



Oakfield Schools Federation

9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



In the midst of our exciting return to school Oakfield Schools Federation wanted to take this opportunity to pay respects to HRH Queen Elizabeth II. We understand each individual will be affected differently by her passing and feel it is important to recognise her vast contribution to British life over the past 70 years. She was an inspiration and a constant that we will never experience again. Our thoughts go to the Royal Family in these difficult times.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Chisholm".

Kate Chisholm – Executive Headteacher

New events added are highlighted in yellow		
Date	Event	Time
12/10/22	Gateshead Music Workshop	
21/ 10/22	Half Term	
22/10/22	Flag bearing at Sunderland Football Club	
31/10/22	Autumn 2 begins	
9/11/22	Growing and changing talk – year 6	
10/11/22	Flu immunisations	
7-9/12/22	Y6 Residential	
14-15/12/22	KS2 Pantomime visits	
22/12/22	Carols under the veranda	
22/12/22	Last day of term	
23/12/22	School Closed - PD day	

2022-23 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	07/09/22 – 21/10/22
Autumn 2	31/10/22 – 22/12/22
Spring 1	09/01/23 – 17/02/23
Spring 2	27/02/23 – 31/03/23
Summer 1	17/04/23 – 26/05/23
Summer 2	5/06/22 – 21/07/23

Reading books

As from today your child will be bringing a reading book home daily in Key Stage 2. Please ensure these are brought back the very next day so that we can build upon the reading completed at home. Key Stage 1 children will bring reading books home next week. The children will regularly bring home reading for pleasure books.

PE days

Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
R	Tuesday	Friday
1	Wednesday	Thursday
2	Monday	Friday
3	Wednesday	Friday
4	Tuesday	Thursday
5	Swimming - Tuesday	Monday
6	Monday	Wednesday

Children come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please ensure children come in trainers when it is outdoor PE and wear school PE kit for both indoor and outdoor. No football strips or other non-uniform items.

Earrings

Just a reminder that only flat, plastic studs are to be worn in school. We have attached a link to amazon to help you see the kinds of earrings which can be worn. We do have a supply of these in school should anybody wish to collect them.

[KINBOM 100pairs Plastic Transparent Earrings, Earring Protectors Invisible Plastic Earrings Plastic Post Earrings Clear Stud Earrings Clear Earrings for Sports Women Men Earring DIY,5mm Flat-Headed : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen](#)

Childhood Nasal Flu Vaccination programme

All children will have brought home an envelope with information and a form to be completed regarding this. Please ensure all forms are returned to school by Wednesday 14th September. If your form is not returned to school by that date, there will not be a further collection of these forms. You would need to get the form directly to them yourself.

Safeguarding and attendance

Roblox

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

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 of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect. Players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.
- ONLINE DATERS**
These are also called 'Oders' and are quite common in Roblox. An Oder is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter Oders. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.
- PUBLIC SERVERS**
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games with some risks of aspects, including direct player interaction, some games and servers themselves will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.
- IN-APP PURCHASES**
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, to become more powerful. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it is possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- SET PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It is essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.
- DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING**
Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.
- PRIVATE SERVERS**
If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child-friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.
- MONITOR SPENDING**
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.
- DEALING WITH STRANGERS**
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert
Cara Grodin (aka. Lunacell) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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Thank you for continuing to support us in our attendance.

School / Year	Autumn 1	
	Attendance	Minutes late
	Week 1	
Junior Overall	98.91	24 min
Infant Overall	95.8	7 min
6	98.6	15 min
5	98.6	9 min
4	98.6	0 min
3	99.6	0 min
2	94.3	7 min
1	97.8	0 min
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Thank you for reading our newsletter and for a fantastic start to our school year! I would also like to welcome our new reception children and parents and am delighted to welcome you to the Oakfield Schools Federation Community.

Warmest regards

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher
Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head
Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head