

WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

What parents need to know about WhatsApp

AGE LIMIT CHANGE
Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already had accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES
Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive scam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES
WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING
Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with someone they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING
WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to see their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are'. Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.

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CREATE A SAFE PROFILE
Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE
If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES
Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES
If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

LEAVE A GROUP
If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

SET TIME LIMITS
A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY
If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

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This is not a definitive guide. Please check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

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The Apple



The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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Dear Parents/Carer

I would like to begin the newsletter by congratulating all of the pupils in Years 2 and 6. They have applied themselves brilliantly in each and every aspect of their SATs tests last week and we are extremely proud. All we ever ask of the pupils is that they try their hardest and they have all worked brilliantly throughout the year. Whatever the results they have shown the determination, perseverance and attitude to learning that will take them a long way in life! We will communicate the results of these assessments with you, in your child's end of year report. We still have quite a wait before we actually receive the Year 6 results and the Year 2 results are just one part of a wider assessment of how the children are doing- it also includes what the teacher has seen in class and the work in their books. We are immensely proud of how hard all the children work at Isaac Newton and we like to see the SATs as a chance for them to 'show off' all of their learning!

We have enjoyed another fantastic half term here at Isaac Newton and I am sure that the children will be looking forward to a well-earned rest next week. As I walk around the

school I continue to be amazed by the attitudes of the pupils and by the brilliant learning experiences that are



provided by the staff. The quality of work being produced is wonderful.

On Thursday the children enjoyed an 'outdoor learning day', where the teachers planned a number of different activities which made use of our outdoor space. The children loved the day and learnt lots of different skills- there are some photos below. We will be making much more use of our outdoor environment from now on and are very much looking forward to having our very own Forest School which begins construction over the half term.

Finally, have a fantastic half term break - we are looking forward to seeing the pupils return on Monday 3rd June.

Chris Heathcote

Heathcote
Headteacher

Sun Cream and Water Bottles

As the weather improves it is essential that children are protected against the sun and are well hydrated. As such can Parents/Carers please ensure that children have either have school water bottles (available from the office) or a transparent water bottle. If children are able to apply their own sun cream then they should bring it in a bottle labelled with their name. This will then be stored in school by the class teacher who will allow application prior to periods of time spent outside. If you choose to apply sun cream prior to school then please be aware that it is unlikely to last until the main outdoor period at lunch time. As such please ensure that

you check that the sun cream states that it will last for the whole day if applying before school. All sun cream should be at least factor 30. Please be reassured that the school will ensure that the children have 'shade breaks' during playtimes when the weather is warm.

E-safety

This week we have decided to focus again on Whats App. This is a messaging app where people can send and receive text, photos, videos and document, as well as make voice and video calls through an internet or wi-fi connection. Common issues and ways to address these are explained within our Parent's Guide, attached to this newsletter.

Dates For Your Diary:

6 th June	Year 6 visit to Belvoir
15 th June	Grantham Carnival
17 th June	Year 5 visit to Rutland Castle
18 th June	Year 6 visit to Harry Potter Studios
19 th June	Mini Olympics (Year 3)
19 th June	New Parents Meeting EYFS 2019/20 (2.00pm)
20 th June	New Parents Meeting EYFS 2019/20 (9.30am)
1 st July	Year 2 visit to Twycross Zoo
2 nd July	Year 1 visit to Twycross Zoo
3 rd July	Violin and Class 9 Concert (2pm)
10 th July	Years 3- 6 Sports Day (Meres Stadium)
12 th July	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
16 th July	Frank's Ice Cream Van £1.00 for an icecream
16 th July	Summer Fayre (3.30pm)

Pictures from our outdoor learning Day.



Summer Fayre

We will be holding a Summer Fayre at Isaac Newton on Tuesday 16th July. This will run as it has done in previous years, starting at 3.30pm and finishing around 5.00pm. I've also heard that it is 'tradition' for the headteacher to be put in the stocks and have wet sponges thrown at them...I'm very much looking forward to my first Isaac Newton Summer Fayre!

Cricket Success

Well done to our Year 4 Cricket Team who won the Belvoir Cricket Competition yesterday. A real team effort, retaining the title for the 2nd year. We are very proud of you all.



Litter Pickers

A special mention to the children who give up their free time to keep the school litter free. They spoke in Assembly this week about the importance of putting rubbish in the bin. The children all understand the importance of keeping our school clean and tidy and how this is important in demonstrating to visitors just how proud we are of our wonderful school!

