

Safeguarding Section

As the days get longer and with the holidays approaching it is important that children understand how to keep themselves safe when out playing. We talk to the children all the time about making safe choices when out playing and what to do if they are worried if they see something that doesn't seem right. Below are all the things we tell the children to do to keep themselves and their friends safe:

- ✓ **Do not talk to strangers**
- ✓ **Walk to and from school or play areas in groups**
- ✓ **Never accept rides from strangers**
- ✓ **Do not take gifts or sweets from people you don't know**
- ✓ **Report all suspicious behaviour in person and online to an adult**
- ✓ **Never leave home without telling your parents/carers where you're going**
- ✓ **Shout loudly if someone is asking you to do something you're not happy about**
- ✓ **Never take shortcuts. Always stick to routes selected by parents/carers, and stay on main roads**
- ✓ **If you go out with your friends make sure you stay together, even if you fall out**

**Most importantly:
Tell someone you
trust if someone is
making you feel
uncomfortable**

**Robert Peel's
Helping Hand**

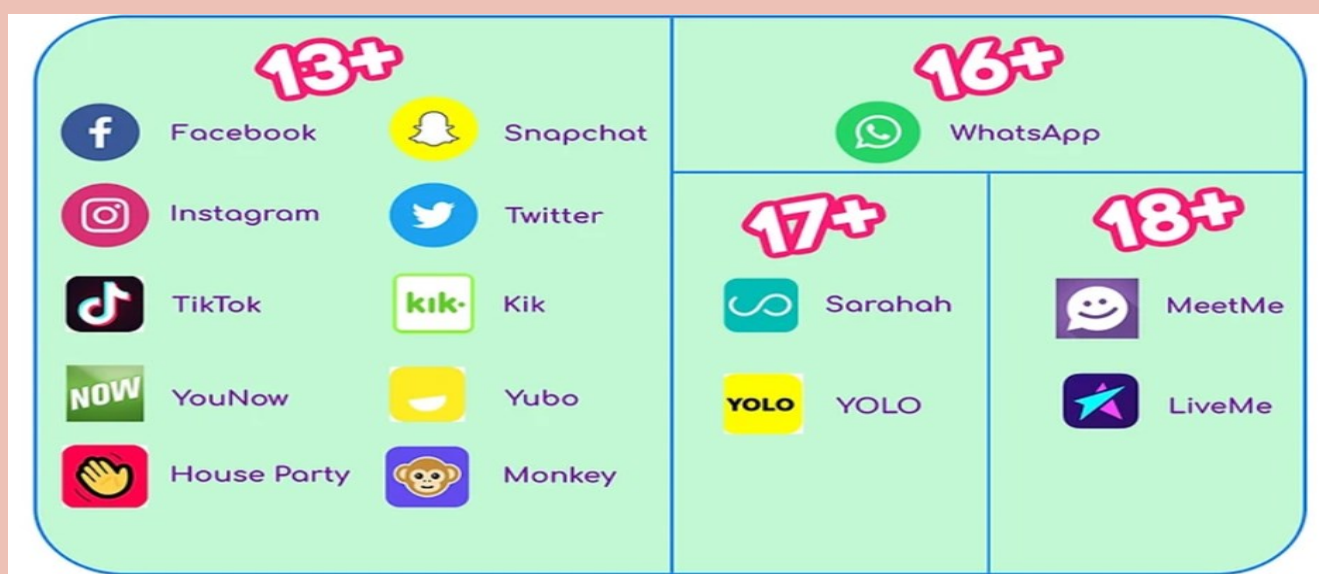


Online Safety

Over recent weeks we are having an increasing number of reports of children being unkind to each other online and particularly through Whatsapp. They are using language which is hurtful and inappropriate which is causing upset for lots of children.

As a school we teach the children about how to communicate on line using age appropriate platforms but we are unable to control what happens online outside of school. Many of the platforms the children are communicating through are not suitable for primary age children and have age ratings shown below.

As the parent or carer, if you have made the decision to give your child a mobile phone and access to these platforms then you have responsibility to monitor their behaviour online and put in place the necessary safety measures. Again we urge all parents to review what platforms your child is using and the ways they are communicating with each other.



Need Help Over Easter

If you have a worry over Easter please email Mrs Savage who will be available for parts of the break and will make contact.

familysupportworker@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk

If you are worried about a child, you can contact Central Bedfordshire Council's safeguarding team on: **0300 300 8585** or **0300 300 8123** out of hours.

SEND Imagination Dance HAF dance & exercise session for SEND children in years Reception to year 4 plus their siblings.

Picnic lunch provided.

Tuesday 8th April 10 – 10.45am OR 11.15am - 12noon

Biggleswade Youth Centre, SG18 8JU

SEND Forest School Forest school activities for children with SEND needs aged 3 – 12 years plus siblings.

Wednesday 9th April 10 – 11.30am

Robert Peel Primary Forest School Garden, SG19 1QJ

Easter Craft Session Easter themed craft session for children aged 3-12 years.

£1 per child.

Thursday 10th April 10am-11.30am

Biggleswade Youth Centre, SG18 8JU

Mindfit session For HAF families and their siblings.

Physical activities for years Reception to year 4 to promote positive mental health.

Lunch included.

Tuesday 15th April 9.30am – 12 noon

Robert Peel Primary School Field, SG19 1QJ

SupaStrikers Free football session for boys and girls aged 16 months to 7 years.

The sessions are designed to encourage confidence, teamwork and motor skills.

Wednesday 16th April 1 – 1.45pm : 4 – 7 years 2 – 2.45pm : 16months – 3 years

Biggleswade Youth Centre, SG18 8JU

HAF programmes are for families entitled to Free school meals

To book call 0300 300 8114 / 0300 300 8134

Easter Activities 2025

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What?	Details	When?	Where?
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Easter Craft Session	Easter themed craft session for children aged 3-12 years. £1 per child.	Thursday 10 th April 10am-11.30am	Biggleswade Youth Centre, SG18 8JU
Mindfit session	For HAF families and their siblings. Physical activities for years Reception to year 4 to promote positive mental health. Lunch included.	Tuesday 15 th April 9.30am – 12 noon	Robert Peel Primary School Field, SG19 1QJ
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Are you entitled to financial support for school lunches, daily snack, milk and school trips?

One quick phone call is all it takes, just a minute of your time to make a massive difference to you and your child.

We know that there are lots of things for your family to consider when the school starts but you could be missing out on some financial support for your child at school. Parents are able to register their child for Free School Meals which enables the school to gain additional funding to support with trips, milk and snacks. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 and you pay for hot lunches at the moment, by registering for Free School Meals you could save yourself nearly £400 on lunches alone.

It is a quick and easy process and all children from Nursery up are entitled to this additional funding if you as a parent are receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and you're annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call

0300 300 8306.

When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner

Dates of birth for your children

If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and already get a free meal, do still apply as the school will receive funding to support your child in other ways.

It is so easy to apply, please call today!