

**Dates for
your diary.**

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SCHOOL SHUTDOWN

It has been a very strange couple of weeks in school. No school feels the same without its children. The days feel so much longer and we miss all of the children's faces and personalities so much. However, we know that home is the safest place for the children at the moment, if it is at all possible that they can stay there. As of yet, we obviously have no idea as to when school will reopen. We hope that your children still are working hard on their home learning tasks. Please do remember that teachers are uploading a maths problem every day to the class pages, as well as additional activities for them to be getting on with. I am sure most of them have been working really hard every day—remember to give them some time off from their working routine over the Easter holiday.

DOL-Y-MOCH

We are yet unsure whether the year 6 trip to dol-y-moch will take place, but we are preparing ourselves for the worst and thinking that it will not. It will all depend on whether we are back at school by then, and whether the travel ban restrictions have been lifted. As soon as we have any more information, we will let you know.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are very fortunate that our school meal provider are happy to continue to provide packed lunches for those children who are entitled to a free meal. Many of our parents initially said they did not require a school lunch, but if you have changed your mind and wish to now order one, you can either email urgentcontact@st-annes.coventry.sch.uk or text the school in the usual way. Just leave your child's name and whether they would like ham, cheese or tuna as their filling. All lunches are now made off site, so it might be that we have to wait one day before we can process the order, depending on the time you put the order in.

Our school will be closed for the Easter holiday so there will be no lunch collection that week, just as in any other school holiday period.

CAROLE FLYNN

Please remember Carole Flynn, her family and the whole of the Corpus Christi family in your prayers. Carole had been the learning mentor at Corpus Christi for 16 years and sadly lost her fight against Covid last week. A more wonderful woman you would struggle to meet. Her loss will be acutely felt by all who knew her.

WORK SHARING

Please do keep sending us photos of the children completing their work at home. WE love to see how hard they have been working, and we also love to see their happy faces. With your consent, we like to fill the twitter feed and facebook page with examples of the children working at home. Any work they complete can be shared via the email address:

worksharing@st-annes.coventry.sch.uk

Our school office is open most days. There is an answer phone message explaining that the school is closed and there is then a long pause before the phone will ring (It is approx. 8 seconds) If you do need to speak to somebody, it will ring after that and we will answer it if there is someone available to do so. If you have a concern about a child or any safeguarding worries at all, the email address to contact us on is:

urgentcontact@st-annes.coventry.sch.uk

Please continue to follow the government guidelines. Keep your children and yourselves at home. The sooner everybody complies. The sooner our lives will return to normal. We do not want to lose any more friends, colleagues and loved ones.

Love one another, as I have loved you, in our home, school and parish families.

Online Safety Newsletter

Houseparty

Houseparty

This month, Houseparty is in the top 5 of free apps on the App store. Houseparty is a face to face (video) social network available as either an app or web version. The App store rate it as 12+, however no age verification takes place when you set up an account.

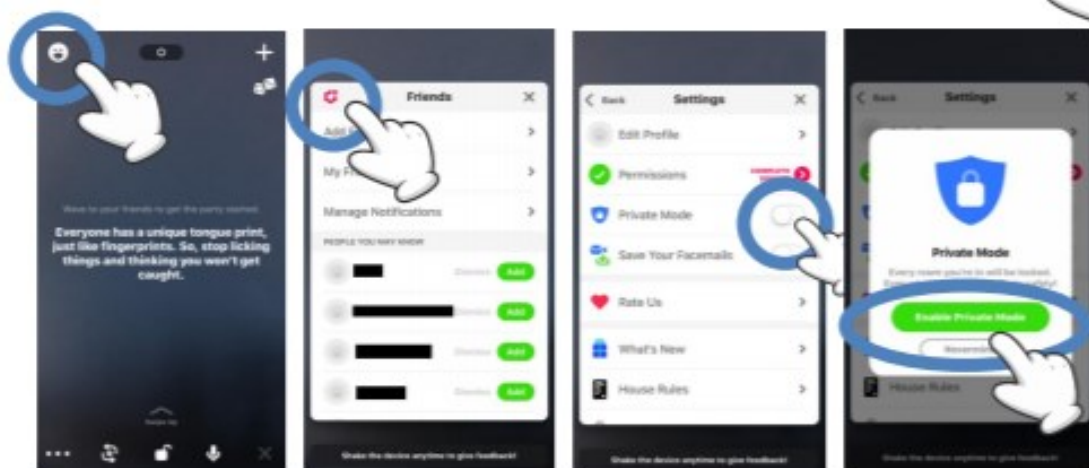
What is Houseparty?

It allows you to video chat with other users (your connections) as well as play in app quizzes and games with each other, it's designed to feel like a house party hence the name! Up to 8 people can join each room and you can join a number of rooms at any one time by swiping across.

