

Blackwater Newsletter

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Dear Parents and children,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. Next week will be the eight week since lockdown began. So many of us are eager for the restrictions to lift and for life to return to normal.

Certainly the media seems to be expecting the Prime Minister to speak on Sunday at 7pm regarding what is happening with schools for the future. Many people have asked me if I have more knowledge about what will happen but I know as much as you. In fact, I suspect that this information will be shared with me at the same time and in the same way that is with the rest of the country.

Once we have this information, we will be sharing with you our next steps to ensure

that changes can be made whilst keeping the children and staff's safety at the forefront of any decision.

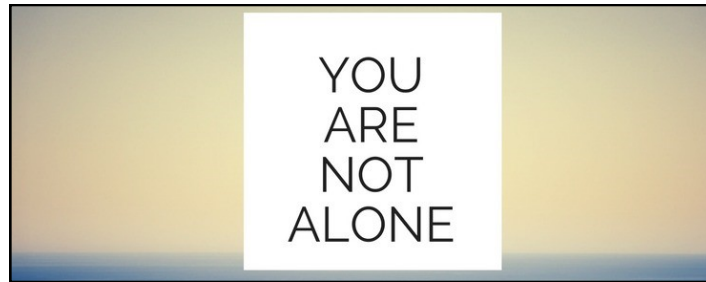
We are also currently discussing transition for children in September and make sure children feel happy, safe and excited about returning for their new academic year, especially for those children who we know will find it challenging.

Can I say a special thank you to the staff at Blackwater for their continued efforts to keep the home learning exciting and interactive. It is hard being a teacher and a parent to do everything and I am sure you will agree, our teachers are doing amazingly.

Thanks to all those parents who continue to support children's learning and wellbeing during these unusual times. Whilst school remains closed to most children, please feel free to continue to contact us if you feel we can help in any way.

Best wishes *Mrs Evison*





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The Trust has it's own
Out of Hours telephone
support provided by Sup-
port Matters Cornwall.

This service operates
from 5pm to 9am on

weekdays and 24 hours a day at weekends and bank holi-
days. The service is open to all patients (aged 16+) under
the care of the Trust's mental health services. Support can
be delivered over the telephone , via text, email or web
chat. Call free on 0800 001 4330

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ask for help"

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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



**Family
Line**

0808 802 6666



0300 123 3393



0344 411 1444



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FIND SUPPORT AT:
gov.uk/domestic-abuse


Online Safety

As part of our continued support to guide parents in ensuring online safety for children during this time, please see the below poster about Disney +.


We are also going to add an 'Online Safety' page onto the website under HOME LEARNING. This will be up and running by Monday.



At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety 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.




Disney+ is the latest big player in the TV streaming market. The global brand has released its own subscription-based streaming service to rival that of competitors such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Apple TV. As the name might suggest, it's designed to be family friendly, with content restricted to PG and PG-13 (UK equivalent 12a). It can be streamed on pretty much any device – mobile phones, tablets, PC's, TVs and games consoles – and features a huge library of classic Disney titles. Below, we've highlighted a few tips for parents to consider to ensure that their children get the most enjoyable experience out of the service.




5 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS


DISNEY+



1 Create a strong username & password


On its release in the US, Canada and Netherlands in November 2019, Disney+ was dogged by allegations of being hacked. Many users complained that their account details had been stolen and blamed Disney+ security. To date, Disney+ has confirmed there was no data breach from their end. As Disney+ doesn't use 2-factor authentication, anybody who potentially hacks your username and password could also access your credit card details. Therefore, it's important to create a unique username and a strong password that isn't used for other sites. Always use a mixture of letters (upper and lowercase), numbers and symbols and try to ensure the minimum length is 8 characters.






2 Monitor your child's usage


Whilst the ability to stream on almost any device capable of connecting to the internet might seem great at first, parents may also want to exercise a little bit of caution. Parental controls on Disney+ are quite limited and there are no settings to help with screen time or usage, so it can be easy for children to binge watch, particularly given the amount of content available. Apple, Google and Amazon devices all provide options to limit children's screen time so parents can manage how long their child uses the app.






