

# THE LISCARD BULLETIN

LISCARD PRIMARY, WITHENS LANE, WALLASEY, CH45 7NQ

## BACK TO school

### Welcome Back!



We hope you had a lovely holiday. We look forward to seeing you all. Welcome to children who have joined us in several of the year groups, as well as the new to EYRC, Foundation 1 and 2 children.

### Nut Free School

We have a number of children and staff who have severe nut allergies. Please make sure that if your child brings a snack or a packed lunch to school there are no nuts or products with nut traces. This includes Nutella or similar products. Thank you for your support.



### School Entrances

EYRC, Foundation 1 & 2 children should enter the school via the classroom doors that lead onto the Foundation outdoor play area.

Children in Year 1, 5 & 6 should enter the school through the entrance nearest the gym.

Children in Year 2,3 & 4 should enter the school through the entrance to the right of the main entrance.

### Doors open at 8.40am.

Staff on duty as well as Mrs Talbot, Miss Moran and Mrs Fagan will be welcoming the children. All staff will be wearing high viz waistcoats.

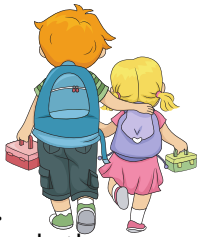
### Attendance - Every Day Counts

In order for your child to maximise his/her/their learning, attendance every day at school is vital. Please support us by making sure your child attends every day and arrives on time. Children of statutory school age will have their attendance closely monitored. If attendance falls below 95% parents/carers will be invited to a meeting to discuss strategies for improvement. Please note that holidays during term time will not be authorised.



### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will start on **Monday September 11th** in the school gym. Doors open from **8.30 am**. The club is run by members of the Catering Team and school staff team. The cost is £0.50 which can be brought in daily. If your child is entitled to free school meals there is no cost. Staff will ensure children are escorted to their classrooms for the start of the school day.



### Medication

There are a number of children who have medication administered at lunch time, or who have inhalers and epipens in school. Can parents please visit the school office to check that any medication left in school is still within the expiry date.

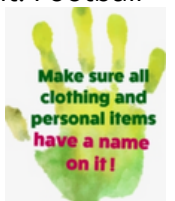


### Allergies

If your child has recently been diagnosed with any allergies the school need to be aware of, please let the school office, and class teacher know.

### School Uniform

All children should wear school uniform for school. At the request of parents a **black** or white T shirt can be worn as part of the PE kit. Football shirts are not allowed.



Please check out the new school website - [www.liscard.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.liscard.wirral.sch.uk)

### Online Safety

Please see below the latest guidance from National Online Safety regarding sharing photographs online.





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

## INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up, just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

## REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

## MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

## ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

## PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

## IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

### CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school; even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

### THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting; it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

## Meet Our Expert

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