

Dear Families,

Is anyone else as excited as me and Noah Wiles about the long overdue "Euros 2020" football competition?

I love the hopes, fears, excitement, and anticipation a big tournament holds, and the waiting is nearly over. I just hope our national team do as well as the Y4s at Skegness Grammar school two weeks ago. Miss Frow, our Sports coach, and Mrs Cawthorn took all 14 children from the year group, divided them equally into two mixed teams and they came away with first and second place, beating three larger local schools. Their dogged determination, skilled reading of the game and team spirit won the day. We were so excited; you would have thought we had won the Euro's!

Greater still, was our children's sportsmanship, good manners and respect towards the other teams - they were a pleasure to watch and fabulous ambassadors for the school. As Noah says, "All the life-skills you will ever need can be learned on the football pitch." Congratulations Year 4, we were very proud of you.

Enjoy watching the Beautiful Game and let's hope it is just that.

Mrs Belton x

Y6 Rand Farm Residential.

Year 6 will be going on their residential to Rand Farm Park on Thursday (17th *June*) and returning on Friday (18th *June*).

Children come to school in NON uniform ready for their visit.

Please return the consent/medical forms before Thursday and if your child needs any medication please ensure it is clearly marked with the child's name and Mr Goddard is aware of dosage required.

Thank you.



Friday 18th June 2021

Non Uniform Wear Yellow Day
in aid of Cystic Fibrosis.
A suggested donation of £1
each will be gratefully received.

Thank you.

If you need to contact hub after 3:30pm
please press the extension for
Little Explorers.



**Polite reminder . . .
Please ensure children with long
hair wear it tied back.
Thank you.**



Reading Shack

Thank you to the following local businesses for kindly donating towards the 'Reading Shacks':
Safelincs

a big **THANK YOU!**



**Year 3, 4 and 5 will be going on a
school visit to Aerial Trail near Scunthorpe
on Tuesday 6th July, 2021.
More details to follow shortly.**

School Organisation for September 2021

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Reception Studio	Mrs Sherwood/Mrs Belton until Mrs Shaw returns from maternity leave.	Miss Carter
Year 1 Studio	Miss Newson	Mrs Evans, Mrs Bonnett
Year 2 Studio	Mrs Langdale	Mrs Lomas, Mrs Sofield
Year 3 Studio	Mr Goddard	
Year 4 Studio	Miss Wickland	Mrs Cawthorn
Year 5/6 Studio	Mrs Roberts	Mrs Davis

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIFA 21

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
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Suitable for all ages

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Recurring Costs

FIFA's trump card is that it includes real current players; a feature no other football arcade game can offer. However, this means that a new version of the game is released every year, with updated teams, players, kits and stadia, plus gameplay tweaks and extra features. Young FIFA fans usually want to be playing the latest version, so the pressure to buy each annual update is likely to be considerable.




Online Chat

While the game of FIFA (itself is suitable for children of all ages (as it does not include any inappropriate content), there is the issue of in-game chat. Your child can play against other people online and audio chat with them using headsets. As this communication is largely unregulated, it could mean that your child is exposed to language or conversations that are inappropriate.



Possibility of Scams

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appears to be a genuine FIFA promotion, but could be a scam. Following these links would take them to what may seem like a FIFA login page but is actually a phishing attempt to capture their login name and password. Scammers often use a legitimate-sounding name, such as EA Admin or FIFA Developer.



In-Game Purchases

FIFA offers an array of in-game purchases. The FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode lets gamers build their own team, playing matches to win coins. These coins can be used to recruit better players or packs containing random players. Some purchases can be made with in-game currency, others require real money – which can become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills after their children's in-game spending.



Addictive Gameplay

Your child could end up playing FIFA for long periods of time. Matches last around 20 minutes, so playing through an entire tournament can quickly eat up a large chunk of the day. Children sometimes struggle to control their gaming behaviour, or as a result of their daily routine. This is called 'gaming disorder' and is classified as a genuine mental health problem by the World Health Organisation.



Over-Competitiveness

FIFA has occasionally been criticised for its competitive gameplay leading to disproportionate aggression and negative emotion in some players. This can be amplified by the in-game audio chat with opponents in real time. The potential for an emotional outburst can sometimes reach unhealthy levels – especially if your child's team is losing heavily or is defeated by a very late goal.



