

Newsletter 27 Spring Term 18th April 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our children are **shining** showing our school value **Love** ☀

Our school has been bursting with positive energy and love as we returned from the Spring break into a 4-day week celebrating the essence of all things Easter. We have all come together to visit our beloved Church at St Francis as well as enjoy Easter basket making, egg hunts, singing and dancing – all weaved into our curriculum of course! I have been so proud of how the children have been able to celebrate each other and be happy for one-another. Very well done!

This week we received our admissions information from the Local Authority for our FS2 classes starting September 2025, along with families. We are pleased to say that our classes are full with a waiting list. Please see further information below. Please do contact us if we can support any of our families with this process.

We look forward to welcoming you all into school next week for parent consultations in the school hall, with a focus on discussing progress, attainment and predicted end of year outcomes for individual children. For any parents that have SEND enquiries, these are separate meetings and can be organised directly with our school SendCo Mrs Mottram, who will liaise with you and all other relevant professionals, including class teacher. Please email enquiries@bsi.school to make any requests.

I am adding summer diary dates, as soon as I receive them and trying hard to ensure correspondence keeps improving. Inset days for next year are confirmed, which I have communicated below. We have many wonderful experiences yet to enjoy this year together and I thank you for being so positively involved at our beautiful school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Headteacher



Easter Church Visit to our friends at St Francis Bramley

As part of our Easter Celebrations our Reception and Key Stage 1 children enjoyed an Easter Service at St Francis' Church with Reverend Helen and her curate, James where the children listened to the Easter story and performed the Easter songs and poem that they have learned in school as well as learning some new songs. This formed part of a long-standing tradition that our children have participated in for many years and served to consolidate their R.E. Learning for Key Stage 1 children and Understanding the World for our reception children. Our thanks go to St

Francis' Church who always welcome us so warmly and to all the volunteer parents and carers who made the visit possible. Look out in your child's bookbag for a postcard from the church which details the exciting Easter programme for the children that is happening this Easter weekend. Please also see below.



What's on in April

Wednesday 2nd— 7pm Lent Course

Thursday 3rd— 2pm Bramley Friendship Group

Saturday 5th—10am Cuppa and a Chat

Sunday 6th—4pm Family Service

Wednesday 16th— 7pm Lent Course

Thursday 17th — 9.30am Footprints

12pm—Lent Lunch

2pm Bramley Friendship Group

7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday 20th— 10am Easter Sunday Service

Thursday 24th—9.30am Footprints

Sunday Service—10am each Sunday

Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 9.30am in church

Holy Saturday Mission Area Day 19th April

Mission area walk 10am-2pm

10am - St Alban's Wickersley (S66 1ES)

11am - St Francis' Bramley (S66 2SQ)

12.30pm (inc. lunch) - St James' Ravenfield (S65 4NG)

1.30pm - St Leonard's Thrybergh (S65 4HN)

Bring a packed lunch or let us know if you want soup and a roll. 07498339434

Celebrate Easter with us

Ash Wednesday Service
St Francis', Bramley - 5th March, 6.30pm

Lent Course
St Francis', Bramley - Wednesday nights 12th March-16th April, 7pm

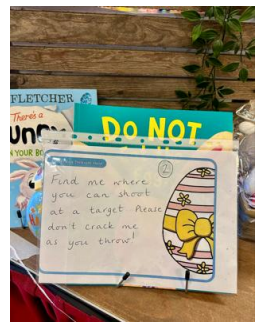
Maundy Thursday Service
St Francis', Bramley - 17th April, 7pm

Good Friday Family Fun
St Leonard's, Thrybergh - 18th April, 11-1pm

Easter Sunrise Service
Fullerton Chapel, Thrybergh Graveyard - 20th April, 5.30am

