

## **Dring Digest w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Merry Christmas to you all and wishing you a wonderful new year.**

**Don't forget that Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 is a staff training day.**

**We look forward to welcoming the children back in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

- **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, £11.63-£11.75. 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**

Going to school **every day** helps your child to get good qualifications, which will help them to get a job.

For more information on school absence in York visit:  
[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)



- **Dringhouses Community Foodbank**  
Christmas is often a challenging time of year and many families are continuing to feel the financial pinch. If you can and would like to, please consider making a donation to our community foodbank. This is a much used facility at the school and really does make a difference to our community. At the moment we are in desperate need of the following items:
- Tinned items i.e. fruit, veg, beans, pasta, meats & fish
  - Toiletries – shampoo & conditioner, shower gel, soap, toothbrushes, toilet rolls, baby wipes
  - Cleaning materials, surface sprays, bleach, laundry detergent, washing up liquid
  - UHT / Long Life milk
  - Dried Pasta, Rice, Cereals
- Please either bring your donations to the school office or drop them straight into the foodbank storage boxes between the playground main entrance gates and sensory garden. Thank you.

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 [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

## IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

## ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

## PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At [my.account.sony.com](http://my.account.sony.com), create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

## IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

## XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

## NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

## WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

## CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

## MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

## SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

## Meet Our Expert

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# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS MULTI SPORT CLUB

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Book online at [bolshee.com/springterm](https://bolshee.com/springterm)  
or call us on 07518722942



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## 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)**



Please contact us at [dringhouses@dringhousesoosc.co.uk](mailto:dringhouses@dringhousesoosc.co.uk) for more information or book via your Cheqdin account



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## MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CLUBS!

**ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**8.30AM - 4.30PM**

**AGES 5 - 12 (YR 1 - YR 7) WELCOME!**

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## **Dringhouses Out of School Club YO24 1HW**

### **Playworker Vacancies**

We currently have the opportunity for a Part Time (25 hours p/week) Playworker to work in our busy Out of School club.

The successful candidate will be required to work 7.30am – 9am and 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. Additional hours may be offered during school holidays.

Successful candidates must have experience of or be able to demonstrate:

- A good understanding of the EYFS
- Involvement in the planning out of school club activities
- Lead and or support safe creative and appropriate play opportunities for a range of different age groups
- Willingness to undertake training opportunities
- Care for the everyday needs of children and help to ensure a safe and secure setting

### **Experience**

- We are looking for a committed, self-motivated person who enjoys providing high quality childcare to children.
- You must be a highly motivated and enthusiastic person who can work on your own initiative as well as part of a team.
- A Level 3 Qualification in Playwork/childcare is desirable or a willingness to work towards a recognised qualification.

### **Staff Benefits**

- 20 days per annum plus bank holidays prorated
- 3 Closure days over the Christmas & New Year period additional to annual leave
- 10 days paid sick leave over a 12-month rolling period
- Additional leave for length of service – 1 additional day after years 2/3/4 respectively
- Yearly Flu Jab Voucher
- Opt in pension scheme
- Free childcare for staff with children attending Dringhouses Primary School
- Support with training and qualification opportunities
- Enrollment to Sovereign Healthcare
- Free onsite parking

### **Salary**

The current salary is based on the minimum wage increasing depending on qualifications.

To request an application pack, contact Lauren Ferrige 07704069078 or email [dringhouses@dringhousesoosc.co.uk](mailto:dringhouses@dringhousesoosc.co.uk)