



Single Equality Scheme

Every Spring term we write to all parents about the Single Equality Scheme. This addresses our statutory duties in relation to race, disability, gender and promoting community cohesion and covers staff, pupils and people using the services of the school such as parents. The Single Equality Scheme also addresses the legislation relating to religion or belief, age and sexual orientation and includes our priorities and actions to eliminate discrimination and harassment for these equality areas.

The scheme requires us to produce an annual report on our progress, looking at the impact of our actions. A “Single Equality Scheme Guide for Parents” is attached to this week’s newsletter which includes the report on our progress towards our key objectives for 2019 – 2020. The guide also asks anyone interested in being part of our ongoing consultation to get in touch with one of the Senior Leadership Team – if you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Year 3 camp at Eden (6th-7th May) and Year 4 camp at Bude (30th April-1st May)

A reminder that ALL payments for Year 3 camp at Eden (£76 total) and Year 4 camp at Bude (£95 total) need to be made by **1st February** at the latest. This is because Eden and Adventure International ask for their final invoices to be paid at that time.

Full payment is needed by the above date. If it is not paid in full by this date, we will cancel your child’s place and refund any money you have already paid (less the deposit) with immediate effect.

You can pay as much or as little as you want anytime up to the final date. Please pay online at schoolmoney.co.uk as we no longer accept cash or cheques. Click into the amount box and change the total payment to the amount you’d like to pay. If you cannot pay online, please ask at the office for a Paypoint barcode which you can use to pay cash at a local Paypoint retailer. Thank you.

Healthy snacks

We are a healthy eating school and would like to remind you that crisps and biscuits/snack bars are not allowed at breaktimes. If your child is in EYFS or KS1 they will be given a piece of fruit or a vegetable under the Government’s school fruit and vegetable scheme. Children in KS2 can bring in fruit, vegetable sticks, rice cakes, crackers or breadsticks or buy a healthy snack from the tuck shop (items are 50p).

Online safety

Please see the information below with some excellent advice about Nintendo Switch. We will be publishing a different information page each week.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television, like traditional consoles (think a PlayStation or an Xbox) or out and about like a portable console, such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console's screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online, in the living room together or on the go during long journeys, but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else!



NINTENDO SWITCH ONLINE

Nintendo Switch Online is a paid service that allows the console to be played (you guessed it) online, by linking to other Switch consoles around the world. It can be purchased through the Nintendo eShop for a single account on the device, or with a family membership plan which covers 2 accounts. The purchase options come in three tiers, 1 month, 3 months and 12 months but be aware these auto-renew unless you specify otherwise.



ONLINE DANGERS

While online, your children will be able to play with and chat to people on compatible games, which will mostly be good-natured fun, but could potentially expose them to vulgar language, indecent images or worse. There are options to limit this though, which are detailed below. It's worth remembering that many games can be played offline, so while it's not essential to get Nintendo Switch Online, it is certainly something to consider.



NINTENDO eSHOP

The Nintendo eShop is where games can be purchased over the internet and downloaded directly onto the device. If you choose to enter your bank details (or PayPal account) onto the Switch, you can save them for easy access later on. Do note however that these can be viewed by anybody with access to the console, unless you specify otherwise. A child might accidentally purchase a game or item from the shop if these details are left improperly protected, which could leave you with a nasty surprise.



NINTENDO'S VIDEO GAME SELECTION

Nintendo as a company offers some of the most entertaining and safe video games on the market. Games featuring characters like Super Mario, Donkey Kong and Yoshi are always a safe bet for a child-friendly experience. It's always prudent to check each game before you buy it (especially if the game hasn't been made by Nintendo) but as a rule of thumb, anything official containing well-known names like these will be great for your children, giving you peace of mind while they enjoy them.



PORTABLE GAMING

Being able to take the Switch anywhere is a huge bonus when travelling. What's more is that almost every game can be enjoyed without the need to 'dock' the console with a television. Battery life on the Switch varies depending on what it's being used for but typically it will last around 3 or 4 hours before needing to be recharged. When the time comes, any USB-C charger will be able to do the job, but it's best and quickest to return it to the dock, which requires a normal plug socket.



