



Arriving at and Leaving the School Site

We are re-publishing this reminder to all parents following a number of concerns raised by staff. Staff are concerned that after the school day has ended, unsupervised children are:

- getting involved in after-school clubs (including Go Active) that they do not belong to which is unfair on the children in the club as well as the staff who are running the activity
- taking equipment from the PE store for use on the field after school which is neither safe nor acceptable
- using the woodland and play equipment, resulting in injuries and incidents that have required staff to become involved well after school has finished for the day
- re-entering the school building.

We don't wish to get to a point where we close our field to children and parents immediately after school; however, the current situation is placing the school and its staff in an unreasonable and unfair position, as well as possibly placing children at risk of harm. We would therefore once again remind parents that:

Children must not be left unsupervised on the school site before 8.45am or after 3.15pm as the school cannot be responsible for their safety.

We understand that parents may wish to enjoy our lovely school field with their children for a short time after the school day has ended. However, please note that:

- the school cannot be responsible for the safety of you or your children
- outside of school hours, children must be closely supervised by their parents or carers at all times whilst on the school site
- children should not go onto the playgrounds, into the woodlands or the school buildings or on the apparatus unless supervised by a member of staff
- staff running after-school activities must not be placed in a position where they are having to supervise or manage children who are not part of that club.
- children should not take or use any school equipment

Children should arrive at school between 8.45 and 8.55am (unless they are attending the Breakfast Club).

Children need to be collected at 3.15pm, unless they have permission to walk home alone, or they have an after-school club. Children who are not collected will be kept safe in the Go Active After-School Club, for which there be a charge.

Thank you for your support with this.

Online safety

Please see the next page for some excellent advice about Snapchat. We will be publishing a different information page each week.



Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends through voice call or text message. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."

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What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT



EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story' stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose". When uploading to 'Our Story', your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

ADDICTIVE SNAPSTREAKS

'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer the streaks are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

SEXTING

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, users can even send a one-second photo or video. Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'leaves'. Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying.

It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.



EXTRAS TO MAKE YOU STAY

Aside from taking photos and videos, Snapchat has other elements to keep users coming back for more. 'Snap Games' is a feature within the app where users can play mini-games with others on their friends list. The games function is easily accessed by tapping on the rocket button during a conversation. Another feature on the app is 'Snap Originals', which allows users to watch content created by Snapchat, celebrities and other accounts, including a mixture of comedy shows, drama, news and more. These features are designed to encourage users to stay on the app, which may be quite addictive.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE

Snapchat's selection of filters and lenses are seen as a great way to enhance your 'selfie game'. Although the filters are often created to promote entertainment and humour, using the 'beauty' filters on photos can set unrealistic expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Children may strive for admiration and appreciation by sending these 'edited' photos to their friend list. Judging themselves against other users on the app might threaten their confidence or self-worth.



Top Tips for Parents



THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure your child knows that 'snaps' can be screenshotted. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An info button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: support.snapchat.com.

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USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Then, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

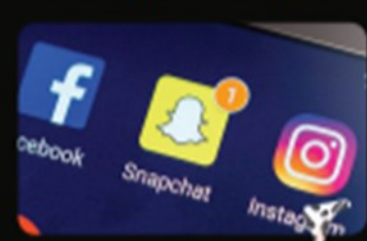
Advise your child never to send any negative messages (or images) through gallery in the chat on the app, as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the text message and press delete.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the app settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends', 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends'.



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Sports Days



This week we were finally able to hold the last of our sports days. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported



the children this week and in previous weeks. The children were fantastic, very supportive of each other and had lots of fun. It was wonderful to see the Year 6 children helping our youngest children in the school.



Schools Games

Last Friday eight of our children travelled to Bodmin to take part in the Schools Games finals having qualified in their respect sports earlier on this year. Our Year 6 boys swimming team went to Bodmin Leisure Centre with Miss Williams and came home with bronze medal—an amazing achievement bearing in mind the amount of schools that took part. The Year 3/4 tennis team went with Mrs Mooney to Callywith College and despite not winning any medals, represented the school brilliantly. Well done to you all. We are very proud of you. Thank you to Mrs Mooney for driving and to Miss Williams for accompanying them.

