

November 2025 Newsletter

Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for LearningPassion for life"

Christian Value – Friendship

"A true Friend shows love at all times." Proverbs 17:17

Dear Parents,

As the Autumn term unfolds, it's been a joy to see our school community thriving. Our Foundation Stage children have embraced their new routines with enthusiasm, and it's heartwarming to watch their personalities shine through as they grow in confidence each day.

A special mention must go to our Junior Leadership Team (JLT), who have truly stepped up this term. Their dedication to school life and their eagerness to lead by example is inspiring. They continue to set a fantastic standard for their peers and younger pupils alike.

STEM Week was a highlight of the term, sparking curiosity and creativity across all year groups. A huge thank you to our visiting STEM professionals who brought learning to life in such exciting ways. We're also incredibly grateful to Mrs. Warner for her brilliant organisation and energy in making the week such a success.

With December fast approaching, the festive buzz is beginning to build! This is always a magical time in school, and we have a wonderful line-up of seasonal events ahead—Christmas performances, fairs, pantomimes, and more. Be sure to check the 'Dates for Your Diary' section so you don't miss out on any of the fun.



Opening Times

Monday	7.30am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm
Tuesday	7.30am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday	7.30am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm
Thursday	7.30am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm
Friday	7.30am - 8.40am	3:15 – 5:30 pm

Booking for Acorns closes at 7 p.m. for the following day. This helps to manage staff and ratios. Without booking the day before, the children will be unable to attend.

All booking information and links are on the school website. Please be aware that fees are subject to change. Acorns offer a 10% discount for siblings. This will automatically be deducted upon booking.

Important Information:

Acorns has its own Facebook page – please have a look at all the wonderful activities that they provide. The feedback from our children is that the club is “amazing”. We agree with them!!!

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

Current Fees

Before School Breakfast Club	7.30 am - 8.45 am	£5.45 per child (includes breakfast)
After School Club – full session	3.15 pm - 5.30 pm	£10.45 per child (includes snack)
After School Club – early session	3.15 pm - 4.15 pm	£5.45 per child (no snack)
After School Club following an extra-curriculum activity	4.15pm - 5.30 pm	£5:95 per child (includes snack)

- Sarah Goldie TEL: 07860816175
- EMAIL: sarahgoldie_uk@outlook.com



School Office

If you need to contact school for any reason then the office opening hours are:

Monday 8.00am - 3.45pm

Tuesday 8.00am - 3.45 pm

Wednesday 8.00am - 3.45 pm

Thursday 8.00am - 3.45 pm

Friday 8.00am - 3.15 pm

Tel (01253) 882226

Please note that the office is closed for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00pm (Mon-Thurs) 12:00 and 1:30pm (Fri)

The phone will not be answered at this time and the office staff are not available.

Payments to School

Please note all clubs and dinners must be paid for in advance.

Dinner Money

You can pay for School dinners on a weekly or half-termly basis. If you choose to pay weekly, you will need to pay a week in advance. **Dinner money for this term will be £101.50. Please pay this via ParentPay.**

If you decide that you no longer want your child to have a school lunch you must give the office a **weeks'** notice as all food is ordered a week in advance.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please inform the office by **9.10am** and **leave a message** on the answerphone.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Information about PE and extracurricular activities

- **Additional Kit:** Please ensure your child has an additional kit for any after-school activity, as their P.E. kit must not be worn.
- **Correct Kit for Sports:** For sports like football and hockey, children must have the correct kit (e.g., football boots, shin pads, waterproof clothing). If unsure, please ask Mrs. James.
- **Club Supervision:** Mr Rawcliffe will oversee the clubs provided by 3rd party providers and ensure children are handed over to parents/carers at the end of the session.
- **Collection Point:** All children attending extracurricular clubs should be collected from Class 1's door.
- **Pick-Up Time:** Please pick up your child promptly at 4:15 pm after clubs.
- **Payment:** Ensure you pay for clubs in advance. If payment is not made, your child will not be booked on the course.
- **Sports Grant:** We will continue to supplement the cost of extracurricular activities with the Sports Grant this year.



The overall attendance for **October** was

96%

For more information about attendance and holidays in term time, please check out the school website.