Easter Morning Celebration
St Francis', Bramley - 20th April, 10am

Easter Activities

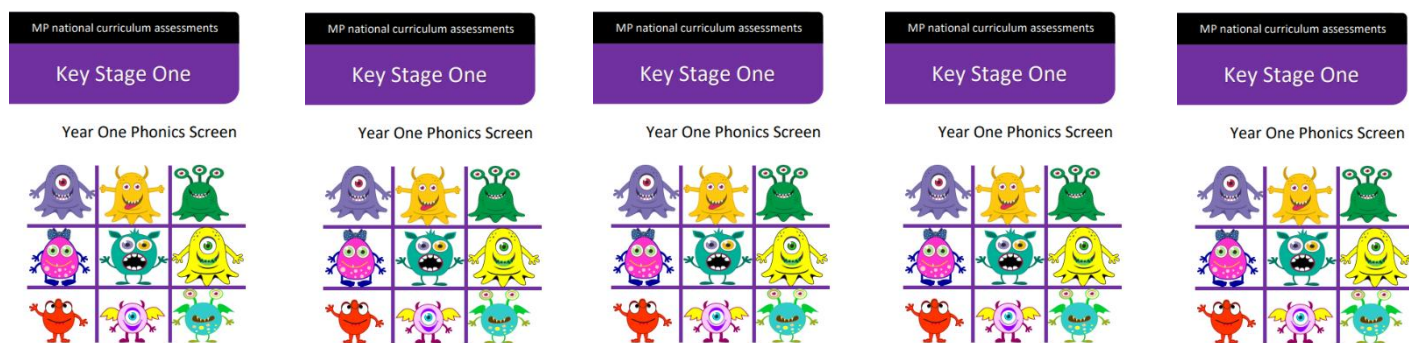


The Easter celebrations continued with a wonderful assembly, Easter Bonnet parade and Easter Picnic, we even had a visit from the Easter Bunny and friends!



The Phonics Screen Check 2025

Phonics Screen Check breakfast and lunchtime booster clubs continue this half term and leading up to the Phonics Screen Check week from Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June. Thank you for your commitment to this. We strongly urge you to not book a holiday during this period or incur any unnecessary absence. This could result in your child being required to re-sit the check the following year in Y2 2026.



Attendance

Please speak to our Attendance Lead, Miss Cheshire when you are considering booking time away from school to consult on your attendance profile and triggers. We are here to help and offer advice where we can.

A reminder of The Department for Education's new updates to attendance. <https://www.therham.gov.uk/education-2/school-attendance> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Please note that ALL term-time holidays are classed as unauthorised.

Please also be reminded that any late arrival (*after registers have closed*) is recorded as an 'Unauthorised Absence' so please make every effort to arrive at school before the registers are closed at **9:15am**.

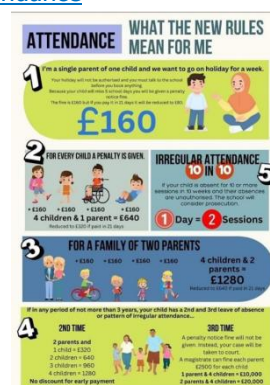
Attendance this week (whole school) is: **95%** ↑ **Let's see if we can get back above 96%!**

Weekly year group highest attendance: Year 1 with 97.6% 🙌🙌

Weekly year group lowest attendance: Foundation Stage 1 with 88%

Thank you to all parents and carers that are supporting good attendance of 90%+

If your child has less than 90% attendance it is categorised as 'persistence absence' at 50% is categorised as 'severe absence'. You will be sent a letter to alert you and to offer support. If your child's attendance declines further, you will be invited into school for a meeting to discuss how support might improve your child's attendance. If this continues the Local Authority will issue with an official 'Notice to Improve' and proceed with the Rotherham SAMP process. You can view your current attendance on Arbor.



Congratulations to the seventy three children across school who received 100% attendance certificates last term and also to three of our children for achieving the most improved attendance medals.

Reporting Illnesses

When deciding if your child is well enough for school, please consult the NHS link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Thank you for communicating any absence, appointments and late arrivals via the school office. This is much appreciated. Please be reminded that we need a reason for any absence for our records. We notice that we have allocated a high number of medical appointments during the school day and ask you, where at all possible to take these out of school hours or in the school holidays.

School Uniform

Please can we remind you about school uniform and jewellery from a safety perspective. We ask that you ensure children are in suitable footwear for school and wear only stud earring – no other jewellery. Children who come to school wearing inappropriate items will be asked to put them in their school bag. We have lots of spare school uniform at the front of school should you need it. Please help yourselves. We also ask that if you find that you have uniform items at home that do not belong to your child, please return them to school. www.bramleysunnysideinfant.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/School-Dress-Code-2023-24.pdf

School Admissions and Transitions

FS1/Nursery Admissions

We have allocated our new FS1/Nursery school children places for September 2025 and transition has begun. We look forward to welcoming new children and families into school to meet us in the coming weeks. We have some limited places still available for morning and afternoon places and a waiting list for full time places, if you would like to visit and consider starting with us in September 2025. Please contact the school office with your enquiries. Open events will run through the summer term. We look forward to seeing you there.

