


Dring Digest w/e 1st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

- **Would you like to join our team? (or do you know someone that would?)**
Would you love the opportunity to work in school? Do you enjoy working with children? Then we would love to hear from you. We are currently recruiting for Play Workers to join our dedicated lunchtime team. Working pattern is term time only, Monday – Friday, 11:55am -13:10pm, £10.63-£10.75ph (pay award pending). Immediate starts are available subject to suitable pre-employment checks, no former experience necessary, full on the job training will be provided.
For more details on how to apply and to read a copy of the job description please visit our school website. <https://dringhousesprimary.org/2023/10/10/play-leaders/>
- **Attendance Matters**
Please see the absence attendance Responsibilities for schools guidance shared with parents on Friday 1st December, for information on how and why we monitor attendance in school.
A can also be found on our school website.
- **Child Flu Vaccinations – Catch Up Clinics**
If your child missed the flu vaccination in school, you can now book an appointment to attend a catch up clinic. Please see the dates below for when the clinics will be held and how to book an appointment.
Monday 4th of December 3 - 4pm
Wednesday 13th of December 3-4pm
Friday 15th of December 3-4pm
The clinics are held at Regus House Clifton Moor YO30 4XL. An appointment can be made by calling 01904 237680. [School Vaccinations UK](#)
- **Christmas Dinner Day**
Our traditional Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 20th December and orders can be placed now via ParentPay. Lunch is charged at the usual price of £2.75. Those children in receipt of free school meals will be offered a free meal but you **must** still place your order via ParentPay. *Deadline for Christmas lunch orders is Thursday 14th December.*
Please note that no alternative to Christmas Lunch will be offered on this day.



What to expect on your Christmas Lunch:

 - Roast Turkey
 - Stuffing
 - Pigs in Blankets
 - Roast Potato
 - Carrots, Peas & Gravy
 - followed by chocolate & vanilla ice cream
 - Vegetarian option also available*
- **Dates for December...**
 - Tuesday 5th Dec – Y6 Fashion Show 2:30pm
 - Wednesday 6th Dec – EYFS Nativity 2pm
 - Thursday 7th Dec – EYFS Nativity 9:15am
 - Wednesday 13th Dec – KS1 Nativity 9:30am & 2pm
 - Thursday 14th Dec – KS1 Nativity 2pm
 - Thursday 14th Dec – Parent Wellbeing/Neurodiverse Session 8:35am after drop off (see below for details)
 - Friday 15th Dec – Rock Steady Concert 9:30am



Tuesday 19th Dec – FODs Secret Shopping
Wednesday 20th Dec – Christmas Service at St Edwards
Wednesday 20th Dec – Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th Dec – KS2 Christingle 6pm-7pm
Friday 22nd Dec – Last Day of Term, school finishes at 3:15pm

➤ **Neurodiverse/Wellbeing Parent Sessions**

Following on from our successful termly neurodiverse/wellbeing parent sessions we would like to offer these half termly. These sessions are for anyone who is interested in neurodiversity and wellbeing. The dates for the sessions are as follows:-

Thursday 14th December 8.35 am (after drop off)
Wednesday 7th February 8.35am (after drop off)
Thursday 28th March 2pm
Wednesday 22nd May 2pm
Thursday 4th July 8.35am (after drop off)

The sessions are a great chance to catch up with TAs, teachers and the SENCo, discuss neurodiversity and wellbeing and have a cup of tea with other parents and friends. We are hoping to invite visiting speakers and discuss different topics each session. The first session on the 25th October will be a catch up and a chance to plan the sessions throughout the year. We would like these sessions to be your sessions and driven by what you like to know and learn about.

The wellbeing team at school is led by myself, Miss McFarland and Mrs Banks but also consists of Mr Field, Mrs Auckland, Mrs Smithers and Mrs Simmons all dedicated to well being in staff and pupils. We also have a fantastic parent representative Lindsay Baker who has taken on an invaluable role in supporting parents.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th December.
Sarah Murray and The Dringhouses Wellbeing Team

➤ **SEN News**

Did you know The Flying Legends, in Clifton Moor offer SEN friendly sessions at the Wacky Warehouses.
Tuesdays 3 - 7 pm
Sundays 9 - 11am
contact 01904 693239

If you know of any places offering similar things please let us know and we will put these on the digest.

➤ **Monitoring and Filtering**

As a school, we have to carefully ensure that all of our internet traffic and use is filtered and monitored, to keep our children safe, and to avoid any concerning content appearing within our building and on our networks:

Schools in England (and Wales) are required ["to ensure children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in school, including by establishing appropriate levels of filtering"](#). Furthermore, the Department for Education's statutory guidance ['Keeping Children Safe in Education'](#) obliges schools and colleges in England to *"ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place and regularly review their effectiveness"* and they *"should be doing all that they reasonably can to limit children's exposure to the above risks from the school's or college's IT system"* however, schools will need to *"be careful that "over blocking" does not lead to unreasonable restrictions as to what children can be taught with regards to online teaching and safeguarding."*

Here's how Dringhouses does it...techies get ready!

City of York Council schools internet provision currently utilises the Smoothwall filtering solution. This is a comprehensive filtering platform using dynamic and group based filtering including new requirements around child safety/anti radicalisation. It is designed to protect schools and academies from inappropriate on-line content, as well as meeting or exceeding the current compliance and recommended safeguarding

children legislation. Detailed alerts and reporting are configured to alert the Authority help-desk of an incident at a school, enabling a fast response to ensure children's safety.

The filtering system forms part and parcel of (y)our current internet provision, so much so that you would be unable to access the internet via the school connection without passing through this filtering. CYC/North do not provide unfiltered internet access to any schools or CYC buildings.

How can you ensure safe content at home?

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

This organisation has a lot of great resources for exactly this purpose. Have a look !

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

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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 nationalonline.org.uk for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

- HARMFUL CONTENT**
Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments, pornography, and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.
- ANIMAL CRUELTY**
Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.
- MORE TRANSPARENCY**
Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.
- HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS**
Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.
- NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING**
It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.
- REPORTING AND FILTERING**
Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.
- AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL**
Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

- KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP**
Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change; many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on "protecting people from illegal harms online" will be running until February 2024.
- REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS**
Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.
- WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**
There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.
- UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN**
Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.
- ENGAGE WITH PARENTS**
Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert
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- **Christmas Competition at the Fox & Roman Public House**
We have in school some competition packs from the Fox & Roman on Tadcaster Road, where you can win a meal for 4 including a drink each.
All you need to do is decorate the bauble inside the pack and then take it to the Fox & Roman who will hang it on their tree. The best bauble will then be picked and the winner announced. We have 80 competition packs in school, so in order to give as many of our families a chance of entering we ask that you take a **pack per family**. Packs will be issued on a first come, first served basis from the school office. Thanks and good luck





COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB!



**We now have HAF
spaces available for
eligible families!**



Bookings are now open!

Children do not need to attend Dringhouses Primary to join.

Open Wednesday 3rd January - Monday 8th January

£30.50 per session.

**Join us for our trip to Tropical World Thursday 4th January!
(£10.00 supplement applies)**



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