

REMINDER - TOMORROW IS CLASS PHOTO DAY! 📷

Residential Visits

We are so pleased that Years 5 and 6 will be able to attend their residential visits in May and June. Please look out for emails with further information if your child is attending one of these visits.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual parents' evening, this seemed to run very smoothly. When all Covid restrictions are lifted, we will consider offering the option to continue parent consultations in this way. Watch this space...

Bikes and Scooters

It is great to see so many children biking and scooting to school. We regularly remind children to dismount at the car park gate and wheel bikes and scooters around the path in the car park. Please can we ask that younger siblings and adults also dismount. The car park is such a busy place at drop off and collection times and we wouldn't want any accidents. Please also ensure that bikes and scooters are 'parked' in the bike racks or scooter pods so that these are secure during the day. Thank you.



Parent Survey

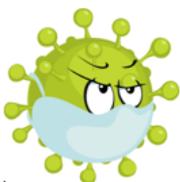
Please can you take a few minutes to complete our online parent survey. The questions should only take a few minutes to answer and your feedback is incredibly important to us. The survey will close on Wednesday 5th May.

Please click on the link below:

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Values Based Education

As you know, at Red Oaks values education underpins all that we do. The value this term is RESPECT. Please visit our values section on the website to see what we are learning. <https://www.redoaks.org/values.php>



Pick Up and Collection

We politely request that only one adult per family collect children from school and that everyone wears a mask or face covering please.

Online Safety

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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-app purchases, online dating and chat functionality. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr Lee.

Red Oaks Needs You

We are looking to invite some parents into school to talk to the children about different types of jobs and professions, the qualifications that are needed and what it is like working in that particular role.

We are looking for a wide range of jobs and professions. This would be for any age group in the school from Nursery through to Year 6. If you are interested and would like more information or would like to talk to Mr Lee, please contact the school.

Bags2School

If you're having a sort out, please bear in mind that we will be collecting any unwanted clean, dry clothing of the type that you would wear again yourself or pass on to your family or friends to wear. Below is a list of items that can go in the bags and those that aren't suitable, for example **school uniform is not suitable**. We will be unable to send out bags this time due to Covid restrictions, so feel free to use any clean bin liners or other collection bags you have already.

The school collection day will be **Tuesday 11th May at 8.30am**. Please can we request that any bags be dropped off under the umbrella outside the main office on the Tuesday morning as this will allow for prompt collection as we have nowhere to store them. The bags are weighed, and the more weight we accumulate will mean more funds for the school. Thank you.

<u>Things that they WILL accept</u>	<u>Things not are acceptable</u>
Men's, ladies and children's clothing Paired shoes (tied together) Hats Handbags Scarves and ties Jewellery Lingerie Socks Belts Soft toys Household linen Curtains Towels Bedding, sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers	Duvets and blankets Pillows and cushions Carpets, rugs and mats Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing School uniform with or without logo Corporate workwear Textile offcuts, yarns or threaded materials

Upcoming Dates

- 29/4 School Class Photos
- 30/4 TD day - **School is closed**
- 3/5 Bank Holiday
- 11/5 Bags2School
- 30/6 Year 6 Leavers Hawaiian Party - 30th June



Contacting School

School office hours are 8.30am-3.30pm please be aware that calls are not answered outside of these hours. Our phone number is **01793 493920**. If you have any questions or concerns, please use the following contacts:

- Mrs Surch - head@redoaks.org.uk
- Mr Lee - deputyhead@redoaks.org.uk
- General queries - Admin team - admin@redoaks.org.uk
- Mr Lee - fsmanager@redoaks.org.uk - Foundation Stage - Nursery & Reception
- Mrs Maxfield - Yr123@redoaks.org.uk - Years 1, 2 & 3
- Miss Gerrard - Yr456@redoaks.org.uk - Years 4, 5 & 6





REMINDERS

Friday 30th April TD Day (school closed)
Monday 3rd May Bank Holiday



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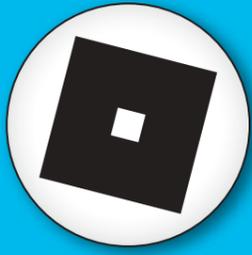
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



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No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefers and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'Oder' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers



Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.

Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.



Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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