National Online Safety Advice for Parents & Carers

#WakeUpWednesday

Set out Your Strategy

As a parent, it's worth considering that – if they like gaming and football in your child's leisure time with FIFA probably won't be short terms. It's more likely to be the start of a relationship that could last for years, involving repeated orders on each updated edition of the game, if you think this may pose a problem, it might be best to make your child aware of it beforehand to avoid disappointment later.



Give Abuse the Red Card

The facility to chat to other players can bring a lot of the overall enjoyment of FIFA, and it is unlikely that you'll be able to convince your child to play the game without using it. It would be wise, however, to make sure beforehand that your child is aware of how to mute the audio of any abusive players and knows how to report anyone who is being offensive or intimidating.



Defend against Scammers

Teach your child to stay clear of scams. Explain why they should be suspicious of any link which asks them to verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information: game developers never send messages asking for players' login details. Consider messages, emails and social media posts promising in-game content if a player inputs their login information or else.



Control In-Game Spending

To spend real money in FIFA, a player's account must have a payment method attached. Check whether a debit or credit or PayPal account – is linked to the device that your child plays FIFA on. Most device parental controls can be adjusted to limit spending. There is also the option of Paylock – you can top up the balance, making it easier to control your child's purchasing in the game.



Avoid 'Extra Time'

Devices' parental controls can also be used to restrict the amount of time spent playing. If you feel it's necessary, keep an eye on how long your child spends playing FIFA, just like you might monitor how long they watch TV for. Warning signs of over-playing include dizziness in other activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect of personal hygiene or becoming angry when they have to stop playing.



Encourage a 'Half-Time' Break

Monitoring in-game chat is difficult, as you can usually only hear one side of the conversation. But your child's reactions will be a good general indicator. Dealing with the frustrations of a game and troublesome people can be useful life lessons – but if you see parental instincts that your child is getting too upset or angry, that's the time to intervene and encourage them to take a break from the game.



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: UNLEASH Gaming and GAMENABLE. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work – but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



Diary Dates 2021

JUNE

- 7th School open—Term 6
7th-25th Year 1 Phonics screening
14th Mr Felton visiting Y6 transitioning to QEGS, Alford
17th-18th Year 6 Residential at Rand Farm
17th **Non Uniform—Wear yellow for Cystic Fibrosis.**
21st-25th Assessment Week
29th Sports Afternoon at Alford Cricket Club, Well.

JULY

- 1st Little Explorers' Sports Afternoon.
6th Y3,4 and 5 visit Arial Trail, Scunthorpe. Details out soon.
8th Rhubarb Theatre performance to the whole school
15th 10am-12pm Teddy Bears' picnic for new Reception children
10:30am-11:30am New Little Explorers' introduction.
5pm New Reception children Parents' meeting
16th **Y6 transition day at QEGS, Alford.**
19th 3pm Open Evening—come and collect your child's report.
20th 6pm Year 6 Prom
21st 2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
21st End of term
22nd Staff Training Day

**Please check dates
there are changes!**

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Staff Training Day
3rd Staff Training Day
6th School Opens—Term 1

OCTOBER

- 18th-20th Year 6 Residential at Caythorpe
21st End of Term 1.





School and parent/carer resources available on NSPCC websites

Parent/carer resources	Website location/link
<p>Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice and support for parents and carers</p> <p>Whether you're working from home with your kids or supporting children with anxiety due to coronavirus, we've got tips and advice for you.</p>	<p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/</p>
<p>Coronavirus (COVID-19) and parents working from home</p> <p>Tips and advice to help you find balance and create structure if you're new to working from home with your family.</p>	<p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-parents-working-from-home/</p>
<p>Our Speak out Stay safe assembly – suitable for home-learning.</p> <p>Activities for kids at home - Keep busy while learning about staying safe and speaking out with our at-home activities for primary school children.</p> <p>New books/fun crafts available from the NSPCC shop.</p>	<p>Watch our Speak out Stay safe assembly at home NSPCC</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</p> <p>New books and fun crafts</p>
<p>Supporting your child at home</p> <p>Tips for talking to a child worried about coronavirus (COVID-19)</p>	<p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/</p>
<p>Supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities</p> <p>Advice for parents and carers on supporting SEND children during coronavirus (COVID-19).</p>	<p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-supporting-children-special-educational-needs-disabilities/</p>
<p>O2 and NSPCC</p> <p>Bringing together O2's tech know-how and the NSPCC's expertise in protecting children, we've developed Net Aware, your guide to the latest apps, games and social media sites used by young people.</p> <p>Visit our online safety in lockdown hub. Right now, kids will be spending more time online, so we've got advice to help you keep your kids safe during lockdown and beyond</p> <p>Visit our SEND Online safety hub for online safety tips, advice and activities specifically for parents and carers of children with SEND.</p> <p>Online safety resources We've created colouring in sheets, a family agreement, quizzes and a word search to help kick start your online safety conversations.</p>	<p>https://www.o2.co.uk/help/online-safety</p> <p>https://www.net-aware.org.uk/</p> <p>https://www.net-aware.org.uk/online-safety-lockdown/</p> <p>https://www.net-aware.org.uk/send-online-safety-hub/</p> <p>https://www.net-aware.org.uk/resources/</p>

