

24<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Puttenham  
Church of England School

Dear parents and carers,



Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Phyllis Tuckwell. We raised £1,340.65 for the local charity. They are an amazing hospice which treat in patients and families at home. Please read the attached thank you letter from the charity.

### Safeguarding

Congratulations to Mrs Drury for completing the training to be a Designated Safeguarding Lead last week. As a designated safeguarding team we have responsibility for the safeguarding in our school. We support children and families and work with outside agencies. As a school we provide a lot of early help support and we are strengthened further with the ELSA provision, the mental health strategies used by staff, our PSHE curriculum and our online safety. More information regarding [safeguarding](#) and our [curriculum and online safety](#) can be found on our website.

### The Safeguarding Team

Miss De Filippis – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mrs Dynan – Deputy DSL

Mrs Drury – Deputy DSL

Mrs Hazzard – Deputy DSL

### Online safety

The National College has produced a wealth of information about online safety for families and schools. You can find more information on their website [National Online Safety](#). It is free to set up an account. There is a lot of safety advice for children of all ages and for adults. Please see the '10 Top Tips for parents and educators on using and reviewing parental controls'.

Enjoy the family Big Garden Birdwatch.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss De Filippis



**Headteacher's awards**  
**and house points**  
**Stars of the week**



**Hedgehog class:** Ozzy and Summer

**Rabbit class:** Bertie and Elsie

**Fox class:** Kailum and Phoebe

**Values award:** Darcie for Resilience and Wisdom

**Lunchtime stars:** Jeremy and Louis

**House points:** Fox class

**Well done to you all!**

### **KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

#### **HALF TERM**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**COME & SEE MY LEARNING FOLLOWED BY  
MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 8.45am

#### **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 3.15pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 4.00pm – 7.00pm

#### **EASTER CHURCH SERVICE**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am

#### **BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1.00pm



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

## 1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

## 2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

## 3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

## 4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

## 5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

## 6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

## 7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover WiFi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.

## 8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

## 9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

## 10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

## Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist and the former deputy editor of technology and internet culture website Alphr. Now freelance, he has contributed articles to publications including the New Statesman, CNET, the Evening Standard, Wired, Rock Paper Shotgun, Gizmodo, Pocket Gamer, Stuff, T3, PC Pro, Macworld, TechRadar and Trusted Reviews.



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## Rethink Waste

# Help our school win funding for our eco-project

Rethink Waste has invited our community to join in their school donations scheme. Schools across Surrey County are taking part in this great opportunity, so we're inviting you to help us in this **quest for funding!**

Taking part in the fun activities will help you reduce waste but by completing them, you'll also earn points which can be donated to our school. The more points we receive, the higher our chances of winning funding for our new eco-project!

We're passionate about more greener learning opportunities for our children, will you help us by registering today? Visit the link below!



Simply scan the QR code to register and donate points to our school

[rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools](http://rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools)



Please sign up if you can. The money donated to Puttenham School will enhance our outdoor learning and Forest School facilities. The scheme works via an interactive digital platform that all Surrey residents can sign up to. Once registered, Surrey residents can earn points by pledging, taking a quiz or watching a film. Residents then spend points in several ways including donating points to charities or local schools and entering prize draws. The new school donation scheme will run until 31 March 2025. Thank you. Mrs Shaw (Forest School Leader)

# HOME START

Surrey



RECRUITING NOW

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-3 hours a week to share your invaluable knowledge? If yes we would love to hear from you!

Home-Start volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.

Our volunteers are fully trained and given expert ongoing support

Home-Start Surrey covers all 13 boroughs in 11 local branches: East Surrey, Elmbridge, Epsom, Ewell & Banstead, Guildford, Runnymede & Woking, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath & Waverley  
[www.homestartsurrey.org](http://www.homestartsurrey.org)

Volunteering for local families can change your life and the life of a family in your community!

Spring 2025 Courses starting throughout Surrey very soon, don't delay get in touch today!

For further details please call: 01252 737453

Or email: [volunteers@homestartsurrey.org](mailto:volunteers@homestartsurrey.org)

## Family event BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH



Saturday 25 January 2025  
10.30am-1pm

A chance for children and adults to have fun together making bird cakes, doing craft activities and discovering the birds in the Museum grounds and galleries.  
Free event | No need to book in advance

Haslemere Museum, 78 High Street, Haslemere GU27 2LA



## LITTLE HILARY'S

Baby & Toddler Group  
0-3 years

**Starting 3 February!**

Teacher-led Themed Sessions  
Story, Craft and Song Time  
Refreshments

**Mondays**  
9.30am - 10.30am

Register now

[www.sthilaryschool.com](http://www.sthilaryschool.com)  
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