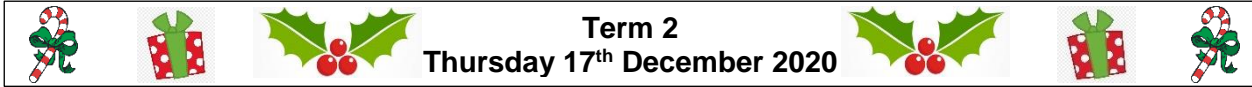




# St Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been for all at St Anne's. We had a lovely day celebrating our own Christmas day with Christmas jumpers and a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by Sharon our fabulous school cook and her amazing catering crew. Classes have been busy creating wonderful Christmas crafts and singing carols which has been a lovely end to this very unusual term.

A big thank you to our St Anne's and Little learners' staff who have been incredible over the last two terms. It may seem that life in school and nursery has been 'normal' but it really hasn't been and it is only because our staff have worked so hard and adapted their practice to make life at St Anne's seem as 'normal' as possible for our children. They really have worked their socks off and all deserve a good rest over Christmas. Thank you to our parents and carers who have been so supportive over the last few months. Your messages of support and appreciation are very well received. Please continue to support us in the same way when we return to school in January. We really are all doing the absolute best we can.

However you celebrate Christmas this year, I hope you have a lovely time and everyone stays safe. Merry Christmas to you all.

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## REPORTING POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK

After the 17<sup>th</sup> December, it is very important that we can continue to trace close contacts of anyone who has a positive test result and were in school 48 hours before the symptoms started.

Please report a positive test result by email to [emma.hardysmith@stannesprimarieschool.co.uk](mailto:emma.hardysmith@stannesprimarieschool.co.uk)

Use this table to determine whether you need to report a positive test result to the school.

<b>Symptoms started on</b>	<b>They were in school on</b>	<b>Report</b>
<i>Wednesday 16 December</i>	<i>Monday 14 December</i>	Yes
<i>Thursday 17 December</i>	<i>Tuesday 15 December</i>	Yes
<i>Friday 18 December</i>	<i>Wednesday 16 December</i>	Yes
<i>Saturday 19 December</i>	<i>Thursday 17 December</i>	Yes
<i>Sunday 20 December</i>	<i>Thursday 17 December</i>	No
<i>Monday 21 December</i>	<i>Thursday 17 December</i>	No

We want to do everything we can to reduce the risk of any family having to self-isolate during the Christmas break and would encourage everyone to continue to observe Hands, Face, Space when out in the community as well as being vigilant in spotting COVID symptoms and following self-isolation rules until receiving a negative test result.

The three symptoms are:

- High temperature
- A new continuous cough
- Loss of taste/smell

If anyone in the household has one or more of these symptoms they must:

- Stay home
- Get a test

Everyone in the household must stay home until the test result is received. If the test is positive:

- Report results to school immediately
- The person testing positive must stay home as instructed (usually 10 days)
- All other members of the household must self-isolate (for 10 days)

## DINNER MONEY

Thank you to everyone who has settled their ParentPay accounts. It is very important to start the new term with a zero balance so if you have not already done so please login and clear any outstanding balance.



## E-SAFETY

Particularly during the Christmas season, it is important to ensure that your children are safe online. As children spend more time on their devices and even receive new devices and games for Christmas, the [nationalonlinesafety.com](http://nationalonlinesafety.com) website has guides to support parents and carers with children's online games and apps - It really is worth taking a look. Please ensure games and apps are age appropriate and that we all take the responsibility to support our children to always be safe and kind online.

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 topic of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

### The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

## FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

- 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD**  
If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It's help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something meaningful to them – but something which other people can't guess. (It's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!)
- 2. SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.
- 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS**  
One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install on new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.
- 4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE**  
Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone numbers with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to never keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.
- 5. HAVE THE MONEY CONVERSATION**  
Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.
- 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY**  
Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Clearly remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.
- 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS**  
Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.
- 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME**  
Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most device settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.
- 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES**  
Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music, view photos or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.
- 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF**  
It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.
- 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS**  
It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.
- 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK**  
Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

**NOS National Online Safety**  
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## DRIVE-THRU CHRISTINGLE

Click on this link to book your Christingle drive-thru pick-up slot

[https://lockingcastlechurch.org/christingle-pick-up-booking/?fbclid=IwAR1YB9-JyNk8wk93qZpAS7mAJxdO7ZO2eIFyp6RV3\\_cvYP5lmYjdNp8WmDg](https://lockingcastlechurch.org/christingle-pick-up-booking/?fbclid=IwAR1YB9-JyNk8wk93qZpAS7mAJxdO7ZO2eIFyp6RV3_cvYP5lmYjdNp8WmDg)



## SAD GOODBYES

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to three members of West Wick staff this week. Mrs Gray and Mrs Hawkins from Busy Bees are leaving today and Mrs Hilbourne, our year 5 SMSA, will be leaving us in early January. We will miss them all very much and want to thank them for all their hard work and support during their employment with St Anne's. We wish them all well in their new ventures and hope they stay in touch. We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Westby as a new member of staff on the West Wick campus as she joins us as an SMSA in January and Mrs Wickens will be returning to her role after her maternity leave.