Medicine and asthma pumps

In line with guidelines set out by the school nursing team, before every summer holiday we will be returning all medicines and asthma pumps to parents. If there is anything in school that we hold for your child it will be sent home with your child before the end of term. If they need it again in September, please ensure that it is returned, clearly labelled, once term begins.

Year 6 Fiver Challenge

Our Year 6 have been very busy over the past few weeks taking part in the annual Fiver Challenge. Their aim is to use £5 given to them to raise as much money as possible. This year they made an incredible **£829** profit which they will use to fund a trips to Flambards, the Jubilee Pool and the remainder will go to a charity of their choice. Congratulations to all of them. Many thanks to all the Year 6 parents who helped their children and to everyone who supported them.

Fred and Arthur in Kingfishers were so concerned about the amount of plastic they found on the school field that they made a poster to encourage people to pick up their own litter.



Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day. It is very hot and it is important that the children drink plenty of water. Thank you.



Lost property

Once again the lost property box is overflowing with lots of clothing including coats and footwear. All un-named items will be sent to the charity shop on the last day of term. If you are missing anything please check the box in the hall any day before then **after school**. This year we have sent 18 bin bags of clothing to charity including brand new items. Please help us by clearly naming ALL your child's clothing. If it is named it is always returned to them. Only un-named items are given away.

Go Active summer holiday club

Go Active is running a day's holiday club on Wednesdays in August from 9am-3pm at school at a cost of £12 per child. **This is only open to children currently on roll at Alverton School - sorry no older or younger siblings or friends and relations.** For more information, please contact Mr Timmons on 07843 126833 or ask for a letter at the office. Booking with payment must be made by Monday 22nd July.

Music recitals

There will be a keyboard recital for parents on Monday 15th July at 2pm with Maria in the hall and a guitar recital for Julian's pupils in the hall on Tuesday 16th July at 2pm. Please come along if you can.

Jump Dance club

Steph apologies that no one turned up to take Monday's dance club. She has added another session to the end of this term so there are now two sessions remaining next Thursday 11th and the last one on Thursday 18th July.

Wanted

Our lovely new pink tool shed needs some good quality tools. If you have any of the following, please could we have them?

Hammers of any size but not claw hammers.

Cross head screwdrivers, ratchet ones if possible.

We would be very grateful. Thank you very much.

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!



Outstanding debts

With only two weeks of term remaining, please ensure that all money owing is paid by **Friday 19th July** at the latest so that our finance systems can be closed down for this school year. This includes outstanding debts for swimming, breakfast club, trips, and nursery sessions. **Please check your school money account which will tell you if anything remains to be paid.** If you cannot get onto your account, please contact the office who will help you or let you know if anything is owing. The kitchen staff would also appreciate payments for all lunches to be completely up to date by the end of term.

Music lessons in September

If your child is interested in taking part in music lessons from September there are currently spaces to do keyboards, woodwind (recorder, flute or clarinet) and ukele. If your child is Year 2 or above and you would like more information, please ask at the office.

Lost

Lani-Rose in Puffins has lost her silver waterproof coat, Next brand, aged 6-8 years. It is named. Olivia in Bodrifty has lost her red zipped PE top. It is named.

Please check and hand in if found.

A reminder that we finish for the summer holidays on **Tuesday 23rd July** at 3.15pm and the Autumn term begins on **Thursday 5th September** at 9am.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	90.5%	10
Robins	93.5%	8
Puffins	95.2%	6
Owls	91.7%	9
Kingfishers	95.9%	5
Trencrom	96.8%	3
Lanyon	94.1%	7
Kerris	90.3%	11
Bodrifty	96.7%	4
Bosigran	99.3%	1
Kenidjack	97.0%	2
Overall school attendance	94.7%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

Twitter

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



DIARY DATES

July

- 9th Y6 Transition Day at Mounts Bay or Humphry Davy
- 10th-12th Y6 London trip
- 16th Guitar recital at 2pm
- 18th Parent Helpers lunch at 12.15pm
- 23rd Y6 Leavers assembly at 2.15pm

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15pm TODAY

24th & 25th Staff training days

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM ON THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.

