



Dove Bank Primary School

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Staying Safe Online

With the opportunities for children to be online becoming increasingly more available, we are having lots of conversations with parents around online safety, and how we can best safeguard our children against potential dangers.

Children are sometimes not even aware of when they are online!

Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 7th February, and during that day the children will have a range of activities focused on how to keep themselves safe online. This year's theme is:

"Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online".

We know that as parents it can be difficult to keep on top of the ever changing security restrictions that we can put in place. This weekend, why not try talking to your child about when they access the internet:

- Do they know when they are online?
- Do they know what to do if they are exposed to something they feel uncomfortable with?
- If they talk to people while playing games, do they know who they are? How do they know?
- Do they know that they won't be in trouble if they tell an adult about it?

Opening up this conversation is so important. They need to know exactly what to do if exposed to dangers online. Some children may think that they will be in trouble if they report an incident, and having open conversations can lead to children knowing that we are staying safe together.

Notes in Reading Records

The children's reading records are a great way of communicating with your child's class teacher. If you have written a message to your child's teacher, please ask your child to hand their planners to their teachers to ensure that we don't miss it on the day.



Breakfast Club

There is currently space in our Breakfast Club. We open for children at 7:30 for Breakfast Club. There are a range of cereals provided for children, as well as toast and bagels. The children then spend time playing with their friends.

If you would like to use our Breakfast Club, just bring your child/ren along in the morning and sign them in. Sessions will then be added to ParentPay.

Free School Meals

Free School Meals funding (Pupil Premium funding) is not just about accessing a meal for your child at school. As well as this, it brings in vital funding for the school which we use to ensure that pupils have access to high quality teaching, through investment in quality training; employ skilled staff, such as teaching assistants, to provide targeted interventions; and to support non-academic challenges to school success, such as employing an attendance officer to support attendance.

We know that we have families within our school who are eligible for this funding but not currently claiming it. Checking your child's eligibility only takes a few minutes, and it could have a big impact on the funding that we receive into school. You may even be eligible if you have met the low income criteria any time within the past 6 years, so please take the time to check.

Click [HERE](#) to check your eligibility.