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Find us at: www.bridgesfederation.org.uk

#### **Newsletter 8th July 2022**

#### **Dear Parents.**

We are so happy that our year 6 classes joined together for a <u>Year 6 basketball and football tournament</u> at Snowsfields. It was a competitive tournament with all of the children showing amazing effort and sportspersonship! Here they are altogether.



#### **Dates For Your Diary**

**Events** happening across the Federation this term to look out for:

Summer Fair - 12th July 2022



The Summer Fair will take place after school on 12th July 2022, stalls will be set up in the school playgrounds if the weather is kind to us! There will be a range of stalls including food and games. All profits will go towards fun resources for the class. We can't wait for you to join us.

#### Term Dates 2021 - 2022 Summer term

Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022

Half Term: 30th May 2022 – 3rd June 2022

Monday 6th June – Wednesday 20th July 2022

# Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge

**SCHOLARPACK APP** 

Do you have access to the scholarpack App? If not, please contact your school office for an access code. From 1st April 2022 we will only be using the App to communicate with parents, we will no longer be sending texts. When you update your phone, you will need to contact the school office for a new access code.

#### <u>Dates For Your Diary - Tower Bridge</u>

Y6 Leavers Assembly- 20th July 9.15am

#### **Dates For Your Diary - Robert Browning**

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 20th July 9.15am Year 6 Production - 14th July 2pm

#### **Dates For Your Diary - Snowsfields**

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 20th July, 9.15am
Year 6 Production - 13th July, 2pm

<u>Dates For Your Diary - Friars</u> Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Year 6 Production - 19th July 6.00pm

# Term Dates - Planning Ahead 2022 - 2023

#### **Autumn term**

Monday 5 September 2022 - Friday 21 October 2022 Half Term Monday 24 October 2022 - Friday 28 October 2022 Monday 31 October 2022 - Friday 16 December 2022

#### **Spring term**

Wednesday 4 January 2023 - Friday 10 February 2023
Half Term Monday 13 February 2023 - Friday 17 February 2023
Monday 20 February 2023 - Friday 31 March 2023

#### Summer term

Tuesday 18 April 2023 - Friday 26 May 2023 Half Term Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023 Monday 5 June 2023 - Friday 21 July 2023



#### RACE FOR LIFE





Snowsfields and Tower Bridge staff and children took part in our annual 'Race For Life' event on 1st July 2022. You will have seen your children completing their laps during our Sports Day events.

This charity event is close to our hearts as we remember our dear colleagues Lisa Rowland and Katie Robinson who sadly passed away last year.

Race For Life is the largest charitable funder of cancer research in the world, funding 50% of all publicly funded cancer research here in the UK. Please follow our school's fundraising page to donate here:

**Donate Here - Snowsfields Link** 

**DONATE HERE- Tower Bridge Link** 



Don't forget our Summer Fair after school on Tuesday. You will need to collect your child in the back playground before going to the Fair. All children will need to be accompanied by an adult



# **Robert Browning**



#### **Sports Day**

We had a brilliant Sports Day - taking part in a wide range of different activities. A huge thank you to everyone Involved - especially Kylie and the Sports Leaders. Thank you to all the parents who came along and took part!





















Sports Day at Robert Browning

Still to come: Nursery- 12th July, Reception- 15th July





#### **Snowsfields Primary School**



# Caterpillar and Butterfly classes enjoyed a fantastic (if slightly wet) sports day event last Wednesday! Thank you parents for joining us under umbrellas in the rain. A big thanks to Kate Wilkinson and the Sports Leaders for supporting the EYFS children.

# Our Key Stage One and Two classes had a brilliant day of events at Southwark Park last Friday. Thank you to so many of our parents who joined us.

















#### **EYFS Graduation**

The children worked so hard for their EYFS Graduation, the singing and the children's confidence was A-MAZ-ING! Thank you parents for celebrating your children with us and enjoying the party afterwards.