If you need support with attendance and punctuality please contact Miss Manns, our Family Learning Mentor



Happy Birthday to the following children
November

2nd – William
2nd - George
5th – Penelope
5th – Sophia T
9th - Luca
26th - Etta
27th - Harry

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

NOVEMBER 2025

FROM MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER TO TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025

	Lower School	Upper School
Monday	Brass (lunchtime) Y2 £25 Multi Skills Y2 £15	Brass (lunchtime) Y3/4/5/6 £25 Multi Skills Y3 £15 Dance Y4/5/6 £15
Tuesday	Football (outdoor) Y2 £15 Mrs Warner's Reading Club Y1/2 £5	Football Y3 (outdoor) £15 Basketball (MUGA) Y4/5/6 £15
Wednesday	Outdoor Hockey Y2 £9	Outdoor Hockey Y3 £9 Tennis Y4/5/6 £15
Thursday	Singing (lunchtime) Y2 £25 Yoga & Mindfulness Y2 £9	Singing (lunchtime) Y3/4/5/6 £25 Yoga & Mindfulness Y3 £9 Football Y4/5/6 £9

As you can imagine this is the busiest Term in the School Calendar, therefore we have had to cancel the following days, for Extra-Curricular Clubs;

November	December
Wednesday 5th November	Wednesday 3rd December
Thursday 6th November	Thursday 4 th December
	Monday 8 th - 11 th December
	Monday 15 th - 18 th December

Payment Information for Extra-Curricular Clubs

- **Club Information:** Ms. Stansfield will inform parents about the available clubs before the new term. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Sporting clubs are provided by third-party providers.
- **Payment System:** All payments are now made via the 'Parent Pay' system.
- **Advance Payment:** Clubs must be paid for in advance as per our payment policy.
- **Non-Refundable:** Payments are non-refundable. If a child is absent due to illness or a behavioural incident, no refund will be given as coaches still need to be paid.
- **Refunds for Cancellations:** If a coach cancels a session, a full refund will be provided as we are not charged in such instances.



Parish and Community links



Family Communion

Our Family Communion service is held every Sunday at 9.30am. On the first Sunday of the month this is followed by coffee and biscuits served in church.

Children

Junior Church runs on the second Sunday of every month at 09:30am. (Contact Fiona Small for information; 07913901015)

StChads@5 - a new monthly service, held at St Chad's Church in Poulton on the third Sunday of the month. The service is aimed at young people and families, with contemporary music and an informal feel, and provides an alternative time for those who find Sunday mornings difficult. You are invited for drinks and cake from 4:30 pm with a 45-minute service beginning at 5:00 pm. We would love to see you!"

Children are both welcomed and encouraged at all our services.

Lost Property

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We seem to have a lot of lost property already in school this term. Please ensure that all your child's uniform (this includes coats and Extra-Curricular sport kits) is clearly labelled. We will only be keeping lost property for the full term, because as you can imagine we haven't got much space to store it all in school. Please check the lost property box in reception.

Pantomime at the Grand Theatre



The annual visit to the Grand Theatre will be on:

Thursday 11th December.

The cost of the trip is **£24.50 per child.**

Payments will be added to Parent Pay in the next couple of weeks.

A huge thank you to FOSS for kindly donating £450 for one of the coaches again this year – this has helped to keep the cost of the trip down.

CARE AWARDS

October 2025

Foundation

Faith
Kairos
Hallie

Class 1

Cooper, George
Layla, Ellie.

Class 2

Alice R, Malayka,
Gracie, Matilda,
Ralphy.

Class 3

Emma, Penelope,
Ralph, Daniel.



These are awarded to children for working hard in class and demonstrating good behaviour.

