

Dear all,

Another great half term has flown by with lots going on in school. We have worked with our children and staff to review our school rules and values this half term and gone through these with all children in assemblies and classes (attached for your information). We have also launched our school rewards system with all children joining in with a weekly celebration assembly and setting up a weekly VIP club where children awarded VIP are invited for a treat with me on a Friday afternoon.

Mr Fitzsimmons

Rags 2 Riches Schools Collection

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. We get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items towards school projects and would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home. Bags will be sent home with children on Friday.



 Exciting News For Parents/Guardians ! 

In light of the recent increase in childcare announced by the government, our nursery at Kings Ash Academy are exploring opportunities to enhance our childcare offerings.

 Please register your interest here 

<https://forms.office.com/e/T3ELDgx44r>

Key Dates for Spring 2

February

19th- Return to school after half term holiday
20th - 3ST Swimming starts
21st - Rags to Riches collection

March

13th & 14th March - Bikeability Level 2
20th and 21st- Parents evenings
21st - Yr 6 Matilda performance at PA
28th- School finishes at 2pm for Easter Holidays

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS



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RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2024

Due to an unusually low birth rate, we have a few school spaces available in Reception for September 2024.

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Our School Rules

This term, we have been working on helping all of our pupils understand and follow our school rules of 'be kind, be safe, be ready'. We have created new posters for the classrooms to help everybody understand how to follow our rules

Kings Ash Academy School Rules

 <u>be</u> kind	 kind hands	 kind words	 kind feet
 <u>be</u> safe	 walking feet	 listening ears	 If there is a problem, tell an adult
 <u>be</u> ready.	 ready sitting	 magnet eyes	 voices off

Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots

Pupils in Year 1-6 now have access to Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots. These are maths games that the children can play at home and in school to practice their maths skills. Children have the opportunity to earn points and certificates. Please click the links for more information. Class teachers will share information and logins at parents evenings.



Kings Ash Learning Values

Next half term, we will be working on helping all of our pupils understand and demonstrate our school learning values. We have created new posters for the classrooms to help everybody understand what they can do to demonstrate our learning values

Kings Ash Academy Learning Values

 <p>Independence</p>	 <p>well organised</p>	 <p>confident to have a go</p>	 <p>willing to make mistakes</p>	 <p>focussed</p>
 <p>Respect</p>	 <p>kind and polite</p>	 <p>listens to others</p>	 <p>makes the right choices</p>	 <p>tolerant of others</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p>	 <p>joins in</p>	 <p>tries ideas</p>	 <p>works well in a group</p>	 <p>helps others</p>
 <p>Creativity</p>	 <p>asks questions</p>	 <p>resilient</p>	 <p>takes risks</p>	 <p>connects ideas</p>

Kings Ash Football Team

Recently, our Year 5/6 Football teams showcased exceptional skills in a football friendly against Oldway Primary School.



The matches were played in quarters, with points awarded for wins or draws. The teams demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.

A special shoutout also to our incredible Foxhole Community association at Foxhole Community Centre , for organising and supporting our team with brand new kits. Your generosity fuels our team spirit!



Music Club

Music Club and friends with KAA violins went to Exeter University to watch and participate with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. They were praised by the musicians who said they were very well behaved and had been a great audience.



Five Gold Rings

The after school Performing Arts club (Years 3 4 5 and 6) enjoyed showing their parents their acting in the Five Gold Rings play this week. All of the children had fun and worked hard singing and remembering their lines. Mrs Devonport thanks Mrs Berry and Mrs Wiles for their support again this term and the parents and PAC children for helping with costumes and learning the script and songs.

