

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Mrs Wright Writes!

Another busy week at Jeavons Wood! This week we have welcomed children back for some afternoon sessions with their current class teacher. These sessions have been a total success and it has been lovely to see the children's smiles and see them back in school. We are confident this will help the children return in September as we welcome all the children back to school.

This week you should have also received your child's annual report and a letter about the classes/staff next year. Next Friday I will send out more detailed information about September but so you can start to plan, the times of the day will be the same and we are planning for all the children to be back in school. Obviously if things change over the summer, we will let you know but everything seems to be moving in the right direction so we are expecting all children back in September.

Please see the link below to our report comment form for you to give your feedback on your child's year and report. We will also send out next week a link to our annual questionnaire so you can feedback on this rather different school year! Your views and opinions are important to us so please find a few minutes to complete them; we really value the feedback.

We are planning to deliver a full curriculum to all children again in school from September. There will be slight adjustments in light of Covid but all children will receive a full education. My staff are skilled teachers. They always check previous understanding when teaching new concepts or building on previous understanding and will continue to do so. If the teacher identifies gaps in the children's understanding they will revisit and adjust accordingly. This is how we always teach so it is nothing new. If only a few children need the extra support then we will adjust for them either through a pre-teach post-teach intervention or within the class. Again this is not new and what we do to meet the very different needs within a classroom. We are very aware that some children will have some gaps to fill because they have not been able to access the home learning in the same way other children have. We are also very aware that some children have enjoyed one to one teaching throughout lockdown and made excellent progress. Teachers are very skilled at adapting the learning to suit the differing needs of thirty children and I am sure some of you will now be wondering how on earth they do that with a whole class but they do!

Thank you so much for all your supportive comments that have been sent to the staff and to me. We really appreciate them and they have lifted us at the end of a very busy term.

Can I just ask that you please check who your child is talking to online? We are very aware that some children are not only playing inappropriate games but are talking to people online through chat features. This causes me endless worry as I know how easy it is for unsuitable adults to contact children through these games and groom them. Please disable this function and check the game for yourself. We have often found that parents have been very shocked when they realised the level of violence in the games and then could see why their child might be angry at home.

Have a good weekend!

**Here's the link "School Report 2020 Parent Feedback Form":**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1u3qfje\\_FUCP6Rn7wsAtVdlXCJdB9e5NIYSfnYkvYuhUMUFMTU1ZR1ZSWIRBVIhKTKIUOFUyU09UOC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1u3qfje_FUCP6Rn7wsAtVdlXCJdB9e5NIYSfnYkvYuhUMUFMTU1ZR1ZSWIRBVIhKTKIUOFUyU09UOC4u)

Here is Ethan's sunflower that Miss Spencer gave to him before lockdown. It's about 7ft or 8ft tall now!



### **Draw-string Style Bags**

Dear Parents, please provide your children with a small draw-string style bags in September for their PE kit. Thank you.

### **Cambourne Food Bank**

As time goes on, many parents are finding it harder to stretch finances, especially while the children are at home. I want to make you aware that Cambourne food bank, who are at the Blue School on a Thursday from 10-12pm are still offering support for local families. This is in addition to the food parcels offered by Cambourne Crescent. Cambourne food bank offer roughly a week's supply of food & other items to families via a voucher system. If you feel your family may benefit from this extra support please email [ifsw@jeavonswood.org](mailto:ifsw@jeavonswood.org). You do not need to be in receipt of any benefits, and vouchers can be issued if the need is short term, or caused by Coronavirus events.

### **Online gaming - Mr Emery**

We have been made aware that there are a number of children, whilst playing online games, who have been chatting to people that they don't know. Whilst these people come across as being friendly, they may not be who they seem. The security settings should be set so that they can only speak to people who they know.

### **William Emery Charity Walk**

This weekend I will be walking 40 miles to raise money for a great charity, the Malcolm Whales Foundation. The link below tells you all about the charity and any donations would be greatly received. If you see me about, give me a wave/blast of the horn! Have a lovely weekend!

<https://tmwf.co.uk/about-us/>



Personal data is a strange commodity. Cyber thieves can buy huge quantities of personal data on the black market for very little, yet your own personal data is hugely valuable to you. If your personal data falls into the wrong hands, it could lead to identity theft, bank fraud or something even more sinister such as stalking. The severity of that threat is multiplied when it comes to the personal data of children, when threats such as internet grooming begin to emerge. The bad news is that children aren't always great at safeguarding sensitive information, which is why they need parents' help and guidance. That's why we've created this guide to show you how you can protect your own and your family's personal data.



