



## Dear Families

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. Thank you to those who came to help tidy up the playground and communal areas on the first Saturday of the holiday. Your help was really appreciated, and it was nice to come back to a tidy school at the start of term.

### School Uniform:

Thank you to those who have taken the time to offer feedback on the uniform list sent just before the holiday. We understand this has caused some confusion and complications, so we have taken on board your comments. On the previous uniform list children in Key Stage One were required to wear more formal uniform, i.e., grey trousers, skirts and summer dressers. This is now not the case, however if you have previously purchased this uniform, it is fine for your child to continue wearing it.

On PE (Physical Education) and Forest School days children may still come to school dressed ready for these activities, **there is no need to bring school uniform in their bags unless you feel this is needed.** The **revised** uniform list is available at the end of this letter and also on our website [Clandon C of E School – School Uniform](#).

**Brigade – the school uniform supplier** is offering a **10% discount** on all uniform orders placed next weekend – **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. You will need to enter **SPRING23** at the checkout to activate this discount.

Brigade have also asked us to let you know that the **last date for uniform orders for delivery to school** before the end of this term is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. The service will switch to home delivery from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

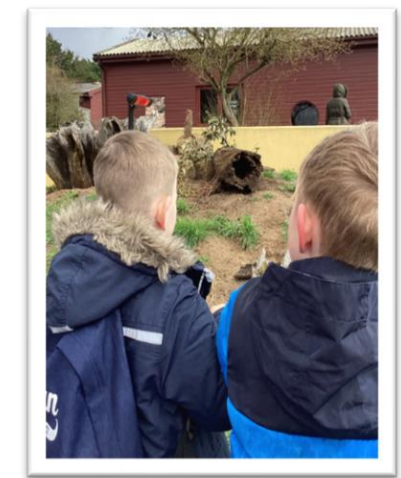
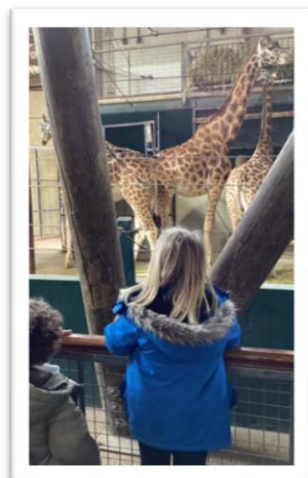
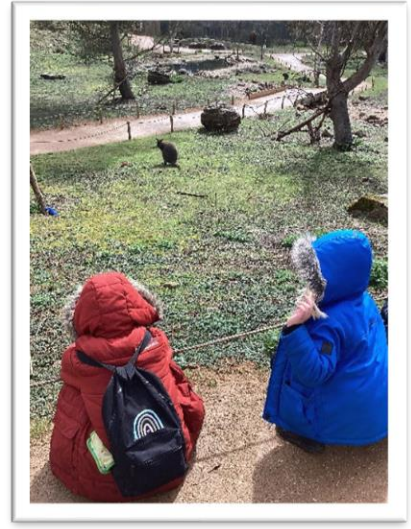
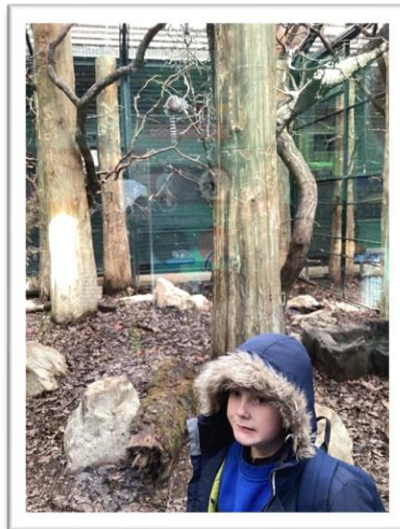
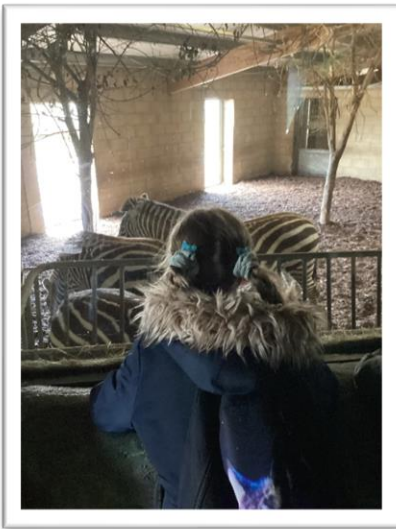
### Important eSafety Update:

Keeping our children safe online is an ongoing challenge as technology is continuously changing and it can be difficult to keep up. This week, a parent has brought our attention to an app called Discord which is a free app allowing users to communicate via text, video and voice. The logo is child-friendly and if you're not aware of the app it could be easy to overlook it, but there is potential for your child to communicate with unknown users via the platform putting them at risk of receiving inappropriate content. We've attached an information sheet to this newsletter so that you can find out more if you wish to.