FS2/Reception Admissions

Families that have applied to start school in our FS2/Reception classes in September 2025 should now have places confirmed. We are pleased to report that our classes are full for the next academic year. We know that in this next period of time there is often a little movement as late applications are processed at the admissions office and potential families on our admissions list consult with their first choice schools. Please bear with us through this period and know that we are here to support you the best we can. Please contact Telephone: 01709 823777 Email: admissions.enquiries@rotherham.gov.uk for further information.

Y2/Y3 Junior School transition

Transition planning has begun between our Infant school and the Junior school. We will refine this and communicate this in due course. A comprehensive transition schedule is being compiled for July. We know and understand that for many children and families' thoughts and feelings are already building around transition. We will be including some themes into our curriculum, storytime and discussions to positively prepare.

Breakfast Club £4

07:45-08:30am Now available to book on Arbor up until Summer! Please note that places are available to book as a **block booking payment. F2-Y2** (under consultation)
During this session children can enjoy a varied choice of breakfast food and drink. Daily cost includes a choice of food and drinks. During this special time before school children enjoy games, crafts and sports with their friends and are well supported by our happy, caring adults.



Wraparound Consultation and School Offer

We are pleased to be able to move forward with our wraparound care offer which will be implemented in stages during the forthcoming months. The wraparound offer criteria is not available to FS1 children from September. We are able to offer a breakfast club initially to a raised number of 30 pupils (F2-Y2) from 7:45-8:30am with a block extended booking. We aim to make the breakfast club available from 7:30am in due course, available for block whole year booking. This is in support of the Government agenda for working families.

School Clubs

Please note that places are only available to book as a **half term block payment** using Arbor. The after-school clubs cost between £3-£3:50. Sports Clubs are delivered by sports professionals 'Live & Learn'. Other clubs are delivered by school staff.

Monday – F2-Y2 **Cricket and Rounders** -15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)

Monday – KS1 **Library Club** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Rushton)

Monday – KS1 **Cooking Club** – 15:05-16:30pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Tuesday – KS1 **Science Club** – 15:05 – 16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Wednesday – F2-Y2 **Mini V/FIT Trampolining Club** – 15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)

Wednesday – KS1 **Gardening Club** - 15:05-16:30pm (Mrs Ford & Mrs Frost)

Thursday – F2-Y2 **Movie Night** – 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Taylor & Mrs Chilcott)

Thursday – KS1 **Designers & Makers** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Friday – F2-Y2 **Gymnastics** – 07:45am – 8:30am (Live & Learn)

Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April	FS1 Parent Consultations will run throughout the week at different times. Please speak to FS1.
Tuesday 22 nd April	FS2/KS1 Parent Consultations 15.15-17.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd April	FS2 White Post Farm Visit
Thursday 24 th April	FS2/KS1 Parent Consultations 15.15-18:30pm
Monday 28 th April	Early Years Foundation Stage Open Event 15:30-17:pm
Friday 2 nd May	Inset day – school closed for pupils
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 6 th May	Y1 Phonics Screen Check Meeting
Wednesday 7 th May	New to FS1 2025 welcome meeting – School hall (PM)
Thursday 8 th May	New to FS1 2025 welcome meeting – School hall (AM)
Tuesday 20 th May	Anti-bullying workshops for children
Friday 23 rd May	NEW to FS2 welcome meeting 1:30pm school hall
9 th -13 th June	Phonics Screen Check Week
Thursday 19 th June	Class 7 & 8 visit to Cadbury's World
Tuesday 24 th June	Class 5, 6 10 visit to Withernsea (TBC)
Wednesday 25 th June	Family Learning Workshop (TBC)
Tuesday 26 th June	KS1 African Drumming
Wednesday 2 nd July	FS1 Sports Day (Details TBC)
Friday 4 th July	FS2 & KS1 Sports Day (Details TBC)
Friday 4 th July	ROAs to parents/carers
Wednesday 23 rd July	Break up for summer!

