



Messages from Redfield's Senior Leadership Team



Redfield Educate Together Primary Academy

November 8th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've hope you have had a wonderful break over half term. It has been great to see the children coming back in so enthused and ready to learn.

You will have noticed on the playground the new bike shed that was built over half term. This will allow all bikes and scooters to be secured safely and will be locked just after the gates close and opened just before pick up at the end of the day, It comes at the perfect time, before the liveable neighbourhood project comes into place fully. It has been amazing to see how many more children have been cycling and scooting to school this week, setting up some healthy life habits.

For more information on how this may impact your journey to school please check here <https://eastbristolliveableneighbourhoods.commonplace.is>

We have managed to secure Bikeability training this term for our KS2 children. Over the next few days you will be receiving consent forms (Year 3,4,5 and 6) for this. Year 3 and 4 will be doing their Level 1 on the school playground and 5 and 6 will complete Level 2(where they will learn road safety on the roads around school).If your child is in year 5 and 6 and cannot confidently ride a bike, they will complete the Level 1 in school.



Year 3 and 4 will complete their training over the next few weeks. Once that is complete, we can then do year 5 and 6s training. Apologies for not being able to give more detailed dates currently – the dates depend on how quickly the children can learn to ride! There is more detailed information will be on the consent forms, and you are welcome to bring in your own bikes. If you do not have a bike or forget, do not worry as we have hired bikes from Bristol City Council to provide for you all.

This term is going to be another busy one with Bikeability, Nativity performances and Land events. Please see below for key dates for this. They are also available on our [Annual Planner](#), the calendar section of our [website](#), on class pages on the website and Class Dojo.

Key upcoming dates:

Bikeability sessions – Check Class Dojo pages for specific year group dates (this is due to children taking different lengths of time to complete the course!)

21/11/24 –9:00-9:30am and 5:00-5:30pm: Parent workshop – Launching of our new Behaviour Curriculum

4/12/24 – 9:00-10:00am: School nurse drop in

10/12/24 2:45-3:15pm: Year 3 Land Event

11/12/24 2:45-3:15pm: Year 4 Land Event

12/12/24 2:45-3:15pm: Year 6 Land Event

*Year groups are alternating Land Events term by term

11/12/24 9:00-10:00am: SEND coffee morning – sensory play

16/12/24 9:30-10:00am and 2:30-3:00pm: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

17/12/24 9:30-10:00am: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

18/12/24: Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

19/12/24: Last day of term – school closes at 1:15pm

20/12/24: School closed for INSET DAY

6/1/25: First day back to school

Punctuality – drop off & pick up:

We would like to remind you of the importance of punctuality at the start and end of the school day at Redfield Educate Together.

The school gates open at **8:45am** and close promptly at **8:55am**. We kindly request that parents and carers dropping off younger children at their classrooms do so promptly within this 10-minute window. This ensures a smooth start to the day for all our pupils.

Similarly, at the end of the school day, the gates open at **3:25pm** and close at **3:35pm**. We ask that all children are collected by the time the gates close. We understand that some

children may become anxious if not collected on time, and we aim to avoid any unnecessary worry by encouraging parents and carers to arrive promptly at the end of the day.



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We are an all Weather School We Embrace the Outdoors in Every Weather!

Why Outdoor Play Matters:

- Boosts physical health
- Sparks creativity and imagination
- Builds social skills and teamwork
- Connects children with nature

Essentials for All Weather:

- **Waterproof Jacket:** Stay dry during rain!
- **Warm Layers:** Keep cozy on chilly days.
- **Wellington Boots:** Perfect for wet weather.
- **Sun Hat:** Protect against UV rays on sunny days.
- **Gloves & Scarves:** Stay warm when it's cold.
- **Extra Socks:** Keep feet comfortable.

Remember to Bring Spare Clothes!

Having a change of clothes means more fun and less worry.
Children can keep a spare pair of clothes, including socks and shoes in
school.

** If you have spare waterproof coats or wellington boots that
you would like to donate as school spares please drop hand
them to the office - thank you!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!