Top Tips For Parents



PARENTAL CONTROLS

Nintendo released a free downloadable app that can be used in tandem with the Switch called Nintendo Switch Parental Controls. Once you've got the app on your mobile device, it's a simple process to make your two devices, giving you a suite of options to help make sure your child is having fun in a safe and structured environment curated by you.



ONLINE RESTRICTIONS

Another major inclusion in the app is the ability to block your child from seeing anything to do with age restricted games. There's also an extremely helpful feature that restricts access to games that have free communication features between strangers on the internet. This includes things like private messages and unsolicited images. Should you be concerned that strangers might be using the games to talk to your child, a simple press of a button will disallow any access they might have.

PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD

One of the wonderful things about the Switch is that there are an abundance of great games you and your child can enjoy together, and even with the whole family. Nintendo has a long history of making and supporting fun, family friendly games like Mario Kart and Mario Party, both of which can be played with two or more players using the Joy-Con controllers.



NINTENDO ESHOP SETTINGS

In the Nintendo eShop you can set up a password to help stop your child or somebody else from accessing any sensitive information, such as bank account details. The options here include entering a password to access the eShop to begin with, when any saved credit card information access is attempted, or when PayPal is accessed. Choosing which areas are password protected helps ensure you're deciding what level of access is given on the device. For example, if you're happy to have your child browse the shop for games they might want, you can allow access to the eShop but introduce the password before a purchase is made ensuring no mishaps occur.



LIMITING PLAY TIME

By linking the app with the Nintendo Switch, you can set time limits and reminders when you think enough time has been spent playing. It also lets you see if a game is still being played and gives you the option to automatically put the console into sleep mode if the message is ignored. This should only be used as a last resort though as it could cause some friction between you!

SET PLAY TIMES

Another handy feature is the ability to set different playtimes for days of the week, allowing you to tailor play time around you and your child's schedules. This is great for setting boundaries and encouraging gaming as part of a healthy routine. It will also help your child organise with their friends when they can all be online.



SEE PLAY HISTORY

The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app can also send a report telling you how much time your child spends playing each game. This is a great way to spot their favourite or most played games and might be a nice way for you to find out more about a title before talking to your child about it. It could also help identify any possible issues around playtime before they arise.



Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



<https://www.nintendo.com/switch/system/>, <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Parents/Safety/Keeping-your-child-safe/How-does-Nintendo-keep-your-child-safe-888083.html>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLdWHOW9zqc>, <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch/Nintendo-Switch-Online/Nintendo-Switch-Online-1183143.html>

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Mini Book Fair

Next week we will be holding a mini Book Fair within the school day so that children who wish to use their bookbank cheques or cash can do so to buy a book or stationery. If you would like to send your child in with cash, please put it in a named envelope on the day their class is going along so that they can hand it to the teacher.

Monday 27th KS1 (Year 1 and 2)

Tuesday 28th EYFS (Reception)

Wednesday 29th UKS2 (Year 5 and 6)

Thursday 30th LKS2 (Year 3 and 4)



New lunchtime club

Miss Williams is starting a new club for Years 3-6, Songwriting and Poetry on Wednesdays from 12.30pm in Kerris classroom. If your child is interested please encourage them to go along next Wednesday 29th to find out more information.

Club cancellations

KS2 Street Ice Hockey has been **cancelled** next Weds 29th January due to a staff meeting in the hall. Both sessions missed will now take place on Weds 4th and Weds 11th March (the first two Weds after half term).

West Cornwall Spring Show

Look out next week for a letter about the West Cornwall Spring Show in March at Marazion. There are lots of fantastic categories to enter.



Medicine in school

If your child requires medicine in school, of whatever sort, please ensure that an adult brings it (clearly labelled with your child's name) to the office and completes a consent form so that we have authorisation to give it to your child. Children should not bring in medicine and hand it in themselves.

Wanted

If you have any old newspapers or magazines please could you bring them in as KS2 will be needing them for making collages later this term. Thank you.