*More dates to follow including: FS1 Open events, Transition dates and schedules, Curriculum Celebrations, FS1 Captivating Creatures, Y2 Leavers, Summer Ball....

Term Dates for 2024

2nd September – 25th October 2024

5th November – 20th December 2024

6th January – 14th February 2025

25th February – 28th March 2025

14th April – 17th April 2025 (Easter weekend 18th-21st)

22nd April – 1st May 2025 (5th May, May Day)

6th May – 23rd May 2025

2nd June – 23rd July 2025

Inset Days 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

Inset Days 2025/2026

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

School Menus

Please find below the new school meal menus starting April 2025.

RIVERSIDE CATERING SCHOOL MEALS THREE CHOICE MENU - CHILLED CHOICE

From April 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Pasta Bolognese	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Fajita	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Fish Fingers
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Quorn Enchilada (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Quorn Sausage Roll (VG)	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings
14/04/25	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham
05/05/25					
02/06/25	Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes	Savoury Rice Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
23/06/25					
14/07/25	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
08/09/25					
29/09/25	Chocolate Brownie	Lemon Shortcake & Custard	Iced Sponge	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Muffin
20/10/25	Cookie & Milk	Ice Cream & Fruit	Cookie & Milk	Strawberry Mousse	Cookie & Milk

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From April 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 2	Lasagne	Quorn Burger (V)	Cornish Style Pasty	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Battered Fish
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Salmon Fishcake	French Bread Pizza (V)	Quorn Dippers (VG)	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings
21/04/25	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham
12/05/25					
09/06/25	Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Sliced Potatoes	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
30/06/25					
21/07/25	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
15/09/25					
06/10/25	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Crunch	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit Crumble & Custard	Muffin
	Cookie & Milk	Fruit Jelly	Cookie & Milk	Rice Crispy Bun	Cookie & Milk

RIVERSIDE CATERING SCHOOL MEALS

THREE CHOICE MENU - CHILLED CHOICE

From April 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 3 28/04/25 19/05/25 16/06/25 07/07/25 01/09/25 22/09/25 13/10/25	Chicken Tikka Masala, Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Chicken Enchilada	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Fish Fingers
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Quorn Hot Dog (VG)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Cheese Flan (V)
	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham	Chilled Choice Cheese or Tuna	Chilled Choice Cheese or Ham
		Savoury Rice Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
		Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	Chocolate & Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Cookie & Milk	Australian Crunch Ice Cream & Fruit	Flapjack Cookie & Milk	Jam Whirl & Custard Rice Crispy Bun	Cupcake Cookie & Milk

LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY THE GUITAR IN SCHOOL?**

GROUPS LESSONS £68 PER TERM

PAIRED LESSONS £89 PER TERM

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS £106 - £189 PER TERM

OPTIONAL INSTRUMENT HIRE £10 PER TERM

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**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
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**INDIVIDUAL LESSONS
15MINS £106 PER TERM
20 MINS £144 PER TERM
30 MINS £189 PER TERM**

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**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
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Did you know that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?



- **Earache** (children aged 1-17)



- **Sore throat** (over 5s)



- **Infected insect bites** (over 1s)



- **Impetigo** (over 1s)



Think 'Pharmacy First'

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.



For more information, speak with your local community pharmacy.

To find your nearest pharmacy, see:

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy>

Or scan the QR code:



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Are you concerned about a child or children in your school who are experiencing domestic abuse?

Would you like FREE advice and a professional dialogue with an Education Psychologist about how to best support them?

Call the Operation Encompass Teachers' Helpline

0204 513 9990

(Charged at local rate)

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 11.00am

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DOMESTIC ABUSE
& NEED IMMEDIATE HELP?
ASK FOR ANI**



STEP 1 If a pharmacy has the **ASK FOR ANI** symbol on display, this means they are ready to help.

STEP 2 Approach a member of staff and **ASK FOR ANI**.

STEP 3 They will offer you a private space, provide a phone and ask if you want a 999 police response or to speak to a domestic abuse support helpline.