October 2025

Foundation

Roman

Class 1

Sacha

Class 2

Violet

Class 3

Ava

Diary Dates and Holidays

HOLIDAYS 2025 /2026

Autumn Term 2025

Open: Thursday 4th September 2025
 Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
 Closes: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Open: Tuesday 6th January 2026
 Half Term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
 Closes: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Open: Monday 13th April 2026
 May Day: Monday 4th May 2026
 Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
 Closes: Friday 17th July 2026

Total number of openings – 190 days

HOLIDAYS 2026 /2027

Please note these are provisional dates which will be presented to Governors in December

Autumn Term 2026

Open: Friday 4th September 2026
 Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026
 Closes: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Open: Tuesday 5th January 2027
 Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027
 Closes: Friday 26th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Open: Monday 12th April 2027
 May Day: Monday 3rd May 2027
 Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027
 Closes: Tuesday 20th July 2027

Total number of openings – 190 days

Inset days

1st, 2nd, 3rd September 2025
5th January 2026
20th July 2026

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1st, 2nd, 3rd September 2026
4th January 2027
21st July 2027

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

November 2025	December 2025	January 2026
10 th – Y3/4 Class Worship 8:50am W/C 10 th – Anti Bullying Week 11 th – 10:50 Whole School Visit to the Peace Garden for Remembrance Day – Parents Welcome 14 th – FOSS non uniform – Bring Chocolate and Sweets 17 th – Foundation Class Worship 8:50 in School. 17 th – Children in Need Bake Sale in school 3:15pm 18 th – Flu Vaccinations – all children (PM) 21 st – 2.15pm Learning Mentor Workshop – All Welcome 28 th – Christmas Fair in School (3.15pm).	2 nd – Last Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs for the year. 3 rd – Infant Nativity 6pm – in school 4 th – Infant Nativity 2:15pm – in school 9 th – Junior Carol Service 2pm in Church 10 th – Junior Carol Service 6pm in Church 11 th – Whole School Visit to the Pantomime at the Grand Theatre – Beauty and the Beast 15 th – Prize Giving 8.50am 17 th – Christmas Dinner and Party Day 18 th – Whole School visit to Church – All Welcome 19 th – School Closes at 1.30pm.	TUESDAY 6th – School Opens. W/C 12 th – X Factor (Time tables) Competition starts this week. 12 th – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15 13 th – Year 6 English Booster 3.15-4.15pm 15 th Life Education Bus Visit. 19 th – Y5/6 Worship – Parents Welcome 8.50am 19 th – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15-4.15 20 th – Year 6 English Booster 3.15-4.15pm 26 th – Year 6 Maths Booster Class 3.15- 4.15pm 27 th – Year 6 English Booster 3.15- 4.15pm. 30 th – Learning Mentor Workshop – All Parents Welcome 2.15pm.

Please note that we try to inform you of diary dates/changes to dates well in advance so that you can plan. We will not necessarily send out specific letters for every individual event as dates and times are quite clearly indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months' notice. Miss Stansfield usually does try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as additional support to parents, but this may not always happen during busy periods.



Flu Vaccinations

FLU VACCINATION TEAM – TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Just a reminder that the flu vaccination team will be in school to administer the vaccine on Tuesday 18th November.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Flu. There may be a rebound in Flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

If you have not already done so, please complete the online consent form.

If you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated for whatever reason please complete the form stating NO and the reasons.

Use the link below to access the online consent form:

www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Enter the unique school code that begins with BP in capital letters - **BP119560**

Please inform the School Vaccination Team (**Not School**) of the following on

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If after consenting you take your child to your GP surgery to receive their vaccination

If you need to speak to the Vaccination team please contact them on: 01253 951984

Healthy Snacks Policy

As you are all well aware, the Governing body has a policy that **only fruit snacks** are permitted in school for break times.

We ask that you ensure that you continue to support this; the Governing Body made this decision because we have several children with allergies and we also promote 'Healthy Eating' in our school. If other snacks are sent in, they will be returned home uneaten. Please ensure that you reinforce to the children that fruit snacks must not be shared with others – they must eat their own.



Miss Manns is going to run Parent Workshops again this this academic year. They are very much an informal coffee and a biscuit type event and we encourage parents to come along.

This year after feedback from parents and staff the focus is going to be on the following:-

- Supporting your child with emotional health and well being
- Supporting with behaviour and dysregulation
- Supporting with resilience

These workshops are intended to be a supportive session. We will go through the Solihull approach looking at the importance of reciprocity, containment, resilience and the relationship between a parent and a child.

We will chat about behaviour, looking at behaviour management strategies, consistency, boundaries structure and routines. Finally, we will discuss behavioural developmental milestones.