# What parents need to know about PROTECTING PERSONAL DATA



## EVERY DETAIL IS KEY

Which info should you be wary of sharing online? Aside from the obvious, such as full names, date of birth and address, think of the type of information you're asked for when answering security questions for services such as online banking. The name of your first school, your mother's maiden name, the names of your pets, your favourite band. Data thieves will harvest as much of this information as possible, so don't make it easy for them by publishing it anywhere online.



## SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Social media sites, such as Facebook, encourage us to share sensitive information in order to build our online profiles. Many people are lulled into thinking that only their friends can see such information, but that's rarely the case. Such information can easily be shared with 'friends of friends' or even anyone searching for you online because privacy settings are opaque. Keep social media profiles to the bare minimum. If you wouldn't be comfortable hanging a sign with that information on your front door, don't enter it into social media sites.



## DANGEROUS GAMES

Online games are a particular risk for children. Many of the most popular games – such as Fortnite, Minecraft or Roblox – have voice or text chat facilities, allowing them to talk to fellow gamers. Or, sometimes, people pretending to be fellow gamers. It's very easy for children to be seduced into divulging personal data such as their address, birthday or school. It's critical parents both educate children on the dangers on online chat in games and take safeguards to protect children.



## IMPOSTERS AND PHISHING ATTACKS

Even if you're scrupulous about keeping your data private on social media, it's easy to be lulled into handing it over to imposters. There are two golden rules for you and your children to follow: 1. Never divulge personal information to phone callers, unless you can be absolutely certain you know who they are. 2. Never click on links or open attachments in emails or social media, unless you're 100% certain they are genuine. So-called phishing emails are growing ever-more sophisticated, with fraudsters able to replicate the exact look of bank emails and even include details such as account numbers and IDs.



## THE RISKS OF PASSWORD SHARING

Password sharing – using the same password for multiple sites – is one of the easiest ways to lose control of your personal data. Hacking of major websites, including usernames and passwords, is common. If you're using the same password for a hacked site as you do on your Gmail account, for example, you're handing data thieves an easy route into your inbox, where they will doubtless find all manner of sensitive information, such as bank emails and contacts. Your email account will often also let them reset the password on multiple other accounts. Don't share passwords; use password managers to create strong, unique passwords for every site.



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## Safety Tips for Parents & Carers



### LOOK OUT FOR LEAKS

Many security software packages have features that look for personal data leaks or prevent people from entering it into risky sites in the first place. For example, Bullguard Premium monitors dangerous sites for usage of data such as your email address, debit card numbers, passport number and more, and then sends you email alerts and details of how to take remedial action if it spots them being used. Such software also issues warnings if it sees personal data being entered into unprotected, high-risk sites.



### KEEP DATA GUARDED

Don't give the thieves a head start by handing them pieces of sensitive information for free. For example, it's very common to see email address such as davesmith1976@gmail.com – an immediate clue that you were born in that year. If you have a less common name than Dave Smith, thieves could immediately start using that information to cross reference against public records or other database breaches, allowing them to start building a profile of information about you. Likewise, don't use your date of birth in a password. If that's hacked, you've handed the thieves another big clue.



### DON'T OVERSHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The biggest threat to your child's privacy is you. Parents often overshare personal information on social media: full names, names of schools, children's birthdays, names of their friends. All of this can be easily gleaned to build profiles that could be used to groom your child in online games or in real life. Exercise extreme caution with social media posts concerning your children.



### BE WARY OF SHARED NETWORKS/SYSTEMS

Avoid entering any personal data into a web browser when you're using public Wi-Fi (in a coffee shop or airport, for example) or when using shared computers. Shared Wi-Fi connections are much easier to eavesdrop on than your home network, especially if they are not password protected or the password is shared freely with customers. Don't do online shopping, banking or enter any logins/passwords when using shared Wi-Fi. Likewise, if you're using a shared computer at work, for example, as it's very easy for a browser to save logins that could be used by others.



### PLAY SAFE IN ONLINE GAMES

Children must be taught to treat strangers in online games with the same caution as they would treat strangers in the street. Don't allow children to use their real name as their username in games to prevent imposters conning kids into thinking they are real-life friends, and only allow them to add friends in the game that they know in real life. Regularly ask to monitor your child's friends list in such games and ask them to identify who the players are. With younger children in particular, ask them to only use voice chat in family rooms, so that you can hear conversations.



## Meet our expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as *The Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues over the years.