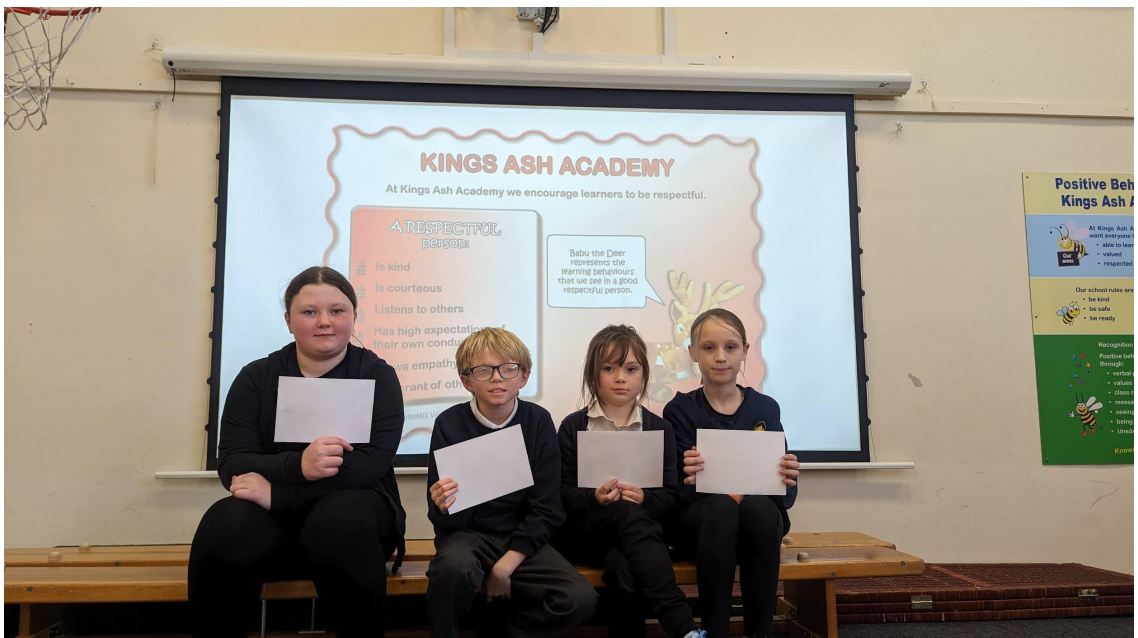
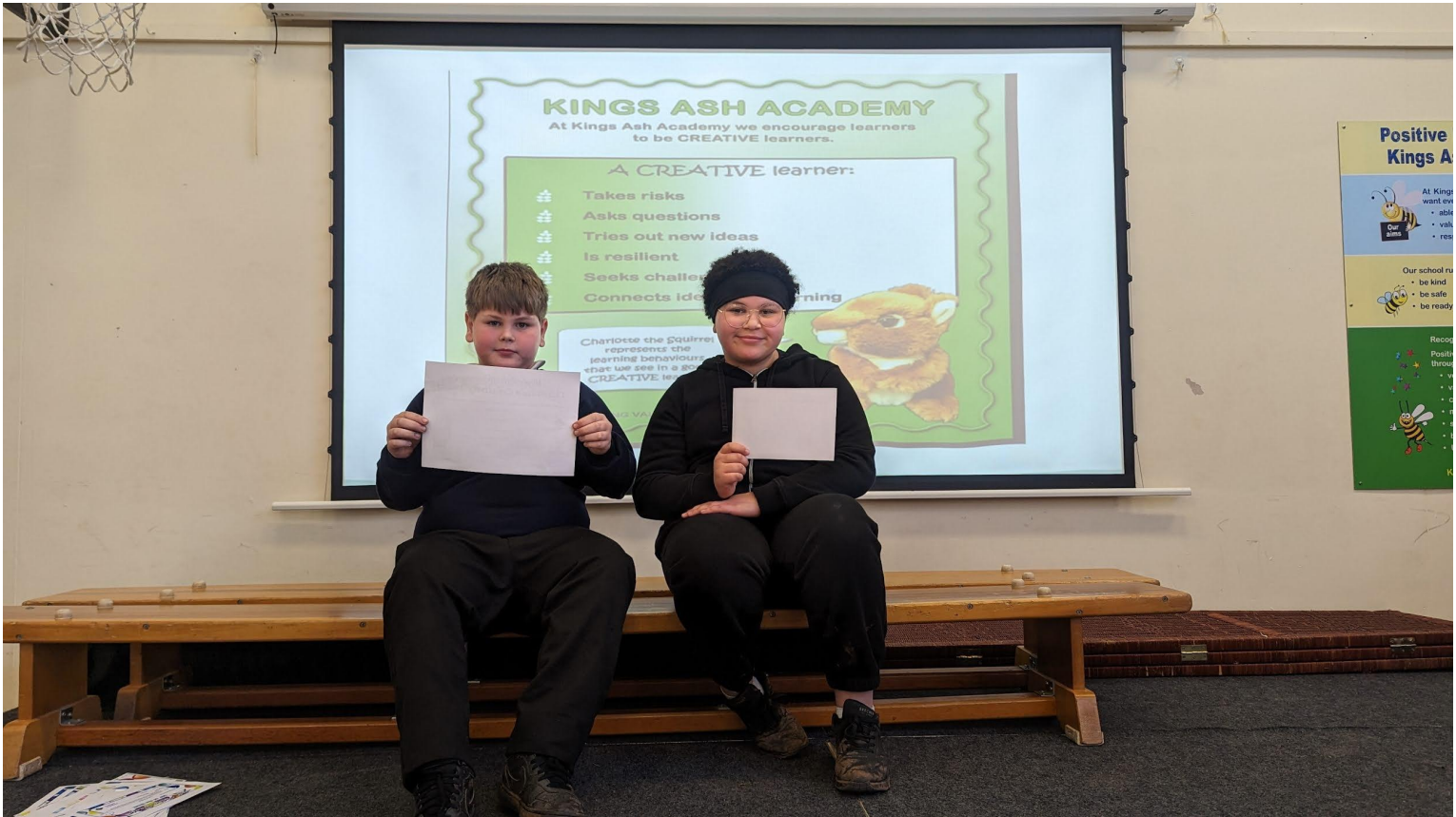