The next session is planned for

Friday 21st Nov 2025 at 2:15

Please let the office know if you can attend.



FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) Updates

Up and coming events

Event	Date and time
Non-uniform days	14th November – Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate donation    Mrs. Millward is organising a Chocolate tombola and sweet stall at the Christmas Fair; as this is always very popular with the children. She would be very grateful for any donations of sweets/chocolates so that we can make lovely Christmas sweetie bags for the stall as well as tombola prices.
Christmas Fair	28th November 3:15pm – 4:30pm

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching it will take place on: -

- **Friday 28th November at 3:15 pm**

We always need volunteers and also welcome any fresh ideas. This is a really popular event and we look forward to all our families supporting. If you can help out in any way, whether it be on the day helping with set up and running stalls, or behind the scenes, please let the FOSS team know. We always need cakes for our cake stalls and raffle prizes – so if you can't help out on the day but could donate some cakes or volunteer to try and get donations for raffle prizes, we would be very grateful.

We want to say a huge 'thank you' to Hayley for all her hard work as Chair of FOSS, she has worked incredibly hard and organized some fantastic events and fundraisers. As Hayley stands down from her role, we would like to welcome Hannah and Amie as new joint Chair's of FOSS – please support them and if you would like to help in any way, please contact the office and we will put you in touch with them.

This year we are fundraising to buy 'Cabins for schools' wooden outdoor rooms for our playgrounds for creative play – also as longer-term fundraising targets – we need new sheds for the outdoor toys and an updated PA System for the Hall. We are very fortunate as a school to be supported by the 'Richard Dumbreck Trust' who match fund all the money FOSS raise. This makes such a massive difference as to what we can buy for our children. FOSS and school are very grateful that all our parents are so very supportive with the multiple events that are run throughout the year – it really does make a difference.



Christmas Diary Dates



Christmas is fast approaching and that means many diary dates. Please make sure you make a note of the production times.

This year there will be two Infant Nativity performances **in School**

- **3rd - Infant Nativity 6pm.**
- **4th - Infant Nativity 2:15pm**

This year there will be two Junior Carol Concerts **in Church**

- **9th - Junior Carol Service 2pm. – In Church**
- **10th - Junior Carol Service 6pm. - In Church**

Tickets will be on sale towards the end of November priced at £3:50

All the money raised through the selling of tickets to the Christmas events is used to buy things for the children. For example at Christmas, we buy:-

- Prizes for the Christmas Parties.
- Crackers for the Christmas dinner.
- A present for every child from Father Christmas.
- Drinks and sweets / biscuits for the Grand Theatre Panto.
- As well as purchasing props, production licenses etc.



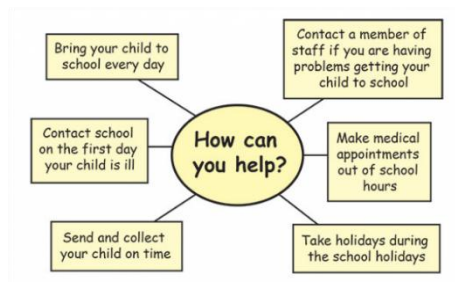
The Importance of Good Attendance



Attendance during one school year	Equals absent days	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which is this is the number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Your children get 14 weeks holiday a year!

There are **38 weeks** in the year when schools are open, and **14 weeks (175 days)** when families can visit family overseas; go on holiday; travel; pupils can work, take educational trips, attend non urgent medical appointments....**Is your request for leave exceptional?**



When a Child Arrives Late:

- It interrupts concentration.
- It wastes valuable learning time.
- The teacher repeats information / instructions whilst others have to wait.
- The late child is at an immediate disadvantage because they may have missed important teaching points, missed discussions where ideas are shared and will be generally unsettled.
- Children feel stressed and anxious about having to walk into their lessons late, some children find being late very distressing.

A Polite Reminder About Drop-Off and Collection Times:

- Parents are expected to drop off and collect their children (or arrange for this to happen) punctually. If parents are late, children will be placed in Acorns Club, and a charge will apply. Please ensure you collect your child promptly at 3:15 pm (or 4:15 pm if your child participates in an extracurricular activity).
- Late drop-off and collection are monitored by Miss Manns, our Family Learning Mentor.

