



Dates for Your

**DIARY**



**Monday 19th September 2022**

Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 20th September 2022**

After School Clubs Start

**Tuesday 27th September 2022**

M&M production Railway

Children

**Tuesday 4th October 2022**

Great Open door Visit

**Thursday 13th October 2022**

Y6 Sats meeting

**Monday 24th October 2022**

Half Term Starts

**Tuesday 31st October 2022**

Secondary Admissions deadline

# NEWSLETTER

## A message from the **PRINCIPAL**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Kingsmoor Academy has had a fabulous start to the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to welcome back all the smiley faces to school with incredibly smart uniform being worn. The children are very settled in their new classrooms and I have been very proud of the children's behaviour and positive attitudes.

We are pleased to have also welcomed our new Nursery and Reception pupils. We would like to wish a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us and we hope your children thoroughly enjoy their new learning journeys with us.

Our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions have taken place this week for Years 1—6 and it was lovely to see so

many parents and carers attending to meet the staff and learn all about what their children will be doing this academic year. If you were unable to attend, please do ask the class teacher for a copy of the information that was shared.

Finally, on behalf of Kingsmoor Academy, I would like to express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Kingsmoor will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 as this is a public holiday in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II funeral.

Enjoy your weekend.

*Angela Lymbouris*

**Principal**



# Roblox

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**  
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

**PUBLIC SERVERS**  
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

**ONLINE DATERS**  
These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**  
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

**SET PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

**DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING**  
Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

**PRIVATE SERVERS**  
If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child-friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

**MONITOR SPENDING**  
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Insuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

**DEALING WITH STRANGERS**  
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lundwall) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawall Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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## National Online Safety



# Safeguarding



## Safer Schools App



The Safer Schools App helps to educate, empower and protect children and those responsible with helping to keep them safe as they navigate the world of technology and social media.

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them in school and at home. As parents and carers, you will have a tailored version of the app which will empower and educate you to best support the children in your care in the digital world.

The safety hub contains all of the important alerts about new threats and trends online which are sent out by the Safer Schools Team.

In the video hub you will see all of the safeguarding videos posted by the safer schools team.

The alerts hub hosts all of the push notifications which can be sent out by us as a school, or by the Safer Schools Team. This could range from an alert about a new app, or simply a reminder from the school (Make sure that you turn all of your push notifications on when you download the App) Overwhelmed by the sheer amount of different apps and devices out there? Not sure how to help your children stay safe online? Check out the Online Safety Centre to find out how to block, report and set appropriate privacy and safety settings. On the screen it shows an example of how to learn to block someone on TikTok. Simply click on the block button, choose the device you are using, select the social media app and then watch the short video.

The Digital Safety section is a handy reference tool to keep you informed on a range of topics from The Online World to Gaming. The screen recording shows you how to find all the info you need to know on the controversial, yet popular messaging app Kik in the Social Media section.

Want to test your knowledge of the information on the App? Think you know as much as your kids? Try our Quick Quizzes on any of our topics.

If you feel like even more of a challenge – try the Digital Tests section for a more in-depth, multiple choice quiz.

**Step 1:** Open up your App Store or Google Play and search for 'Safer Schools'

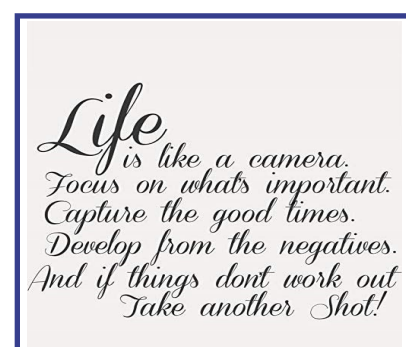
**Step 2:** Type in your school name – **Kingsmoor Academy**

**Step 3:** Type in the code – **7740** or Scan the QR Code



# Club Timetable 20/09 - 20/10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	Drama –Y1&Y2 Football-Y1&Y2		STEM -Y1&2 Funky Fingers – Y1&2	Book Clubs-Y1&2	
After School	Dance –Y345&6 TT Rockstar – Y345&6		Board Games-Y3&4 Cricket –Y45&6	Football-Y345&6 Netball-Y45&6	

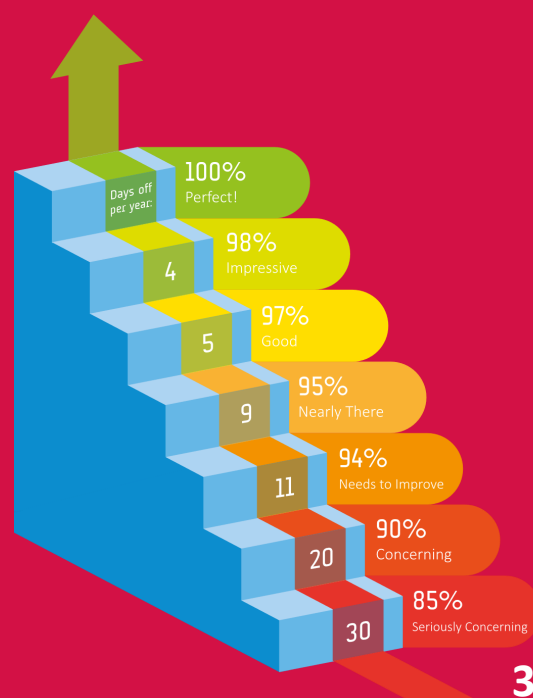


## ATTENDANCE

Kingsmoor Academy prioritises attendance and punctuality. We aim to have attendance which meets and exceeds the national average which is 96.7%.

