development over the last six months, with companies releasing new AI-based software or adding an AI element to existing apps (such as Snapchat, for example). One form of AI to become especially popular has been the ‘AI friend’ or chatbot, as children eagerly experiment with these new-found computer-generated companions. There are now numerous apps available with this ‘virtual friend’ functionality, with the likelihood of it being added to other successful platforms soon.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

AI chatbots may not always be able to recognise when content is age inappropriate or harmful and should be filtered out. So there’s a possibility that children could be exposed to offensive language or explicit material while conversing with their virtual friend. The companies producing such AI solutions are also unlikely to take responsibility for any content that their algorithms generate.

REDUCED SOCIAL CONTACT

An excessive reliance on chatbots for social interaction could potentially cause a child to begin reducing the amount of face-to-face communication they have, leading to social isolation. If young people become dependent on chatbots to provide companionship, it could very likely hinder the development of their real-life social skills.

LACK OF SENSITIVITY

Chatbot software isn’t always sophisticated enough to pick up on subtle emotional cues or recognise signs of distress in children, as most humans would. It might therefore fail to respond appropriately. AI misinterpreting what it’s being told or replying insensitively to a young user who’s already struggling could potentially impact a child’s emotional wellbeing or exacerbate any existing emotional issues.

UNINTENTIONAL BIAS

AI companions are only as reliable as the information they’ve been programmed with. The algorithms they use, therefore, may unintentionally promote bias, stereotypes or discriminatory behaviour (as many originate from the USA or the UK, for instance, they can display a distinctly western-centric worldview). This could lead to children developing skewed attitudes and behaviours.

COGNITIVE LIMITATIONS

Although many are now undeniably advanced, AI-powered chatbots still have limitations in terms of understanding complex concepts, context and nuance. Depending heavily on chatbots to help with learning or solving problems may stunt the development of a child’s own powers of critical thinking, creativity and ability to engage in open-ended discussions with other people.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Chatbots typically collect data about users, including personal information and conversations. This is ostensibly to improve their performance as they gradually learn about our behaviour – but many experts are warning that there may be significant risks associated with how this information is stored and used (the possibility of potential breaches or misuse by third parties, for instance).

Advice for Parents & Carers

CHAT ABOUT CHATBOTS

If your child is already expressing an interest in AI apps, a relaxed, natural chat should help you to discover which ones they’re aware of and how they’re using them (or are planning to). Discuss these options with your child and perhaps do your own research to ensure you think they’re suitable. Once you’re totally happy, you could sit with your young one and begin exploring AI chatbots together.

CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

If your child is keen to engage with AI chatbots, encourage them to do so in a safe environment: ideally in a shared space at home, so you can easily keep an eye and ear on their progress. Set up appropriate content filtering measures in advance – and gently remind them that you’ll be close by and ready to help with any questions or concerns that may arise.

FIND A BALANCE

Work alongside your child to establish the right balance in terms of how they might use AI-powered chatbots – and when it’s appropriate. It’s important to make sure that children are still getting plenty of opportunities to learn to solve problems for themselves, as well as building their interpersonal skills through face-to-face conversations with friends, family members and teachers.

TAKE CONTROL

As with any form of app or game, when it comes to AI chatbots we’d strongly recommend that you consider employing parental controls (either on the device being used or within the software itself) to manage which apps your child can download and use. This is particularly important for younger children, who may be more at risk of being upset or frightened by inappropriate content.

RECOGNISE THE RISKS

It’s unlikely that most children will have even considered the potential risks attached to having a virtual companion. So it’s probably wise to explain some of the possible hazards and challenges of AI chatbots to your child, in particular, emphasise that AI isn’t a real person (however much it might sound like one) and may occasionally tell them something that isn’t entirely impartial or accurate.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



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[@national_online_safety](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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Summer fete

Saturday

24
June

12-4pm

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At Wilberforce House, The Grove,
Dringhouses, York YO24 1AN

 **Wilberforce Trust**

www.wilberforcetrust.org.uk

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NEWSLETTER

23rd June 2023



Come Join us for a Start the Week
Breakfast Monday 26th June 10:00 am
Pear Tree Farm Huntington.
All welcome

Thank you to all those who
attended our EBSA Listening
Event last week. Great
partnership working!

Listening Events

Last reminder!

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If you have an idea of who you'd like to talk to at a listening event let us know. email Mary as below with your suggestion

Help for CYC in developing the Local Offer

If you are interested in helping CYC with the soft launch and testing the functionality of the new local offer website from your perspective, please email as below for detail.



Specialist Teaching Team for Autism Wednesday Parent Support Summer 2023

Parent Group: Topic Talks virtual (a.m.) and repeated in person (p.m.)