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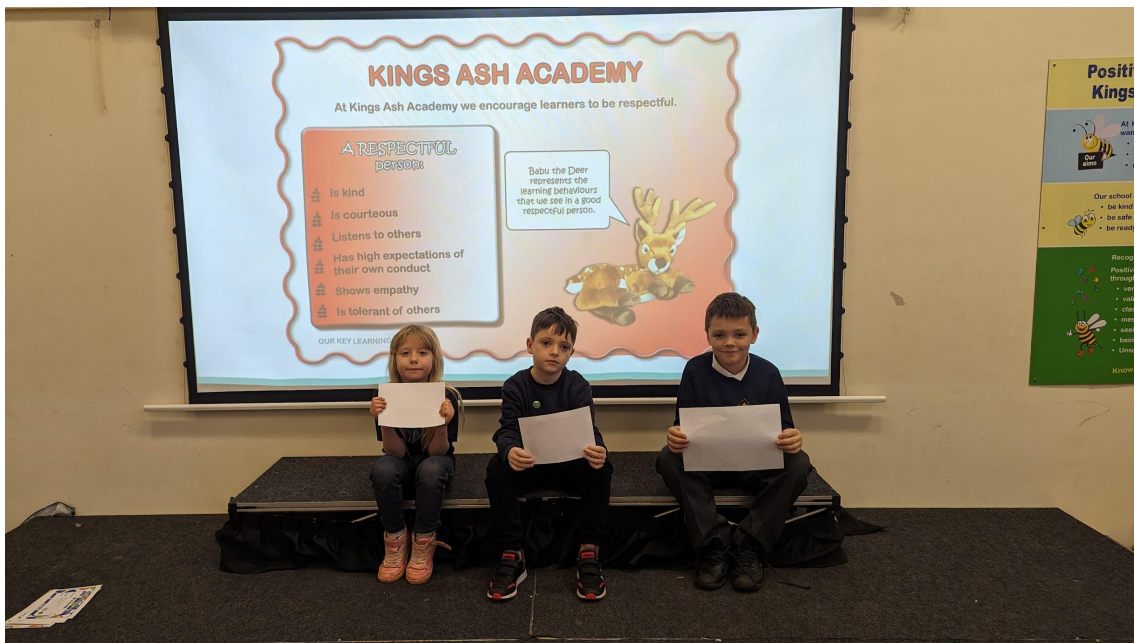
Please see our gallery of weekly certificate winners for this half term. Congratulations and well done to all awarded