#### Summer Fair- 12th July 2022

Green class - is collecting donations of any unwanted items for a raffle stall. Do you have any preloved items you would like to donate? This could be ornaments, photo frames, decor items, toys, fridge magnets, instruments, consoles, books, trinkets, decorative items.... In good and usable condition only please - No broken or missing parts. THANK YOU!





#### Friars Primary School



On Monday some of the Year 6 children were invited to attend the Waterstones children's Laureate ceremony. The newly appointed children laureate is Joseph Coelho.



We had an amazing time at the Unicorn Theatre! The highlight of the trip was meeting Michael Rosen!





Thank you to Snowsfields for hosting an afternoon of fun and sport for all the Year Six classes.



Congratulations to one of our pupils, for winning the LPESSN Primary Athlete of the Year Award.



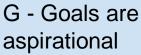
Year One enjoyed a lovely day out at Princess Diana Memorial Park. The children loved exploring all the secret tunnels, climbing frames, tepees, musical instruments and of course the pirate ship.





Year Four were invited to a presentation by Urban Bees. They learnt all about different bees and how we can help them. They then designed and made bee hotels.







Reading Raffle Winners!







Our Value this week is: resilience

Reading Raffle Winners!







O- Outstanding learning!

Reading Raffle Winners!





**Our Super Stars** at Friars!



Our value this week is resilience.

|        | Absence | Lates | Total Points |
|--------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Year 1 | 9 1/2   | 26    | 100          |
| Year 2 | 3       | 26    | 400          |
| Year 3 | 4 1/2   | 23    | 575          |
| Year 4 | 5       | 9     | 1075         |
| Year 5 | 5       | 19    | 500          |
| Year 6 | 15      | 15    | 800          |



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 27/06/2022: 94.08 %

1st Place Attendance: Y2 1st Place Punctuality: Y4



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 27/06/2022: 94.86 %

1st Place Attendance: Y5
1st Place Punctuality: Y6

|        | Absence | Lates | Total Points |
|--------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Year 1 | 22      | 6     | 87.06%       |
| Year 2 | 19      | 15    | 92.69%       |
| Year 3 | 8       | 13    | 92.92%       |
| Year 4 | 8       | 3     | 96.36%       |
| Year 5 | 1       | 7     | 99.66%       |
| Year 6 | 18      | 4     | 93.57%       |

|        | Absence | Lates | Total Points |
|--------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Year 1 | 18      | 9     | 150          |
| Year 2 | 11      | 5     | 800          |
| Year 3 | 19      | 6     | 350          |
| Year 4 | 21      | 3     | 450          |
| Year 5 | 6       | 3     | 600          |
| Year 6 | 10      | 4     | 1025         |



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 27/06/2022: 93.96%

1st Place Attendance: Y6
1st Place Punctuality: Y4, Y6



Overall whole school attendance for week beginning: 27/06/2022: 92.09%

1st Place Attendance: Y5
1st Place Punctuality: Y4

|        | Absence | Lates | Total Points |
|--------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Year 1 | 17      | 14    | 300          |
| Year 2 | 18      | 20    | 425          |
| Year 3 | 13      | 10    | 150          |
| Year 4 | 17      | 7     | 1000         |
| Year 5 | 10      | 8     | 750          |
| Year 6 | 46      | 13    | 975          |





# AUTISM PUBERTY, SEXUAL WELLBEING AND RELATIONSHIPS

For parents of a child on the autistic spectrum, coping with the onset of puberty and their child's emerging sexuality can be challenging. Knowing what to teach, how/when to teach it and what to expect can be daunting.

These three sessions have a different delivery style to the Cygnet core programme. Because of the nature of the subject matter it was felt that a far more activity-based approach would put parents at ease more quickly and therefore enhance learning and mutual support.

- It is available to parents with children over the age of 9
- It is being run as a whole day session or three separate sessions
- It is run face to face at 160 Tooley, St, London, SE1 2TZ

#### Whole day session

Monday 15th August 2022 - 9.30-4.30pm

Or.