Topic Talks led by the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism, including time for peer support.

Virtual: 10-11 a.m. On Microsoft Teams. Due to confidentiality issues, we will be unable to discuss named children during this time.

In Person: 1.30-2.30 p.m. at The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Clifton Children's Centre, (In front of Clifton Green School), YO30 6BF.

To book your **virtual place** on a Microsoft Teams session, please email your name and contact email address, stating which session(s) you would like to book to:

parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk

This is an admin email address and we are unable to forward or respond to queries via this email.

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person

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Holidays
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If you would like to find out more about how to be part of a group of people with life experience as parents / carers of children and young people with special needs or disabilities please email Mary on pcf@yiks.co.uk



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Autism Support Group

Virtual Drop in Session



for Parents and Carers

Grab a cuppa and join us for a chat twice a month

- 6-7pm On the first Wednesday of every Month.
- 10-11am On the third Tuesday of every Month.

Hosted via MS Teams

To attend please email

susan.mcnaught-boyd@northyorks.gov.uk

lois.boothman@northyorks.gov.uk

louise.rowley@northyorks.gov.uk



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Topic Talks Summer Term 2023:

Sleep Wed 26th April 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Managing Meltdowns Wed 10th May 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Social Stories Wed 24th May 2023 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Starting School or Changing Class Wed 14th June 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

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Phone line (mornings) and drop-in (afternoons) dates and times:

Wednesday 19th April 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 3 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd May 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 3 p.m.

Wednesday 17th May 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 3 p.m.

Wednesday 7th June 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 3 p.m.

Wednesday 21st June 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 3 p.m.

Wednesday 5th July 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 3 p.m.

Wednesday 19th July 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 3 p.m.

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We require your name and a contact telephone number for us to contact you. We will then send you an approximate time slot for your 20 minute call.

If we receive a high volume of requests we may need to allocate spaces on the session on a first come, first served basis.

For in person drop-in sessions, you do not need to book and you are welcome to simply arrive on the day. Please be aware, sessions may be busy and you may need to wait to speak to a member of the team.





Monthly Drop In Sessions



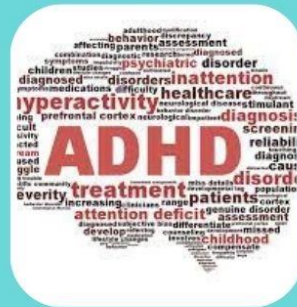
PARENT AND CARER SESSIONS

We understand that it is important to be heard and support received where needed. Drop along to one of our monthly sessions to support you whilst you support your young person.

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8 June
6 July

11 May
15 June
13 July
Young people welcome

20 April
18 May
22 June
20 July

27 April
25 May
29 June

All sessions 9.30-11am Clifton Children's Centre, YO30 6JA
For more information tel 07563232838
www.yiks.co.uk

Thank you for the many replies to our key priorities questionnaire. This information will be used to inform our work for the future, ensure our work reflects your views and secure our funding. We will share this back with you in the near future



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Wacky Warehouse, Flying legends, York

Sunday 11th June and Sunday 25th June , 9:00- 11:00 are SEND friendly sessions.

Book via fb or call 01904 693239



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 **engagement@yiks.co.uk**



NEWSLETTER

9th June 2023



Coffee and Chat

Come along to meet other parents with experiences to share and advice to offer on Friday 16th June at 10:00 am, The Range
Weds 21st June at 10:30 am, Stimul8 café
All welcome

Listening Events

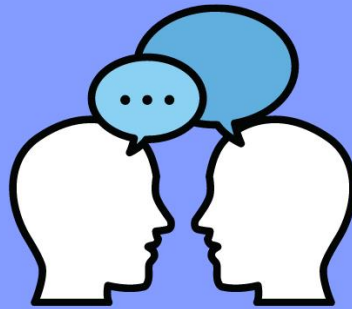
Rescheduled events

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EBSA pathway

What works / doesn't work for children who are struggling to attend school for mental health reasons, neurodiversity or other needs?

Thursday 15th June
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Are you an unpaid carer? Get your voice heard! Carers Trust's survey of adult unpaid carers is now live

Do you care, unpaid, for a family member, friend or partner who cannot cope without your support? If so, please take [Carers Trust's annual survey](#).

Survey findings provide invaluable evidence of the pressures and challenges unpaid carers are experiencing and the support they need to deal with these challenges.

The survey is for unpaid adult carers aged 18 and over to complete and is open until 23:59 on Sunday 11th June.



Wonder Zone



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Holiday club is back and on site again this year at St Edward's!
Wednesday 26th July - Friday 28th July
10am - 2pm

with a special service and BBQ on Sunday 30th July from 10am
For more information contact 01904 709111 or youth@stedsdringhouses.org