Please Note: -

Lancashire County Council's policy states that:

- **Penalty notices** are issued for unauthorised absences of 5 days (10 sessions) or more.
- If a child accumulates **15 days or more** of unauthorised leave, the case is **reviewed individually** and may lead to **prosecution under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996**, especially if previous fines have been issued or ignored.
- After **two penalty notices** within a 3-year period, further unauthorised absences will not result in another fine but may lead to **court proceedings**

Note from the Governing Body:

Our school is required to comply with the new DfE guidance, which includes the use of fines for unauthorised absences. Although we have always indicated that fines may be issued, this will now become more of a reality. Each case will be considered individually. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's education and development. Extended absences can significantly affect academic progress and social integration.

We kindly ask that you remember our staff members who contact you / send out letters regarding penalty notices are simply following protocol. They are not responsible for making the rules. Please treat them with respect and understanding. Thank you for your cooperation.



Safeguarding information for parents

Singleton Safeguarding team

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

- **Amanda Clayton** (Head) – Lead DSL
- **Leonie Millward** (SENCO) – DSL
- **Kate James** (Online / PREVENT) – DSL
- **Susan Manns** - DSL

Governors with Responsibility for Safeguarding

- **Alec Davies** – Chair of the Governing Body / Safer recruitment

Safeguarding DBS lead

- **Rachel Reeves** (Office Manager)
 - Rachel keeps and maintains a log of all staff and volunteers who have DBS clearance to work with children and the Governors review, and general safeguarding in school monthly.

Prevent Lead

- **Kate James** (Y5/6 Teacher)
- **Alec Davies** (Governor)

Useful information / Publications for parents

Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership

Each month we will provide some links or publications to download that will cover a wide range of current Safeguarding information for parents taken from the Children's. Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Website.

This month we are focusing **on 'Viral Scares' online**

Reports of online scares or challenges encouraging harmful or suicidal behaviours can be alarming and confusing. Here we look at how you can speak to your child about scares and challenges, and how to respond if they have seen one.

Stories and warnings often circulate online about online scares or suicide challenges which are alleged to have encouraged children to engage in harmful activities. Most have been found to be hoaxes, fake news or wildly exaggerated stories.

THERE ARE 190 STATUTORY SCHOOL DAYS
IN ONE YEAR. THAT MEANS THERE ARE 175
DAYS (WEEKENDS & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)
AVAILABLE TO USE FOR HOLIDAYS!

Seeing or hearing about this content can be distressing for both children and parents.

ANY PERIOD TAKEN WITHOUT AGREEMENT OF THE SCHOOL,
OR IN EXCESS OF THAT AGREED, WILL BE CLASSED AS
UNAUTHORISED AND MAY ATTRACT A **PENALTY NOTICE**.

There is **no** automatic entitlement in law to time off in school time to go on holiday.

A **2-week holiday** in school time means your child has approximately **50 hours of missed work** to catch up on!