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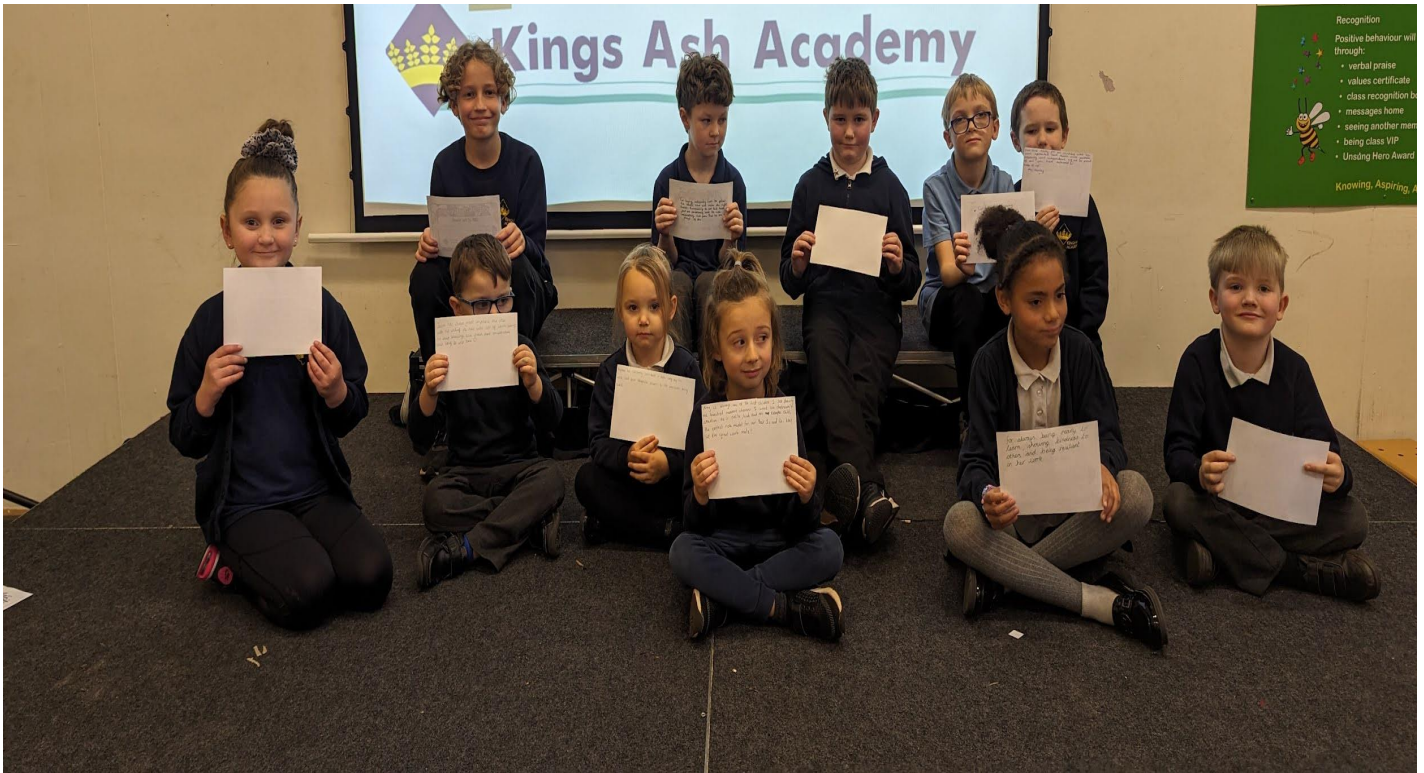
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