Three separate sessions (attendance at all sessions required)

Puberty - 2<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Sexual wellbeing - 9th August 2022 - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Relationships - 16th August 2022 - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Places are limited to 12 per session

Register your interest here

AutismSupportTeam@Southwark .gov.uk

#### AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM NEWSLETTER 14



Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year from Southwark's Autism Support Team (AST).

As is usual at this point in the year, our attention in the team shifts towards transition planning for children moving from nursery to reception as well as all children moving up into a new academic year. Much of our advice to schools at the present time highlights this and encourages that transition planning begins now.

We encourage this to be a collaborative conversation between all those supporting the child.

As well as transition planning, we are also mindful of the long holiday period, which can be a daunting time for many families.

In this newsietter we have tried to compile some information of what is available locally to access over the holidays.

#### Transition Supports

A visual calendar can be used to support children knowing when they will be in school, <u>here</u> is a guide for parents. <u>Here</u> is an editable calendar for July and August, <u>here</u> is one for September. <u>Here</u> are instructions and symbols for the calendar.

A one page profile is a simple summary of what is important to a child and how best to support them, it allows information to be shared quickly.

How to write a one page profile guide is <u>here</u> with examples <u>here</u>, <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>. Twinkl also have guides and proformas. A parent information gathering sheet is <u>here</u>.

Book to support in year transitions here

Secondary Transition Guide and workbook

Passport to support transition from nursery to school here



#### Training & parent support

Contact family courses more info

Autism Voice support groups more info

Spring community club more info

Cygnet parent course (over 5) fiver

Next Steps parent course (under 5) fiver

Primary transition course from SIAS <u>flyer</u> Secondary transition course from SIAS flyer

#### Transitions

Transition activities to try at home:

- Practice your journey to school (make a map, take pictures along the way).
- Look at pictures/school website to familiarise the child with the new school setting.
- Meet up with/video chat with friends from school.
- Make a list of things they are looking forward to at school.
- Write a letter/draw a picture to share with your teacher.
- Take some photos of your child with favourite things to show the teacher.
- Practice putting on school uniform .

#### What's On

#### SPRING HOLIDAY CLUB/ SPRING COMMUNITY HUB

A summer programme specifically for children with SEND.

Ages: 4-16

Location: 64 Wilson Rd, SE5 8PE Email- office@cschub.co.uk

Website: www.cschub.co.uk

#### BETHWIN ROAD PLAYGROUND

Free Adventure Playground, they also run activities that require registering for.

Ages: 6-16

Location: 4 Bethwin Rd, Camberwell, SE5 0HF

Email- B.R.A.PG@hotmail.com

Website: dick here

#### AUTISM FRIENDLY/ RELAXED CINEMA

Cinema's throughout London and the U.K. offer special screening of films in a more relaxed and autism friendly environment. For the most up to date information on cinemas, films and times click here

<u>Southwark Summer Food and Fun</u> school holiday activity and food programme for children aged 5 to 16 on benefits related free school meals <u>here</u>

#### PECKHAM PULSE LEISURE CENTRE

Swimming for the whole family. Under 16's cost £1.75 and one carers can go for free. Your child must be registered at Peckham Pulse and swimming spots need to be booked.

Location: 10 Melon Rd, London, SE15 5QN

Website: dick here

#### SPLASH PAD/ SPRINKLER PARKS

List of free parks near Southwark Council with Splash Pads/Sprinkler Parks:

- Northwood Park
- Myatts Field Park
- Ruskin Park
- · Sydenham Wells Park

<u>Autism Friendly outdoor activities</u> around London here

AUTISM IN MUSEUMS Relaxed museum events throughout London. Information here

Performing visual art and music clubs more info Sports clubs here

Short breaks available in Southwark list

For more suggestions check the local offer, click <u>here</u>

A club for young people with learning disabilities and young autistic people aged 10-25 and their family and friends poster and letter

#### Super Seven

DIY sensory fun! here

Back to school bingo here

Fun games to get ready for starting school here

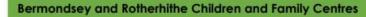
BBC Bitesize online game about starting school here Practice playing playground games here

Practice Fine Motor skills and continue/get ready for sensory circuits at school <u>here</u>

Make a calm down box and practice using it here







Southwark Children and Family Centres

#### Summer Timetable 6th June-22nd July 2022



#### **Babbling Babies**

Wednesday mornings 10-11am. An online advice session for parents with babies from 0-18 months run by a qualified Speech and Language Therapists.