Bea's hair cut for charity

Bea in Year 5 had 26cm of her hair chopped off this week in aid of the Little Princess Trust charity. Her pony tail will be made into wigs specifically for poorly children plus any money donated is for the charity. Bea was SO brave and only flinched a couple of times, but loves her new on-trend hair-do and is so happy to know that her hair will be going to a very good cause.



Lost

Fred in Lanyon has lost his coat. It's an orange puffa jacket with a navy inside and it is named. Vivian has lost his navy blue pirate purse. He lost it in or around the tuck shop. If found, please hand in.

Prayer meeting

Please come and join me to pray for any aspect of life you'd like on Wednesday mornings 08:00 - 08:30 in the meeting room starting next Wednesday 29th January. No prayer too small, too silly or too big! All welcome. Prayer requests can be sent to Lindsay Ward, Hope Church's Children & Families Leader at: lindsay@hopechurchcornwall.co.uk

Lindsay Ward

Need a chat?

Come and have a cup of tea with Mrs Daylak if you have any questions or concerns about anything which might be affecting your child in school. You can find her any Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. If you would rather make an appointment, please ask the office. She might even find you a biscuit to go with your tea!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Chobins	Ashton	for a super, positive attitude to school
	Benjamin	for being an all round calm, kind superstar
Puffins	Eden	for her hard working attitude & effort to improve her handwriting
Owls	Harris	for trying exceptionally hard with his writing
Kingfishers	Isobel	for overall hard work and a positive attitude
Trencrom	Jessika	for a fantastic piece of homework on volcanoes
	Tracey	for always trying her best & always smiling
Lanyon	Summer	for fantastic Maths this week - you have shown excellent perseverance
	Amelia	for fantastic Maths this week - you have shown excellent perseverance
Kerris	Roxy	for excellent descriptive work in her writing. Superb!
Bodrifty	Jack	for working so hard in swimming & making great progress. Well done Jack!
Bosigran	Logan	for a brilliant attitude to all his work & a great sense of humour.
Kenidjack	Eia	for working hard, smiling lots & being generally lovely
Dinnertime	Blake	for being very sensible at lunchtimes
PE Star	Zac P	for fantastic shooting skills in netball
	Oliver K	for having a great attitude & showing true perseverance in his swimming

Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on.



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs		
Robins		
Puffins		

ATTENDANCE UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK

Lanyon		
Kerris		
Bodrifty		
Bosigran		
Kenidjack		
Overall school attendance		

Our collective target is 96.5%



DIARY DATES

January

31st Sharing assembly for Bosigran at 2.45pm

February

7th Sharing assembly for Lanyon at 2.45pm

14th Sharing assembly for Trencrom at 2.45pm

14th School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February – HALF TERM

PLEASE NOTE CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM

March

5th St. Piran's dance for Year 6 – details to follow

5th World Book Day

9th-11th Parent Consultations – appointment times will be booked online – **no clubs this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**

13th Sharing assembly for Owls at 2.45pm

19th FOAS Easter Disco – details to follow

20th **All clubs finish**

20th All music lessons finish

25th Last swimming for Year 5



MBFDC - HOLIDAY CAMPS

February Half Term 2020



Dates

Wednesday 19th February - Multi Sports Camp (an array of fun sports available!)
Thursday 20th February - Football Camp
Friday 21st February - Football Camp

Tots: 4-6yrs

10am - 12pm

£6 per day, £10 for two days or £13 for three days

Pros: 7-13yrs

10am - 3:30pm

£15 per day, £25 for two days or £35 for three days

Venue

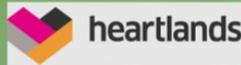
Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Penzance, TR18 3JT

All players welcome from any school or club
Come along and have some fun
All coaching staff are UEFA / FA qualified and DBS checked
Pay & register online or just turn up on the day

For further info check out our website - www.mbfdc.co.uk

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FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2020

COMMUNITY DAY AT HEARTLANDS WITH SAFER CORNWALL AND ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST

ICE SKATING
ALSO
AVAILABLE!

A FUN DAY/MULTI SKILLS ROADSHOW FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15 YEARS.
FREE AND AVAILABLE TO ALL

10am-3pm

ALSO THE CHANCE TO MEET THE PEOPLE AND AGENCIES WHO WORK TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE LOCALLY

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