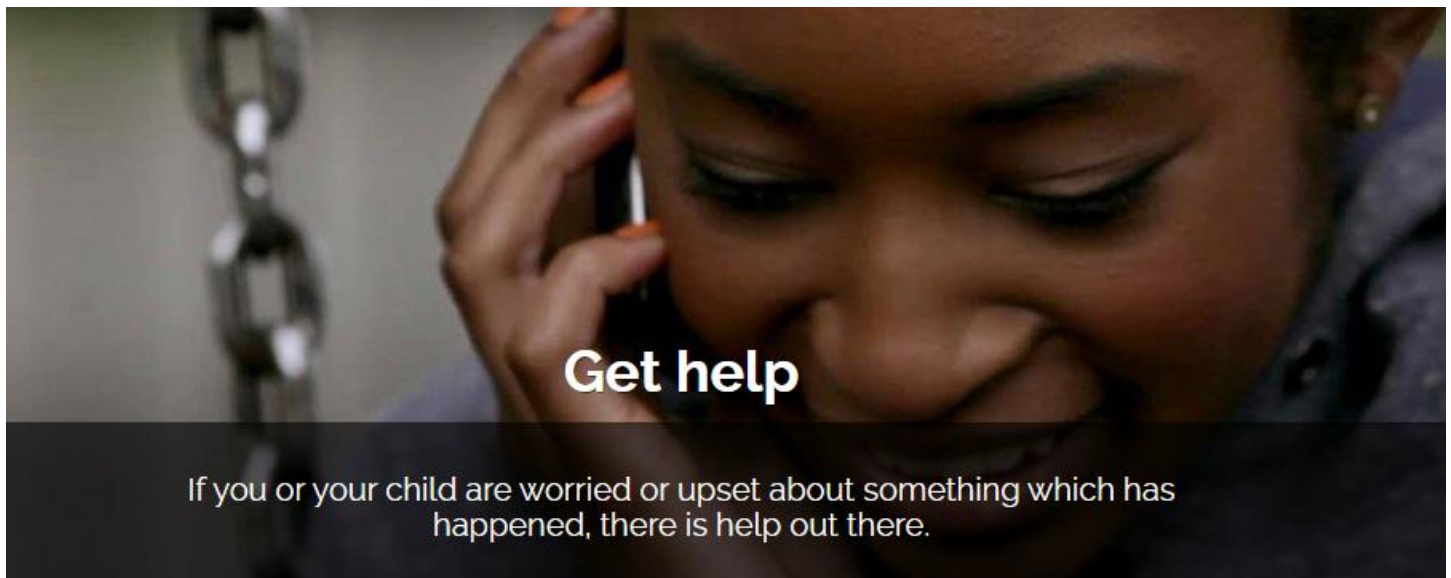
What to do if you've heard about a viral scare/suicide challenge?

As a parent, there is a lot you can do to support your child. It's important to help your child feel safe by staying calm.

- If your child has not yet heard about the scare, don't bring it to their attention by naming it or trying to explain it. You don't want to frighten them, and the last thing you want is for your child to feel curious and try to look for the scary content online.
- Instead, remind them that if they ever feel worried about something they see online - or hear about from friends - worries them they can come to you or another adult they trust for help.
- Make sure they know if they do see something upsetting or worrying, they are in control. Tell them that they can [report it to the platform](#) they are using and close down their app or browser – and you can help them with this.
- Use this as an opportunity to check that privacy settings are enabled on the apps they use and [set parental controls](#) to filter out inappropriate content.
- Continue to have open and honest conversations with your child. Keep up-to-date with what they are doing online, celebrate the positives, and keep talking about how they can stay safe.

What to do if your child has seen, or been involved in, a viral scare or suicide challenge?

- Understandably you may be distressed or angry if you hear that your child has seen, or been involved in, a viral scare/suicide challenge. It's important to stay calm, take their concerns seriously and reassure them that they have done the right thing by telling you.
- Reassure them that it is not real and that it has been put online to frighten people. [BBC Own It](#) have made a video which explains this clearly for young people.
- Remind them that when they do see something upsetting or worrying that they are in control. They can report it to the platform they are using and close down their app or browser.
- Talk to them about other sources of support – speaking to you will have helped, but further support from other sources could also help. There are [lots of organisations](#) out there can provide this.



Applying to Secondary Schools

Important dates

The arrangements for the transfer of pupils to secondary schools in September 2026 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable.

1 September 2025 - Apply from this date

- School places are not allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

31 October 2025 - National closing date for secondary applications (statutory).

- During this period all applications are processed and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places. We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a secondary school place are finalised.

2 March 2026 - Offers issued to parents

(The national offer date is 1 March, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)

If you are not happy with an initial offer the appeals period starts from your receipt of the offer. [Appeal information](#) will be issued later as this allows some time for reserve lists to operate.

Appeals that we receive after the deadline will be slotted into the schedule where possible. We cannot guarantee this, however, and late appeals may have to be heard after the agreed date at a second round of hearings. The schedule is subject to change depending upon the availability of appeal panel members, clerks, venue, etc.

Applying to Primary Schools

Important dates

The arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary schools in September 2026 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable.

1 September 2025 - Apply from this date

- School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

15 January 2026 - National closing date for primary applications (statutory).

- During this period all applications are processed and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places. We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a primary school place is finalised.

16 April 2026 - Offers issued to parents

(The national offer date is 16 April, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)

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