



St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

Parent Quick-Reference Guide: Digital Safety, Behaviour & Attendance

Key Impact: EEF research confirms active parental engagement yields +3 months of learning progress annually.77-

1. Digital Safety & Online Protection

While pupils learn online safety theory at school, almost all actual internet use occurs unsupervised at home. Parents are the vital bridge in keeping children safe.

Platform	Minimum Age	Key Risk	Parent Action
Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube	13+	Unfiltered adult content, fake profiles, and public connection pressure.	Verify DOB; enforce minimum age limits strictly.
WhatsApp	16+	Group chat bullying, unmonitored media sharing, and stranger contact.	Regularly review group memberships & privacy settings.
Online Gaming (Roblox, Fortnite)	PEGI Rated (7+ / 12+)	Unmoderated voice chat with strangers, loot boxes, and pressure to buy.	Disable voice chat with strangers; turn off in-app purchases.

Critical Online Dangers to Watch:

- **The Age Illusion Escalation:** If a 7-year-old lies about their age (e.g. entering 14), by age 11 the platform's algorithm classifies them as an 18-year-old adult, completely disabling all child safety filters.
- **Legal Realities of Image Sharing:** Under UK law, sexting or possessing/sharing indecent images of anyone under 18 (for youth over 10) is a criminal offence that can lead to police involvement.
- **The Perpetrator's Playbook:** Predators groom across 4 distinct stages: Target (friend requests in games) → Trust (fake personas/voice changers) → Trick (moving to private chat) → Threaten (blackmail with shared secrets/images).

The 3-Pillar Parental Shield Framework:

- **1. Technical Guardrails:** Set home Wi-Fi ISP filters, enforce PEGI age ratings, and use Internet Matters setup guides.
- **2. Active Presence:** Strict rule: No internet-connected devices in bedrooms overnight. Remove gaming headsets periodically to monitor voice chat and play games together.
- **3. Safe Harbour Dialogue:** Reassure your child: "If you see or hear anything online that makes you feel scared or uncomfortable, tell me. You are not in trouble, nobody will be cross, and it is not your fault." Secrecy empowers groomers; open dialogue stops them.

2. School Behaviour Expectations & Mobile Phone Policy

- **Core Behaviour Standards:** Pupils are expected to demonstrate respect to staff and peers, maintain self-control, wear full uniform, and move quietly around school.
- **Mobile Phone Protocol:** Mobile phones are permitted under special circumstances for Years 5 and 6 ONLY. Phones must be handed in to the class teacher at 08:45 and locked securely in a cupboard until 15:15.
- **Celebrating Choices:** Positive behaviour is recognised via verbal praise, House Points (whole school), ClassDojo points (Key Stage 1) value awards and tickers.
- **Graduated Sanctions Staircase:** Misbehaviour follows a clear escalation: Verbal Reminder → Student Reflection Log → Short Supervised Classroom Separation → Loss of Privileges → Direct Parent Contact.
- **Restorative Reflection:** Reflection Logs encourage pupils to evaluate their choices ('What happened? Who was affected? How do I make it right?').

3. Attendance & Punctuality Guidelines

- **Daily School Schedule:** Doors open at 08:45 for KS2 and 08:50 for FS/KS1. Morning registers close at 09:15; afternoon registers close at 13:15. Arrival after register closure is marked as unauthorised late.
- **Reporting Absences:** Parents must notify the school office by 08:45 on every day of unplanned absence via telephone (01159652775), email or ClassDojo.
- **Medical Evidence & Term-Time Leave:** Medical evidence (appointment card or doctor's note) is required for illness absences exceeding 5 days. Term-time leave is granted solely for exceptional circumstances; routine holidays will not be authorised.
- **Persistent Absence & Penalty Fines:** Pupils with attendance below 90% are classified as persistent absentees and monitored half-termly. Under Nottinghamshire Local Authority framework, 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) within 10 week rolling period may result in statutory Penalty Notices (£80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 per parent, per child).

4. Key Support Contacts & Home Resources

- **School Office & Absence Line:** 01159652775 | Office / ClassDojo
- **Key Contacts:** Headteacher & Mr. Clapham (Online Safety Lead)
- **External Support Services:** Childline (0800 1111) | Internet Matters (internetmatters.org)