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ALFORD

Neighbourhood Policing Team



YOUR LOCAL TEAM

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PC Glenn Palmer



PCSO Barnaby Prince

FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

Due to the ongoing pandemic, there are currently no face to face engagements taking place. Contact can still be made via Email, 101 or via post.

LOCAL PRIORITY

Every three months, we listen to your concerns and look at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Our priority(s) for the next quarter is:

- Fatal Four
- ASB in priority areas
- Off road bikes/quads

FATAL FOUR Throughout the whole country, speeding is predominately a real issue for all communities.

Lincolnshire Police understand this is a priority for most people, and so we will continue to carry out 'fatal four' days of action, tackling issues around not only speeding, but also use of mobile phone, seatbelts and drink/drug driving.

ASB IN PRIORITY AREAS ASB continues to rumble on in pockets of the community. We have conducted both high visibility patrols and plain clothes patrols at varying times. Will continue to be pro active and robust in our approach to tackling this kind of unacceptable behaviour.

OFF ROAD BIKES/QUAD BIKES etc...Our aim is to work as a team, calling on resources from other areas if required to reduce the number of reported off road vehicles which are currently using the highway. This will take background work, tapping into our intelligence base as well as responding to incidents as they occur. We need your help - if anyone has any information of persons they know are riding these kind of vehicles illegally on our highways, or on private land without the owners permission, please do not hesitate to either ring it through on 101, or alternatively email NPT direct on- Alford.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk.

Covid - With some of the restrictions slowly being lifted it is nice to see people out and about again making use of our beautiful area, shops and spaces.

That being said some people are still very nervous and unsure about going out. Please be kind and remember, Hands, Face, Space and fresh air.

WANT TO KNOW MORE

Crime statistics for your neighbourhood are available at www.lincs.police.uk



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Police

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 **Nextdoor**

Nextdoor is a great way of getting the latest relevant information for your area.
Join at: www.nextdoor.co.uk



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

SCAMS – The team have been dealing with a number of reports of scams. These come in many forms but most of note comes in the form of phone calls and emails.

Whilst there are too many types to go through them all the key points are that you must NEVER provide your bank account information over the phone unless you are 100% sure you know who it is by way of checking independently and that you have made the call to them and not you receiving a call.

Also do not click on any links within the emails.

Should you receive such scam contacts please use <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> to make a referral.

HOLIDAY FRAUD

Thinking about booking a holiday this year? 😊
Don't let a criminal defraud you of a well-deserved break and your hard-earned cash. Find out more on how to spot the signs at [#HolidayFraud](#). It could protect you and your money.



As lockdown measures continue to ease, we are launching a campaign to encourage residents and visitors to download the What3words app for free.

If you have the app installed it will allow you to provide an exact location to emergency services, helping us to find you quicker and potentially saving lives.

What3words grids the Earth into 3 metre x 3 metre squares to give each square a unique set of three words: a what3words address. For example, ///habit.user.unstated is the what3words address for an exact spot along the promenade of Skegness Beach.

This app has helped us locate rural collisions as well as missing people on the coast. It is also vital for those in staying in holiday homes, campsites and caravan parks where many places don't have an address.



WANT TO KNOW MORE

Crime statistics for your local/hood are available at www.lincs.police.uk



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Police

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Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a great way of getting the latest relevant information for your area.

Join at: www.nextdoor.co.uk