

Corbets Tey School



# Technology and Online Safety Newsletter

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The Department for Education guidance document **Keeping Children Safe in Education (May 2016 updated Sept 2016)** sets out the legal duties with which schools and colleges must comply in order to keep children safe including keeping safe online.



We are aware of the special challenges for our parents regarding online safety. We want to work in partnership with you to identify where additional support and information is needed and how to use this to protect your children and young people. This newsletter will be sent out monthly to ensure that you are aware of the latest developments and information available.



## Corbets Tey School on Twitter

As you will be aware, the school is committed to a positive, valuable communication between home and school. We are always seeking new ways to increase parental awareness and involvement in children's school experiences and collaboration in their learning. We have seen that other schools are using social media to communicate about positive and exciting learning activities and their parents have been appreciative of their increased awareness of their child's school day.

We have recently created a Corbets Tey School Twitter account and we are hoping that you will do the same so that you can follow the information and updates on whole school and class activities and events. Each 'tweet' can include 140 characters and up to 4 photos. You will also be able to 'tweet' back your comments to the school and these posts may also be 'retweeted' on the school news feed. One parent has already tweeted appreciation of the mince pies that were made and sent home by Willow Class pupils. We were very happy to retweet this lovely message. There are currently approximately 12 parents and 10 staff who are following the school Twitter account and are receiving regular and instant information from school tweets.

We will be embedding the news feed onto our school website.

We are currently trialling this with Apple Class parents to use the Twitter account to increase the level of information shared on a class level in the most convenient and accessible way.

To access the information via Twitter, you would need to:

1. Install the Twitter app on your smartphone or access Twitter through a computer or tablet Internet browser
2. Enter your details and create your Twitter account
3. Select to 'Follow' the CTS Twitter account *@CorbetsTeySch*
4. Confirm this by email and/or mobile number

A really good example of a school using Twitter positively is **Larchwood Primary School in Brentwood**. They have found it invaluable in building positive relationships with parents/carers and also with the extended family members of children attending their school. You may want to check out their twitter feed at *@LarchwoodPS*.

You may feel a little 'technically challenged' if you have not used Twitter before. We understand this and would be very happy to help you through the set up process. Please contact Sue Cumbers or Lisa Wellard for any requests for help.

## Home Activities to Support School Learning

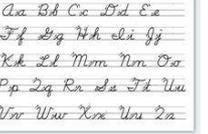
We appreciate that at our school, parents want to support their children's learning but in very different ways. Some children do need a more academic approach in practicing spellings, maths exercises or about a subject or topic. Other pupils need to develop these skills in real life situations or need to practise more functional skills within their environment.

In order to support the range of pupil need within the school we have been creating a list of suggested activity ideas that parents can choose from that will support a broad developmental range of thinking, problem solving, functional and academic skills.

We have also linked suggested apps or online resources that parents can access at home to support these learning activities. The full lists will be published on the school website [www.corbetsteyschool.org.uk](http://www.corbetsteyschool.org.uk).

We would appreciate feedback from parents on how useful they find this approach to homework and if there can be any improvements made. If you would like to be a part of a focus group to develop this further, please contact Sue Hillier or Sue Cumbers.

Here is an example of some proposed activities:

	<p><b>Sensory Story Telling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use sensory objects to retell a favourite story e.g. The Gingerbread man.</li> <li>• Act out the story using puppets and sensory items.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Apps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puppet Pals App</li> <li>• Busy Things Apps</li> <li>• Goldilocks</li> <li>• Three Little Pigs</li> <li>• The Traditional Storyteller App</li> <li>• Sock Puppets</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Writing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practise joining letters using a cursive script.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pocket Phonics App</li> <li>• Hairy Letters App</li> <li>• Hip Hop Hen ABC Letter Tracing App</li> <li>• Olli's Handwriting &amp; Phonics App</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Phonics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find an object in the house that begins with each letter of the alphabet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the content of different rooms of a house with My Play Home App</li> <li>• Match Pictures to Words and Words to Pictures using Special Words iPad App</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Songs &amp; Rhymes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening to number songs and rhymes and even acting them out.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counting songs and activities with Counting Songs 1, 2, 3 iPad Apps(Inclusive Technology)</li> <li>• Counting with the Very Hungry Caterpillar iPad App</li> <li>• Number activities PlayLab iPad App</li> <li>• NumberJacks Counting iPad App</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Everyday Maths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your child to count or request the number of tickles, spins, bounces on a ball etc.</li> <li>• Cooking and baking will allow your child to weigh, measure and count ingredients, Make predictions about things that will be lighter or heavier than other items</li> <li>• Practise counting as high as you can. Aim to get higher each time</li> <li>• Adding together/subtracting single digit numbers</li> <li>• Read numbers in the environment, e.g. bus numbers, door numbers. Look for patterns in numbers, e.g. odd and even numbers on different sides of the street</li> <li>• Find numbers in the environment and take pictures of them – use these numbers to order from biggest to smallest / smallest to biggest etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGFL Busy Things – Feed the Monkey App</li> <li>• Explore using number lines on Number Lines iPad App</li> <li>• Place numbered duckings in order 1-10 and tap eggs the correct number of times to see the egg hatch with Kidspoia Numbers For Ducklings iPad App</li> <li>• Matching quantities to numbers using Matching Game – My First Numbers, Numbers! and Counting Match Games iPad Apps</li> <li>• Maths Bingo App</li> <li>• Practice counting objects with 1:1 correspondence on Counting Bear iPad App then transfer the same activity into real life</li> <li>• Explore one more and one less with Little Digits iPad App</li> <li>• MyScript Calculator App</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Numbers and Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put the numbers on a number line using welly foot prints you can make with your child beforehand.</li> <li>• Use vocabulary of length and height – taller/shorter</li> <li>• Weigh your child on scales – find something that weighs the same as them</li> <li>• Talk about time, how long is a: second, minute, hour, etc. Use a timer.</li> <li>• Count how many jumps can you do in a: second/minute?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore height differences between people with A Day with a Difference iPad App</li> <li>• Make changes to a character's body parts with Busy Things Body Boggle iPad App</li> <li>• Learn about clocks and time using Telling Time iPad App</li> <li>• Learn to set a clock using It's Learning Time iPad App</li> <li>• Create your own visual and audio timer using Picture Timer and Time Timer iPad Apps</li> <li>• Use a camera timer to delay the iPad camera from taking a picture for a set amount of time using Camera Timer! iPad App</li> <li>• Create visual schedules and waiting timers with ChoiceWorks App</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Understanding Time and Past and Future Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep a diary of times that things happen in a day i.e. Time I got up, had breakfast, lunch dinner, went to bed etc.</li> <li>• Write a timetable of events (or discuss with an adult) that happen every week for example clubs you go to, shopping days etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use own photos to make a sequence story then put them in the right order - Making Sequences App</li> <li>• Create a visual daily schedule with ChoiceWorks App</li> </ul>
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We would appreciate your feedback on how we can make this most useful to parents/carers.

## Internet Matters

### Christmas is for sharing

The Internet Matters website has some great advice for keeping children safe online. There are good tips for keeping children safe when buying and using games consoles, games, tablets, phones, etc. [www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media/](http://www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media/)

### Social Networking How To Guides for Parents

To help parents stay informed internet Matters have created graphical guides on what you need to know on the most popular social media apps [www.internetmatters.org/hub/research/social-networking-how-to-guides-for-parents/](http://www.internetmatters.org/hub/research/social-networking-how-to-guides-for-parents/)

### Buying a tablet or device for your child advice

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/tech-guide/tablets-and-laptops/>

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## Apps That Help Keep Christmas Magic Alive

### 1. NORAD Santa Tracker

For more than 60 years, the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) has been tracking Santa's whereabouts on Christmas Eve using a myriad of data collection tools, ranging from satellites to jet fighters.

The 2016 <http://www.noradsanta.org/> website and apps will go live on December 1, offering a Christmas countdown, games and other activities, in addition to NORAD's iconic reports on Santa's travels come December 24. The NORAD Santa Tracker website shows kids where Santa is traveling to on Christmas Eve.

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### 2. Portable North Pole

Through the <https://www.portablenorthpole.com/en/> (PNP) app and website, parents can send their kids personalized videos direct from the North Pole.

Video messages are free, but for an additional fee parents can buy their child more detailed personalisation, views of Santa's village and news of whether they are on the naughty or nice list this year.



### 3. Catch A Character

Show your kids proof that Santa was in their home with <http://catchacharacter.com/> an app that allows parents to create free photos using images of their own home, along with stock images of Santa Claus.



Santa can be shown placing presents beneath the Christmas tree, checking his list, or even looking shocked to be caught on camera. To help parents keep holiday magic going year-round, the app also offers similar photos of the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy.

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### 4. Reroute Santa RerouteSanta.com

Children who travel at the Christmas holidays can be concerned about whether or not Santa would be able to find them at their holiday spot.

Thankfully, on the <http://reroutesanta.com/> website, children can tell Santa where they live, where they are traveling to at Christmas, and receive a letter back from Santa confirming that he has made a note of where they will be on the big day.



Have a very happy and safe Christmas.