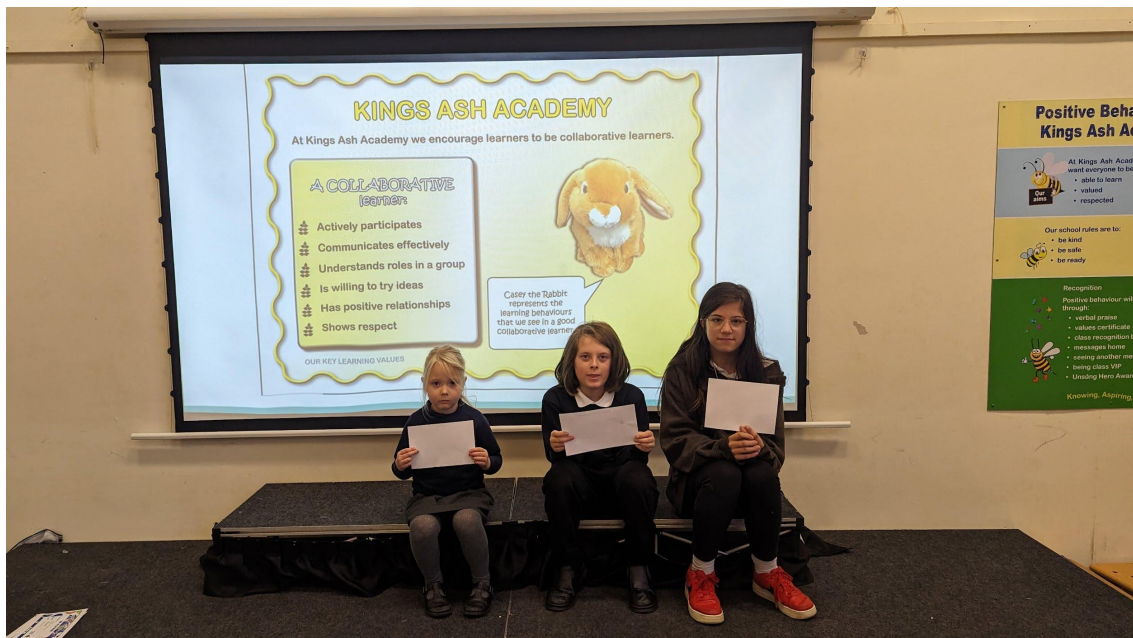
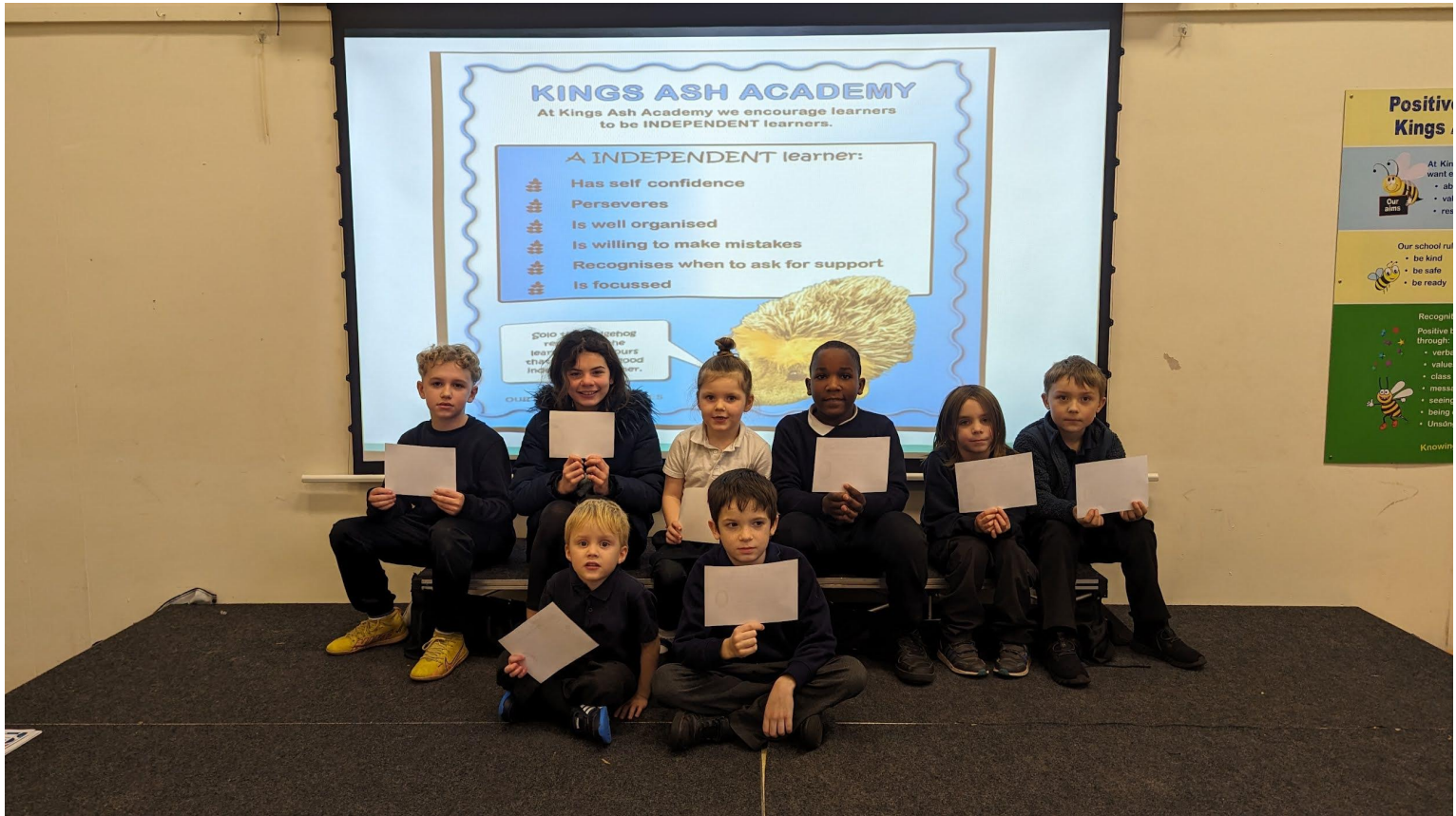
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Uniform reminders