Contact gst-tr.contactslt@nhs.net to book.

Website:

www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage Facebook: @EvelinaSLT

Pregnant women, new mums, and children under four in the borough can get free vitamin D supplements



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#### **HENRY Program**

This programme aims to help you feel more confident as a parent, physical activities for the little ones, what children and the whole family eats, family lifestyle habits and enjoying life as a family.

To book please email: Henry@astt.nhs.uk

For more information, please visit https://www.henry.org.uk/

Support to buy fresh fruit and vegetables for lowincome families and living in SE1, SE5 or SE17 If you wish to register to please phone 0207 358 2878 or email ccadmin@pilarimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Rose vouchers fruit&veg



Our registration form is now available to complete on our website

http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/

Please complete this if you are new to attending our Children and Family and Centres.

We have gone paperless to help save the

Please scan QR Code to visit the website and download the timetable



#### 50 Things To Do Before Five!

Download the app or visit the website for free fun activities to do with your child and have fun, play and learn.

Website: https://50thingstodo.org/



#### **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

If you live in Southwark and have a child under 5, you can register to receive a FREE book every month until their 5th birthday. Sian up and make bedtime fun.

For more information please email: ccadmin@pilgrimsway.southwark.sch.uk

#### Contact us!

#### Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre

145 Grange Road (Spa Park) SE1 3EU

Pilgrims Way Children and Family Centre

Tustin Estate, Manor Grove, SE15 1EF

Rotherhithe Children and Family Centre

Southwark Park (Hawkstone Road entrance) SE16 2PF

South Bermondsey Children and Family Centre

Tenda Road, SE16 3PN Telephone: 0207 358 2878

ccadmin@pilarimsway.southwark.sch.uk

Please visit our websites for further information

http://br-cc.org.uk/br-cc/





Southwark Children and Family Centres





#### Summer Timetable 6th June-22nd July 2022

We are now operating a system on first come, first served basis with a limited capacity in each centre. A few sessions still require a booking so please check our timetable and email us to book on







#### Monday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

Stay and Play (0-5 years) 10am-

Learning through play and stimulating activities whilst meeting other families with our team on hand to support you with any queries.

Legs, Bums, and Tums (birth-precrawlers) 1:00pm-1:45pm B

Designed to support post-natal fitness with your babies focus on toning, tightening, and keeping active.

Venue: Pilgrims Way

Baby Massage (8 weeks-precrawlers) 10:00am-11:00am From 2011 June- 18th July Booking Required Baby massage promotes bonding

and attachment, and helps to boost a baby's immune system, reduce stress, relieve colic, and encourage sleep.

#### Venue: Canada Water Library

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only 10am-11:30am Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts and sharing books.

#### Tuesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

ENsational Stay and Play (0-5 years)

10:00am-11:30am A session that encourages the velopment of early attention and ocial communication skills for children

WellComm Session 1:30pm-3:00pm

Booking Required

Are you concerned about your child's nmunication skills? Book an appointment to receive one to one upport and advice on next steps

#### Venue: Salmon Centre

Soft Play (0-5) 10:30am-12:15pm Term

Session delivered by Riverside Team

#### Transition Stay and Play Sessions

Is your child starting nursery/reception in September 2022?

The Children and Family Centre would like to offer you support with this process.

For more information, please contact us on 02073582878 or email pilarimsway.southwark.sch.uk

#### Wednesday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

Toddler Time (2 years +) Including Early Words Together at Two 10am-11:30am An opportunity for toddlers to learn and develop through fun by exploring, being active and creative, supporting next steps into nursery education.

Chattertime (18 months-5 years) 1:30pmoking Required

A session that encourages the development of early communication skills through play with a top tip every week and support from a Speech and Language Therapist.