For further information
VISIT: [GOV.UK/DOMESTIC-ABUSE](https://gov.uk/domestic-abuse)

Action Needed Immediately

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NEW



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Rotherham's Children's Public Health Nursing Service (0-19)

Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Service (previously known as Rotherham 0-19 Service) delivers a public health based service across Rotherham from late pregnancy up to 19 years (some cases up to 25 years).

The Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Service incorporates the health visiting and school nursing teams along with other community practitioners to:

- promote healthy lifestyles
- provide advice and support for children, young people, families and carers.

We hope to empower them to achieve their full potential, be healthy and stay safe. We can help them take a more targeted approach when needed.

Download the Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Services app by scanning the QR code or search TRFT-Children's Health Service App.

The APP hosts important information around school readiness, child development, healthy life styles, sleep health, SEND support and much more.

Small changes,
big differences.



Group Fear-Less Triple P **Help your child (aged 6-14 years)** **break free from anxiety.**

**New 6-week positive parenting course starts
soon...**

DATE • Thursday 17th of April 2025
TIME • 09.30am-11.30am
VENUE • Dalton Family & Children's Centre, Magna Lane, Dalton, Rotherham. S65 4HH

If you would like to book a place on this course, please access the Rotherham Family Hubs Website and complete an online referral form.

<http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/homepage/402/activities-and-support-for-families>

www.triplep-parenting.net

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What you need to know about...

AGE RATINGS

What are they?

Age Ratings are a mark placed on a game to tell you if it is suitable for your child. The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) system rates games and tells you if it is suitable for your child. It is a mark placed on a game to tell you if it is suitable for your child. It is a mark placed on a game to tell you if it is suitable for your child.

Know the Risks

18+

Inappropriate content

This game has a more obvious risk of inappropriate content than games with a lower age rating. It may contain content that is not suitable for children and could be harmful to their health or well-being.

16+

Peer pressure

Peer pressure is a risk for children and young people. It is a risk for children and young people. It is a risk for children and young people. It is a risk for children and young people.

12-15

Level of 'Kudos'

Playing a game with a level that is higher than their own can lead to a child feeling a sense of achievement. It can lead to a child feeling a sense of achievement. It can lead to a child feeling a sense of achievement.

Free Platforms

Games that are available on free platforms may have more risks than games that are available on paid platforms. Games that are available on free platforms may have more risks than games that are available on paid platforms.

Spot the Signs

Being vague

If a child does not tell you what they are playing, it could be a sign that they are playing a game that is not suitable for them. If a child does not tell you what they are playing, it could be a sign that they are playing a game that is not suitable for them.

Unofficial sites

There are plenty of unofficial sites where you can find games. These sites may not be as safe as official sites. These sites may not be as safe as official sites. These sites may not be as safe as official sites.

Unfamiliar terminology

Your child may use unfamiliar terminology when they are playing a game. This could be a sign that they are playing a game that is not suitable for them. This could be a sign that they are playing a game that is not suitable for them.

Wanting to be secluded

If a child suddenly wants to play a game in a room where they can be alone, it could be a sign that they are playing a game that is not suitable for them. If a child suddenly wants to play a game in a room where they can be alone, it could be a sign that they are playing a game that is not suitable for them.

Be aware of spending

Setting up accounts with online games may require a payment. It is important to be aware of the costs of playing games. It is important to be aware of the costs of playing games. It is important to be aware of the costs of playing games.

Safety Tips

Do your research

If you've noticed a new game that your child has downloaded, then use your research skills to find out more about it. Use your research skills to find out more about it. Use your research skills to find out more about it.

Review parental controls

Review your parental controls on the devices where you buy games from. Review your parental controls on the devices where you buy games from. Review your parental controls on the devices where you buy games from.

Encourage open dialogue

It is important to have an open dialogue with your child about online safety. It is important to have an open dialogue with your child about online safety. It is important to have an open dialogue with your child about online safety.

Discuss ratings

Talk to your child about why the game has been awarded a certain rating. Talk to your child about why the game has been awarded a certain rating. Talk to your child about why the game has been awarded a certain rating.

Our Expert

Heather Cardwell

Heather Cardwell is a practising Online Safety Lead and senior school leader who is passionate about safeguarding online and educating children around online risks. She has over 10 years as a Computing Lead and has successfully developed and implemented a whole school approach to online safety in schools, delivering online safety training to both school staff and parents and helping to roll-out a bespoke online safety policy across her local network of education settings.

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