How to lock rooms:

Once you have set up an account, you access the main interface of the app where you can set up/join video chats with users you are connected to (these are called connections). Once you are in a video chat (room), your connections and their connections are able to join the same video chat session regardless of whether you invite them or not **unless** you lock the room. So, if you do not lock the room, then a friend of one of your friends can join that video session. If somebody that isn't your connection is about to join then you will receive a notice that they are joining the session. *We would recommend locking the room by simply tapping on the padlock at the bottom of the screen once everybody that you want is in the room/joined the session.*

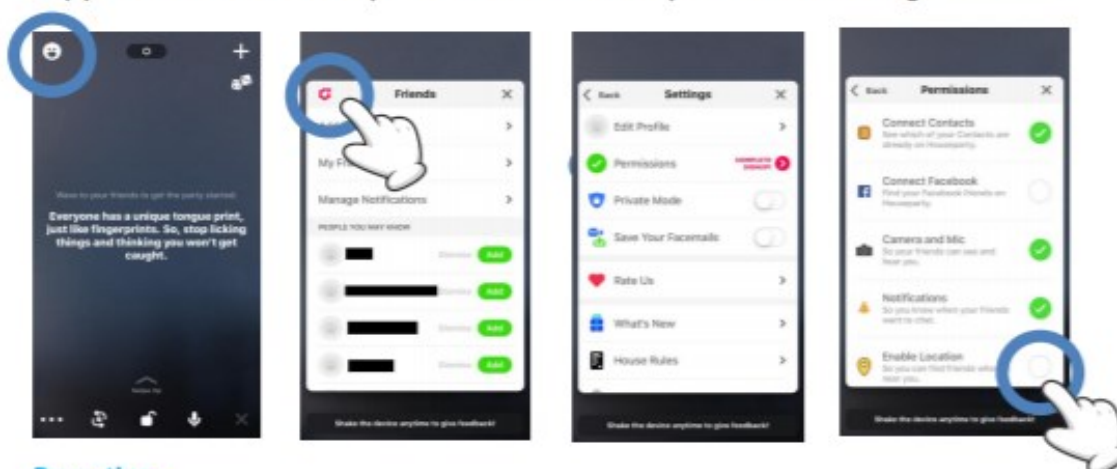
If you enable privacy mode then every room you go into will automatically be locked. To do this, tap on the smiley face and then tap on the settings cog. Next tap the 'privacy mode' to toggle on and then select 'enable privacy mode.'



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Permissions

Tap the smiley face, tap the settings cog and then tap permissions to reach the Permissions menu. Here you can simply tick each item as on or off as you choose. We would definitely recommend **not** enabling location.



Reporting

As with all apps, it's important that your child knows how to use the reporting tools within it. You can report direct to Houseparty if you see any inappropriate behaviour by shaking the app when in it and following the instructions. You can also un-friend or block a person by clicking on their profile, tapping the settings cog and choosing to 'unfriend' or 'block/report.'

What you need to be aware of

- **In-app purchases:** One feature of Houseparty is the ability to play games and quizzes with your friends. Some are free and some can cost £0.89 - £4.59 per item.
- **Content:** Other users may take screenshots/recordings of your private chats without you even realising and there is also the potential to see inappropriate content (from your friends/friends of friends).
- **Strangers:** your child may come into contact with people they don't know (friends of friends).
- **Notifications:** when you open the app, you friends will receive a notification to tell them and also you will receive a notification when your friends open Houseparty. Notifications can be switched off in settings (tap smiley face, tap 'manage notifications' and disable).

House Party Guidelines:

<https://houseparty.com/guidelines/>

As always, have regular chats with your child about what they are doing online and also join in so you can see for yourselves. It's really important to make sure that your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Do you have any online safety concerns/need further help?

Internet Matters list the contact details for a number of agencies that you can contact depending on the issue: <https://www.internetmatters.org/report-issue/>



Online Safety Newsletter

March 2020

Snapchat

Snapchat is a messaging app used to send photos, videos, text and drawings (called snaps) which disappear after they've been viewed. You should be 13+ to sign up. If you choose to allow your child to have an account then you should be aware of the following:

Snap Map (sharing their location)

The Map lets users see where their friends are if a friend has chosen to share their location at any given time. Location sharing with friends via the map is optional and is off by default (we recommend that this remains the default setting).

Snapchat streaks

Streaks count how many consecutive days two people have been sending Snaps to each other. A streak is shown by a little picture of a flame and a number (the number of days the streaks has gone on for) next to a contact's name. There can be pressure to respond on a daily basis to maintain their streaks and it can cause issues with people logging into other's account to carry on streaks for friends.

Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to report any issues when using Snapchat.

Safety tips and resources

It's really important to talk to your child regularly and make sure that they know that you're always there to talk to if they have any concerns.

TikTok update

What is TikTok?

Users can watch musical clips, record (up to) 60 second clips, edit them and add special effects.

