



### **Weekly Bulletin –30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Sadly, I have had concerns raised by some residents regarding the behaviour of pupils in Shincliffe Park. Whilst this is not a direct school issue, I again ask parents to be mindful of social distancing and supervision within the playpark and wider estate. Establishing and maintaining good relationships with the whole community is extremely important, especially during the Covid pandemic and the additional challenges this situation presents.

During the school closure next Thursday for election day, learning will be set for pupils via DB primary using the systems established during the lockdown earlier this year. I am aware that families' circumstances are hugely varied and many will be juggling childcare with work responsibilities. We would ask that you do what you are able with your children, but do not worry if you are unable to complete all of the tasks. The school closure is not ideal and we continue to press DCC to find alternative venues for polling.

Best wishes and stay safe

Mr Tait

### **Covid-19 key messages from Durham County Council**

For further advice, guidance and support, please visit: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**In line with the roadmap out of lockdown Durham County Council are now offering free LFD testing and home testing kits to residents. Find out more and book appointments**

[www.durham.gov.uk/CovidLFT](http://www.durham.gov.uk/CovidLFT)

### **Online Safety**

One of the side effects of lockdown has been the increased use of technology. Most children have really benefited from this when in lockdown but unfortunately sometimes it can go wrong. The misuse of technology that some primary aged children have experienced includes, bullying, fraud and child abuse. We now need parents to take an active role in keeping their children safe in the online world, just as they would in real life.

The best way of protecting your children is to talk with them about how they use technology, find out about the apps, websites and games they use and make sure they can share any worries they have with you. Both the net-aware and internetmatters.org websites are full of helpful advice.

As a school we take online safety very seriously and children are taught about keeping safe throughout their time in school, so they develop the skills and resilience needed to keep themselves safe on line. We should remember that they are still children, they will make mistakes and they will need your support not only to stay safe but to grow and flourish both online and offline.

Below we have listed five useful websites to help support your child staying safe. Please take some time to talk to your children and find out more on the websites below.

Website	Comment
<a href="http://www.internetmatters.org">www.internetmatters.org</a>	Really useful website covering parental controls, apps and all aspects of supporting parents with technology.
<a href="http://www.net-aware.org.uk">www.net-aware.org.uk</a>	Great website for parents, written by the NSPCC that explains about individual apps and the safety measures they have in place for children
<a href="https://www.childline.org.uk">https://www.childline.org.uk</a>	The website for children to get support themselves
<a href="https://www.ltai.info">https://www.ltai.info</a>	Support with radicalisation
<a href="https://www.getsafeonline.org">https://www.getsafeonline.org</a>	More for parents – this site explains how to protect yourself against online fraud – which is an increasing problem.

### Dates

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – School Closure (Local and Police and Crime Commissioner elections)

### Christian Values

This half term we are focussing on Thankfulness as our whole school Christian Value. We will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives.

Worship will take place in class bubbles and will be led by pupils and school staff, with video contributions from Fr. Peter and Fr. Bill.

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