We know that some of our children already have access to WhatsApp (which has a guidance rating of 16+ in the UK and Europe) so have also attached the information sheet for this app which includes guidance on settings you can alter to make it safer to use. Please do take the time to read this if you have allowed your child to use WhatsApp and check your child's settings.

### **Rabbit Class visit to Marwell Zoo:**

We promised in the newsletter at the end of last term to bring you photos of Rabbits' trip to Marwell Zoo. Here are some of our favourite snaps 😊



### **Our School Community:**

We marked the start of our new school term with collective worship. We were all very happy to be back together in the school hall with its new safety netting! This summer term will be very full of lots of learning, statutory assessments and plenty of fun activities to look forward to. It is important that all children get the chance to work hard

and play hard; this means that behaviour must be exemplary. We have re-introduced our new two-week behaviour plan where the whole school works on one element of behaviour that will make a big difference to our school community. This week and next we will be focusing on lining up really well! Plenty of stickers and team points have been handed out this week!

Father Barnaby started the week by telling us some untruths! He said that he had glorious long hair, an orange jumper (he was wearing black) and all sorts of other tall tales. The children were collectively horrified and pointed out that they knew this not to be true because they could see his hair and his jumper! Barnaby went on to tell us the story of doubting Thomas and revealed that sometimes we can believe without having to see for ourselves. What a lovely start to the term.

We are aware that many of you will not have seen the hall ceiling and netting. It is not pretty but it does make the hall safe to use whilst we await work on our listed building. Our thanks to Associate Governor, Christian who has worked tirelessly to get the hall back in action for us.



### **Warmest wishes**

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## Summer Term Dates

\*New dates added or updated event

April	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	School returns for summer term
	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3	Walkability
	WB 24 <sup>th</sup>	Years 4 and 5	Bikeability Level 1 (letters have been sent to individual pupils)
	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2	Primary Music Festival at Dorking Halls (evening performance, parents can buy tickets, more info to follow shortly)
May	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday – School Closed
	Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	SATS
	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrel Class	Residential at Bentley Copse
	Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6	Guildford Junior Citizen Event at Guildford Spectrum 12.00-2.45pm
	WB 29 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Half Term Holiday – School Closed
June			
	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	New entrants	Open Evening for new families starting September 2023
	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	INSET Day – School Closed to Children for Staff Training
July	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole School	INSET Day – School Closed to Children for Staff Training
	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	Last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RATING

13+

Servers and channels marked as 'NSFW' require users to be 18 or older to join.

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate privately online – but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

### DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

### ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Discord does have strict Terms of Service and Community Guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

### EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

### SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content: a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag images that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

### DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

### HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

## Meet Our Expert

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients – not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

#### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

#### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

#### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

CLICK HERE

#### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

#### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

#### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

#### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

#### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

#### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

#### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

### Meet Our Expert

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# CLANDON SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

## Early Years and Key Stage One

Clandon logo sweatshirt or cardigan\*  
White polo shirt (optional)  
Black, grey or navy joggers, leggings or shorts  
Grey or white socks or tights  
Black trainers

EYFS and KS1 children need a Clandon logo bookbag\* and a named water bottle in school every day.

## KEY STAGE 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Clandon logo V-neck knit jumper or cardigan \*  
White button-up shirt (long or short sleeved) or white polo shirt  
School tie \* (optional)  
Plain grey trousers long or short, skirt or pinafore  
Light blue check summer dress or grey skirt, pinafore or shorts with white polo shirt  
Grey or white socks or tights | Black shoes

KS2 children need a **small** rucksack and a named water bottle in school every day.

**Black, closed, flat-soled shoes are suitable for school:** open toe sandals, sling backs and trainers (unless for PE) are not suitable.

**Long hair must be tied back:** to help prevent the spread of headlice.

**No jewellery to be worn to school:** only small stud type earrings for pierced ears. No earrings on PE days.

## PE all years (EYFS, KS1 and KS2)

Clandon logo PE t-shirt *	Blue tracksuit bottoms
Navy blue or black shorts	Blue tracksuit top
Plimsolls	Trainers
(Clandon logo PE bag * available)	

## FOREST SCHOOL

Correct clothing is essential and needs to be appropriate for all weather conditions. Tops and trousers must fully cover the skin to prevent nettle stings and other irritations, insect bites and ticks.

### WINTER

Long trousers and long-sleeved top  
Wellingtons or sturdy walking boots  
Jumper or sweatshirt  
Waterproof coat and trousers  
Hat, gloves and thick socks  
Named water bottle

### SUMMER

Long trousers and long-sleeved top (No shorts or t-shirts) – in hot weather clothes can be lightweight but must fully cover the skin  
Trainers and long socks to cover lower leg  
Sun hat, sun cream and insect/tick repellent  
Named water bottle