#### Venue: Pilgrims Way

Bookstart (0-5 years) Term Time Only

10am-11:30am Have fun bringing stories alive through storytelling, arts and crafts

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

Baby Group (0-12 months) 10am-11:30am Term Time Only

Session delivered by Riverside Team

Closure dates for staff training:

Wednesday 6th July

Thursday 21st July

#### Thursday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown Baby and Me (0-12 months) 10:00am-

Bond, play and have fun with your baby

and meet other parents.

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

#### Breastfeeding Café (Invitation Only) 10am-12:00pm A session offering information and

practical support for pregnant and breastfeeding mums and their families. <u>Wild-Life Project</u> (2 years – 5 years) 10a 11:15am Outdoors From 16th June-7th July

Sessions to explore nature through sensory

activities, stories & crafts to discover the plants and animals in the park with the London Wildlife Trust

#### Venue: Pilgrims Way

Melodies 4 Mums (Invitation Only) 11:30am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-2:30pm 10 weeks from 12<sup>th</sup> May-14<sup>th</sup> July Contact the centre for more details

#### Venue: Salmon Centre

Soft Play (0-5) 10:30am-12:15pm Term

Only on delivered by Riverside Team

#### Friday

#### Venue: Ellen Brown

Baby Explorers (12 months-24 months)
10:00gm-11:30gm

An opportunity for you and your child to play together and actively explore the environment through stimulating learning opportunities

#### Venue: Rotherhithe

Zumba Kids Jr (0-5 years) 10:00am-

Get active! Twist, jump and move to the beat. A fun way to increase your fitness for all the family.

#### Family Music (0-5 years) 11:15am-

You and your child can have fun signing together, be inspired and develop confidence in talking and building vocabulary.

#### Speech and Language Drop in dates and venues

27th June at Canada Water 10:00am-11:30am

9th June and 19th July at Salmon



#### 5 to 11 year olds can get **COVID-19 vaccinations**



Two doses give strong and long-lasting protection.

Vaccines protect children against serious infection and can reduce disruption to family life, school and holidays.

Find out more and book today: www.nhsselvax.com

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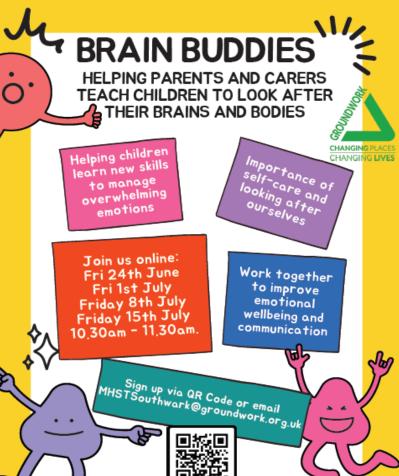


Book your place today!

holidayclub@springcommunityhub.org.uk WhatsApp/call/text

07988138997





SCAN ME

#### Wonderful Wildlife Weekends at Centre for Wildlife Gardening



Sundays: July: 10, 17, 31. Aug: 7, 21, 28. Sept: 11, 18. Oct: 2, 9, 23, 30. Nov: 13, 20

Centre for Wildlife Gardening, Marsden Road, SE15 4EE .

All activities are drop-in and no booking is required

Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times to participate in the activities

These sessions are free but donations are welcome. All profits are invested into London Wildlife Trust's conservation and education work and the care of its nature reserves.





#### Monday 25th July 10 - 3 Make a Mini Wildlife Garden

Explore the different habitats in our wildlife garden: the ponds, the long grass, the log piles and bushes and make your own mini wildlife garden.





Suitable for mums and dads and their children of any age. Southwark residents only. Places are limited so to book visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/events

Only one session per family. These sessions are free but donations are welcome. All profits are invested into London Wildlife Trust's conservation and education work and the care of its nature reserves.





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#### Volunteers needed!

Join our free 8-day training course which will fully prepare you to support vulnerable families with young children in Southwark and Lewisham.