3 Enable 'Kid's Profile' mode


Although Disney+ is billed as family friendly, there is still an option to enable a 'kid's profile' which removes all PG and PG-13 rated content. This adds an extra level of safety if you're still concerned that your child may watch something that could be deemed too 'intense' for their age. Setting up a kid's profile also switches off autoplay which means the next video in any series won't automatically play once one episode has finished. It should be noted though that children can easily switch between accounts themselves given there is no security required to get into profiles.






4 Double check for films with 'outdated cultural depictions'


The Disney+ service includes programs and movies that go back to the 1920s and which have been left in their original format, with their original content. Some of this programming contains cultural insensitivities and depictions that were included in the original show, but Disney would never include them now. For example, cultural stereotyping, the representation of minority groups or character portrayals which may be deemed racist. For this reason, viewers are made aware through a warning message stating 'This program is presented as originally created. It may contain outdated cultural depictions.' Whilst Disney do their best to highlight any such content, it's always worth discussing these issues with your child if they raise any queries.






5 Sit back and enjoy!


Above all else, Disney+ is designed to be family friendly and there is very little, if any, adult-themed content available for children to stumble across. The library of films and programmes can range from all-time classics to the latest Hollywood blockbuster and it can be a great avenue for parents and children to sit down together, ready the popcorn and enjoy some great family friendly entertainment.






Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for 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.





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SOURCES: <https://www.disneyplus.com/> | <https://www.netnanny.com/blog/how-to-set-parental-controls-for-disney-plus/> | <https://www.theguardian.com/film/2019/nov/14/disney-attaches-warning-of-outdated-cultural-depictions-to-classic-films>

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Activities Page



Olaf Falafel Art Club



Olaf Falafel has a weekly art club which is quirky and unusual. From sloths on skateboards to sausage birds, this alternative art club makes children smile and equally builds their art skills.

*It is a winner in the Evison household!
Follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsscZqxhEvqPp2caT3UNODA>*



PAINT CAR ROLLING...

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A SLIDE, YOU CAN MAKE A RAMP USING A PIECE OF WOOD OR CARDBOARD.
LAY SOME PAPER DOWN YOUR SLIDE OR RAMP.
DIP YOUR CAR TYRES IN PAINT.
ROLL!

Kelly Zreika

Lockdown Keepsake



Why not make a lockdown keepsake to remember this time with your families.

MAKE PAPER TOWEL MARKER MAGIC

This is such a simple activity, yet hours of awe and beauty! All you need are paper towels, water, a plate or shallow dish, and washable markers. We used Crayola, but any water soluble marker would work. Fold a paper towel in half like a card. On the front of the paper towel card, make a very simple design. Then inside, add more details and colors. Drop the paper towel into the water and watch the designs appear and colors spread!



www.wildernesskids.net/activities

Mindfulness Pack

Along with her Rainbow Room Seesaw posts, Ms. Vaughan is starting a weekly mindfulness pack full of activities and advice for parents. We are hoping this will help ease stress and tension for those children who are finding the school closure challenging.

If you are interested in this, please let us know (head@) and we can have one available for you on Mondays.

Thank you



★ Stars of the Week ★

Stars of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Arthur HS for his AMAZING videos about his learning. He has worked super hard this week learning his SET 2 sounds - writing and reading them!

Wheal Harmony: Saffron J for having super high expectations in all of her home learning, including her alphabet verb challenge!

Wheal Busy: Louis S for all round amazing home learning and earning his pen licence. You have had Mrs. Burton in stitches this week!!

Wheal Luna: William R for putting a smile on Mrs. Watkin's face through his amazing home learning this week.

Above and Beyond

Senan and Yasmin for running their Race for Life challenge: 3 kilometres, fantastic!

Each star will get a special certificate flying into the inbox of their parent's email.

When you can't find the sunshine, be the
sunshine.

Ed Lester