We understand that children can be absent from school due to illness and medical appointments. Please remember to call the school office and report your child's absence to the attendance officer before 9.30am.

Punctuality is just as important as attendance. We have a 'soft start' from 9.45am where children can attend and complete some early morning work. Classroom doors close at 8.55am for registration.





# Lunch Menu

## MONDAY

**WK1** -Burrito or Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream

**WK2** - Veggie Bolognese or Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Flapjack with fruit slices

**WK3**-Macaroni Cheese or Veggie Sausage & Mash Oat Biscuit with fruit slices

## TUESDAY

**WK1**– BBQ Chicken Burger or Macaroni Cheese & Secret Brownie

**WK2**– Sausage & Mash or Incredible Burger & Orange Shortbread

**WK3**–Sweet & Sour Chicken or Veggie Balls & Banana & Berry Cobbler

## WEDNESDAY

**WK1** –Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes or Quorn Roast & Shortbread Biscuit with fruit slices

**WK2** –Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes or Sweet potatoes & Chickpea Roast & Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit

**WK3**–Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes or Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry slice & Strawberry Ice-cream

## THURSDAY

**WK1**-Beef meatballs or Quorn Hotdogs & Berry & Peach Crumble with Custard

**WK2**-Beef Lasagne or Veggie Balls & Fruity Chocolate Brownie

**WK3** - Beef Burrito or Veggie Lasagne & Chocolate Sponge Cake

## FRIDAY

**WK1** –Fish Fingers or Quorn dippers & Lemon Slice

**WK2** - Fish Fingers or Quorn dippers & Vanilla Ice cream

**WK3** –Southern Fried Chicken or Quorn Dippers & Cheese & Biscuits

## The life of QUEEN ELIZABETH II

**1926**  
Princess Elizabeth is born in London.

**1945**  
Towards the end of World War II, 18-year-old Elizabeth joins the Auxiliary Territorial Service and trains as a driver and a mechanic.

**1947**  
Princess Elizabeth marries Prince Philip, an officer in the Royal Navy.

**1948**  
The princess gives birth to her first child, a boy named Charles who will grow up to be King.

**1953**  
The new Queen is crowned at Westminster Abbey – the first coronation to be televised. Sales of TVs soar as many families buy one for the first time to watch the ceremony. The eventual worldwide audience is around 277 million.

**1957**  
Her Majesty gives the first televised Christmas broadcast to the nation. 'The Queen's Speech' goes on to become a permanent and powerful tradition of the festive season.

**1966**  
Her Majesty is at Wembley to see England beat West Germany (as it was called before the Berlin Wall came down) 4-2 in the World Cup final, presenting the trophy to victorious captain Bobby Moore.

**1977**  
Britain and the Commonwealth celebrate the Queen's silver jubilee (marking 25 years on the throne). A chain of beacons is lit around the country, and thousands of street parties are held.

**2015**  
Having ruled for 63 years, Queen Elizabeth becomes the longest-reigning monarch in British history – overtaking her great great grandmother, Queen Victoria.

**2022**  
The nation celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with more events and street parties. Sadly, however, Her Majesty's health declines and she passes away months later, aged 96. After 70 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth II leaves a legacy of lasting affection and respect from people not only in the UK, but around the whole world.

**Did you know?...** Rest well, Your Majesty – and thank you.

The Queen received her first Corgi, Susan, as an 18th birthday present. She loved that breed of dog throughout her life, going on to own another 30 of them.

In 1982, a mentally ill man broke into the palace and reached the Queen's bedroom! Reports suggest Her Majesty calmly kept him talking for 10 minutes until the security team arrived.

As Britain was still recovering from the effects of the war, the young Princess Elizabeth had to save ration coupons to buy the material for her wedding dress!

It was Queen Elizabeth who, in 1993, decided to open up Buckingham Palace to visitors from the public for the first time.

The Queen took the unusual step of inviting a TV documentary crew into Buckingham Palace in 1969. This let people see the Royal Family in a way they'd never been able to before.

To help launch the 2012 Olympics in London, Her Majesty featured in a short film where she meets super-spy James Bond, as played by Daniel Craig.

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# Secondary Admissions

## **Secondary Admissions 2023**

**Please be aware that Secondary School Admissions are open online for Year 7 (September 2023).**

**Please check Secondary School Websites for open days.**

**Please see the admissions booklet from Essex.**

**<https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions-booklets-policies-and-forms/admission-booklets>**

**The statutory national closing date for Applications is**

**31st October 2022.**

**Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.**

**All of the application information is available on the website above**



On the 13th of September and as part of our English Curriculum the children came dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl characters. It was great to see so many children dressed up.