Our Autumn Prep Course will run once a week on the following dates:

29 September; 6, 13, 20 October; 3, 10, 17, 24 November

Please contact Juliet to find out more: juliet.thompson@homestartsouthwark.org.uk 07511540142

Charlity no. 1107413

Location: CANOPI 7-14 Great Dover Street SE1 4YR London

Time: 10am-2pm

For application form and to read more, please



Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Visit your local library this summer to complete the Summer Reading Challenge

You need to read 6 books to complete the challenge. You can register at any library from Saturday  $9^{th}$  July and have until Sunday  $11^{th}$  September to finish.

For each book you read you will collect stickers, prizes and receive a medal and a certificate for completing the challenge.

If you read more than 6 books you will be entered into a special prize draw to win an Android tablet!

This year the theme is Gadgeteers, meet the characters who are learning that science is all around them. Whether you like baking, music or helping the environment you can use your imagination to make something new.



Find out more on the website

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

Events are taking place in all Southwark libraries throughout the summer. You can see all the listings on the Southwark Presents What's on diary or ask at your local library.

https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage



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Our uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland, who have been manufacturing exceptional schoolwear since 1959. Visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.



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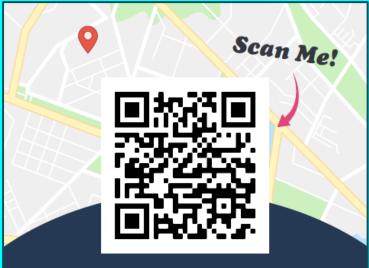
#### **HOW TO ORDER**

We have a brand-new online school uniform shop. Please visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.

- Visit the school finder located on the Price and Buckland website.
- Browse the range and buy your uniform.
- Enter your delivery details and await your order.
- Register your details or log in to your account to view your order status and history.

price-buckland.co.uk





Price & Buckland

#### SCHOOL FINDER

- Use your phones camera\* or QR scanner app to scan the QR code
- Search for your school's name in the School Finder
- Step 3: Select : or fi in your web browser
- Step 4: Select "Add to home screen"

Your schools online shop will now appear on your phones home screen for easy future access.

\*Compatible with most smart phones



The students and staff at HAB welcome you to join us for one of our Year 5 open mornings this Summer, to find out about how we can help your child:

- Make a smooth transition from primary to secondary school.
- Set high expectations for themselves as they develop into a confident young person.
- Achieve their full potential and the greatest levels of academic success.

Our permanent specialist teachers challenge each student to stretch themselves, both in lessons and when planning for their future, so that they achieve their personal best.

Our care, guidance and support for each student ensures that they feel safe, make friends and receive expert guidance throughout their time with us.

Our students thrive in an environment that celebrates ambition and creativity, with an unrivalled range of opportunities beyond the classroom.

OUTSTANDING

IN EVERY CATEGORY

Ofsted, 2019

At HAB we have an uncompromising

and caring approach

Spend time at HAB with your child on one of the open mornings below



Tuesday 14th June Tuesday 28th June Tuesday 21st June Tuesday 5th July

Your visit will include a tour with HAB students, a chance to experience our lessons and the opportunity to ask the staff and our students anything you wish. Please register in advance by contacting admissions@harrisbern



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Harris Academy

#### **Year 6 Induction**

Wednesday 6th July 2022

A fantastic opportunity to meet teachers, classmates and to experience taster lessons before the free HAB Summer School;

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

- ✓ Arrive at 9 am in casual clothes & trainers
- ✓ Bring a water bottle, school lunch will be provided

Parents and carer's are welcome to stay to speak with our SENCo and Safeguarding team at the coffee morning which starts at 9.30 am.

We look forward to welcoming you to Harris Academy Bermondsey.

Harris Academy Bermondsey 55 Southwark park road, London SE16 2TZ www.harrisbermondsey.org.uk

t: 020 7237 9316

e: admissions@harrisbermondsey.org.uk

@HABermondsey

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktopor laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.





#### UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

#### SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising, Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.









### POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, alming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

GAME SALE

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

#### SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Setting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

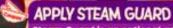


#### **ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS**

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

#### **USE GIFT CARDS**

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead — putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.



Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protect accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

#### SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.





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