Is your child old enough?

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

Why should I be concerned?

Some of the songs used in this app may contain explicit language and sexual imagery, which may not be suitable for your child to view.

If your child is using TikTok then we recommend setting the account as private. Internet matters explains how to here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/tiktok-privacy-and-safety-settings/>

Did you know?

Even with a private account, your child's profile information such as their photo and bio is still visible so ensure your child understands the importance of not adding personal information (e.g. address, age and phone numbers).

Talk to your child

Why does your child use it? What do they like about it? Do they know their followers? What do they like watching on it? Have they ever seen anything that has worried them?

Family safety mode

This new tool has just been launched by TikTok which when enabled gives you control over your child's safety settings. More information available here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-51561050>

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app>
- http://support.tiktok.com/?ht_kb=for-parents

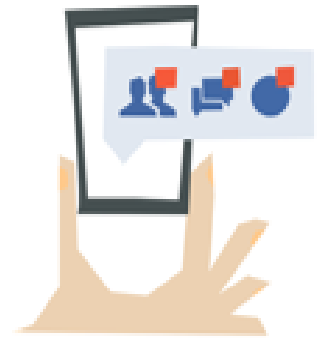
1. Set
account
to private

2. Show
them how
to report

3. Show
them how
to block

4. Learn
about the
app
yourself

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YouTube Parent Question

What should I do if my child wants to upload videos on YouTube?

The decision obviously lies with you as the parent and regardless of your decision, it is really important that you maintain an open conversation. If you choose not to let your child post videos on YouTube then explain why, if you agree, then set some ground rules such as comments must be switched off, the channel must be kept private and of course monitor what they are uploading.



This article by Common Sense Media looking at YouTube channels has some great tips (particularly around labelling the content 'for kids' which is a new feature on YouTube) and also explains the legalities if your child is under aged 13: [https://www.commonsensemedia.org/learning-with-](https://www.commonsensemedia.org/learning-with-technology/is-it-ok-for-my-kid-to-start-her-own-youtube-channel)

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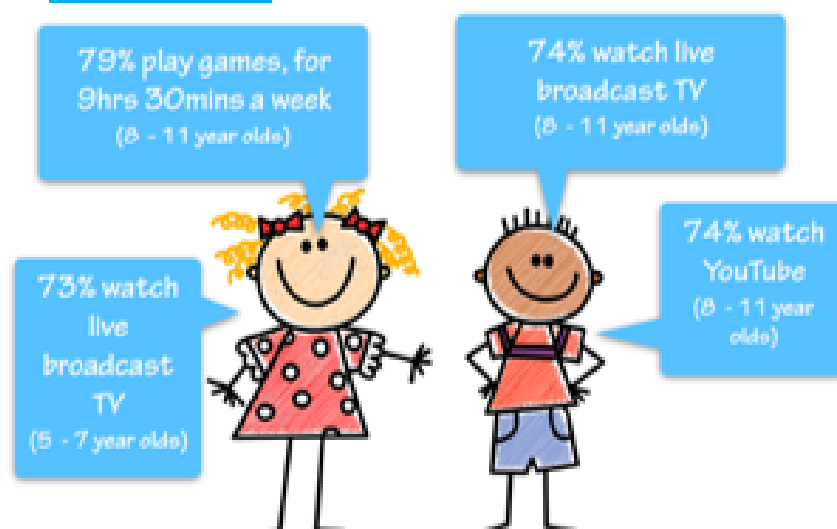
This article is also really useful as it includes top tips for staying safe:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/youtube/>

Ofcom: media use and attitudes

This report examines children's media literacy providing evidence on current media use, attitudes and understanding among children. The report highlights that half of ten-year-olds now own their own smartphone – the importance of understanding what your child is doing online, going online with them and talking to them about what they do online continues to be of upmost importance.

Access the full report here: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2019>



What is Roasting

This is a form of ~~cyberbullying~~. This involves people asking to be insulted on social media, it can lead to very hurtful comments. You should talk to your child about this type of behavior and why they shouldn't participate in this type of behavior regardless if they see it as a game. Further information available here:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/roasting-a-guide-for-parents>

New Apps

This article lists the latest 5 apps you should know about and includes a top tip if your child is using them:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/five-apps>

Fortnite

~~Fortnite~~ is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age to play. PEGI do not take into consideration the chat features when rating games. ~~Fortnite~~ contains voice and text chat, which can contain inappropriate and explicit language. You can turn the voice chat off but not the text chat. As always, show your child how to report players for any inappropriate ~~behaviour~~ (more information can be found here: <https://epicgames.helpshift.com/a/fortnite/>) and ensure that they know that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

In app purchases:

All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your credit card details and your child understands that they must check with you before making any purchases.

We always recommend playing the game with your child so you can see what they are playing and monitor the sort of chat that they are listening/contributing to.



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