Just a reminder that children can come into school in **school PE kit** on their class PE days (please note, football or other team kits are not allowed). As the colder weather approaches, children are welcome to wear their school jumper and plain black leggings/jogging bottoms on PE days.

As a school, we are happy for the basics of school uniform to be purchased from supermarket chains as they can often be cheaper. We also have stocks of second hand uniform available if you are struggling financially, just speak to the family support team.

In the current cost of living climate, we are also content with children to wear plain black trainers to school, please support us with this by not sending your child into school in any other coloured or patterned trainers.



Medicines in school

Please be reminded that if your child needs medication or medicine in school then you will need to complete the following forms before we can accept any medicines or medication in school

[Prescribed medication form](#)

[Non-prescribed medication form](#)



Smoking/Vaping on school grounds

Please be reminded that smoking and vaping are banned on the school grounds. Please support us to keep the school environment smoke free.





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Kings Ash Academy News

Arriving to school on time

Please be reminded that the school day begins when registers open at 8:40am. Registration closes at 8:50am. Any children arriving after 8:50am will be marked as late as registers have closed at this point. For safeguarding purposes, children arriving late will have to be individually registered in the school entrance and parents will need to accompany them until they have been registered. This is to ensure that all children have been correctly registered into the building. In order to make this happen safely, parents will be asked to wait with their children outside of the main school entrance whilst children are registered in order of arrival.

If you are having difficulty with getting your child to school on time then please contact our family support team who will be willing to provide support and advice.

DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...

5 MINUTES LATE 3 DAYS LOST 15 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	10 MINUTES LATE 6 DAYS LOST 30 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	15 MINUTES LATE 10 DAYS LOST 50 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	20 MINUTES LATE 13 DAYS LOST 65 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	30 MINUTES LATE 19 DAYS LOST 95 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST
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Liz Wilson

Helpline Project Manager

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WhatsApp safety guide for parents

16+

WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58%

Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37%

Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp



5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

- 1

Review privacy settings WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
- 2

Customise contacts Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
- 3

Talk about personal information Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
- 4

Show them where to get support If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
- 5

Check in regularly Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.



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It's the First Steps that count.

What is currently available for families?

Service	Devon	Torbay
Therapy Resources	 <p>Child and Family Health childandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk</p>	
Support at home and in the community	 <p>Early Help Devon dcfp.org.uk</p>	 <p>0-19 Team 01803 210 200 0to19torbay.co.uk</p>
Support at school	 <p>Devonias devonias.org.uk</p>	 <p>Sendias Torbay sendiastorbay.org.uk</p>
Workshops supporting children with different needs	 <p>Neurodive facebook.com/neurodivetraining</p>	
	 <p>Devon Education Services devoneducationservices.co.uk</p>	
	 <p>Parental Minds Parental Minds offers Skills Workshops for parent caregivers, school staff and professionals. parentalminds.org.uk</p>	
Time to talk	 <p>Tissues and Issues tissuesandissues.org/home</p>	

We've been asking lots of parents what they wish they'd known from the beginning. Turn over for an ABCD summary of what they said.

Register with First Steps Peer Support Network!

We offer a safe place for parents/caregivers to be heard and somewhere to exchange ideas, hints and tips with other parents/caregivers. We share information on Local and National mental health services.
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