

# Wraxall's School News



To our very special school community,

This is a somewhat different newsletter this week. As you are aware, in light of the coronavirus pandemic, school will be closed from 3.15pm today. At the present time we are unsure for how long this may be but want to reassure all parents that learning is a key priority for us and as such resources to support and educate the children will be sent out to you electronically each week. As a school we are putting our contingency plans in place to prepare for the days and weeks ahead. I have been so impressed with the calm and patient manner that pupils, parents and staff have managed what has been an unsettling time as we waited for news regarding school closures. Please continue to keep us informed by email if your child is unwell or your family are self-isolating. All emails should be sent to [office@wraxallprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@wraxallprimary.co.uk) or if related to your child's home learning sent directly to your child's class teacher via e-schools. We will continue to remain in contact with parents and would ask that you continue to check your emails for important information and updates.

Thank you so much for the ongoing support that you have demonstrated through the kind words and actions that you have shared with us. It has meant so much this week and is appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

I wish you all a safe few weeks and look forward to seeing everyone when we reopen.

Take care and keep safe,

Amy Townsend

*Inspiring – Nurturing - Achieving*



## 'WORDS OF THE WEEK'

You may like to talk to your child about these words and see if they can explain their meanings, suggest alternatives and put them in a sentence.

**\*Bulging\*Excessive\*Flabby\***

**\*Sluggish\*Flabbergasted\***



**This week's idea...**

**Listen to music**



If you are looking for a helpful website to support your Mental health at this time then try this link for some useful Ideas and suggestions...

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

## **SAFEGUARDING & E- SAFETY**

*“Everyone is responsible for safeguarding”*

Wraxall CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. If you are a parent, child, volunteer or member of staff you should share any concern you may have about a child or an adult with either our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Amy Townsend or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Tamsin Hayward or the Safeguarding Governor, Becky Cawsey. If this is not possible or appropriate and you need to report a concern yourself the numbers below are the main contacts:

Designated Officer for Allegations (DOFA) 01275 888808 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

Anyone can refer a safeguarding issue via the NSSCB website (North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board).

If you would like more information then please check out the school website for the LSP Safeguarding Policy and a Wraxall School Policy Summary.

## **Pupil Premium (Free School Meals Benefit)**

The FSM benefit is available to any pupil whose parents fulfil the criteria given below. It's really important that all eligible families apply for the FSM benefit (even if they have packed lunch) as the school is given additional funds, known as pupil premium, to support those children with their learning in school and to assist with other school costs. This can include: 1-1 support, extra reading, phonics and contributions towards trips and enrichment activities.

To qualify for pupil premium, parents/carers must receive one or more of these benefits:

- Child tax credit, provided your annual income as assessed by HMRC does not exceed £16,190. If you receive working tax credit you will not be entitled unless you are in receipt of a 4 week run-on.
- Guarantee element of state pension credit.
- Income support.
- Income-based job seekers allowance.
- Income-related employment support allowance.
- Support under VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999.
- Free School Meals

New application details North Somerset Council is replacing the old free school meal paper application forms with a new online checker. Parents will be able to apply online and get an instant result. The system will generate a letter that parents can print off and give to schools to show eligibility. Where parents do not have printers, we suggest forwarding the letter via email to the school, or showing it to school staff on a smart phone. Parents will need to reapply every school holiday (so 6 times per year) and eligibility will last for the whole school term. Please apply via <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/> if you think you may be eligible.

# How to clean DEVICES



Our electronic devices can be a breeding ground for germs and bacteria. Many viruses, including coronavirus, can stick around for several hours or even days after being touched by or otherwise coming into contact with an infected person. With that knowledge, keeping them clean can be as important as keeping ourselves protected in order to avoid becoming ill and maintaining a high level of hygiene and cleanliness. We have therefore created this guide to help you clean your devices effectively.

## Always

## Never

Use wrung out alcohol wipes. Apple state that using a 70% isopropyl alcohol wipe or disinfectant wipe is ideal for the outside of a handset. To be on the extra safe side, power down the device before cleaning it. If you use a screen protector or protective case, you can clean these gently with warm water and soap. Just make sure you remove them from the phone first. While you CAN use general disinfectant spray, make sure it's sprayed onto a clean, soft cloth first, and not applied directly to the device. It will need to say something along the lines of 'kill 99.9% of bacteria' on it to be effective.

### MOBILE PHONES & TABLETS

Don't submerge the device in bleach or soapy water. Similarly, do not clean the device whilst it's charging or otherwise plugged into another device. Using alcohol wipes on things like leather cases or other fabric and material should also be avoided as it could damage them. Don't clean phone cases with in-built batteries or other electronics with soap and water. A big thing to remember is to not use straight rubbing alcohol. It can damage the oleophobic and hydrophobic coatings that keep oil and water from damaging the display and ports. Finally, don't use regular house-hold surface cleaners (non-disinfectant ones) on phones and tablets – they are too abrasive and may damage them irreversibly.

Turn the laptop all the way off before starting any kind of cleaning and always unplug it from the mains. If you can remove the battery of the device, do so. Wipe the screen with a dry microfibre cloth, then thoroughly wring out an alcohol wipe and repeat before returning with a dry cloth. The rest of the laptop can be cleaned with an alcohol wipe, much like a mobile phone, but be careful to wring it out to avoid unnecessary liquid dripping into the inner circuits. Be sure to clean thoroughly on and around the keys and any other buttons, but not between any open cracks.

### LAPTOPS & COMPUTERS

As with mobiles, avoid using water to clean the more delicate parts of your laptop such as keys and ports. While some of the more modern phones can be waterproof, laptops aren't and it will almost certainly cause damage and irreparable.

Remove any batteries the controller might use (Xbox controllers sometimes have batteries in the back.) Use alcohol wipes and be sure to get into the crevices around the sides as well as all the buttons on a video game controller, then dry it immediately with a microfibre cloth. On a console, pay specific attention to things like the power buttons and disc/cartridge eject buttons if there are any. If you have a vacuum cleaner with an appropriate attachment, use this to remove things like dust or food prior to using an alcohol wipe. A microfibre cloth will also do the job but make sure it's clean and dry before you use it.

### GAME CONTROLLERS (& CONSOLES)

Do not use soapy water or bleach on the controllers and definitely not on the console itself. Make sure controllers are unplugged and inactive before cleaning them to avoid any problems with the electronics. Similarly, consoles should not be left on and need to be unplugged from the mains before being cleaned. Stay well away from the ports on consoles too, as any liquids could damage the interior.

Use alcohol wipes like with laptops and keyboards. Make sure they're unplugged and leave them to dry a little after using disinfectant wipes. If you have a hoover with the right attachments, be sure to give it a once over first to remove food and debris. Compressed air is also great for keyboards. Use short, sharp bursts and aim to push dust towards somewhere you can hoover it easily. Lightly dampen a cotton swab with rubbing alcohol and be sure to get between the keys as much as possible. Things like mice, headphones and microphones also need to be disinfected with wipes. If your keyboard is wireless, remove the batteries before you clean it. Don't let any moisture leak inside the keyboard and dry them with a clean microfibre cloth.

### KEYBOARD & MICE

Don't clean them with warm soapy water. The electronics in these are not designed to be waterproof like some modern mobile phones and tablets. Also, don't use too much rubbing alcohol on keyboards as they could remove the lettering on top of keys.

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#WakeUpWednesday

## General Tips

1

Don't rub too hard. A gentle swabbing will be sufficient and excess cleaning could damage your devices. Wait a few minutes for the disinfectant to work, then wipe it clean.

2

How often you clean your electronics depends on a number of factors such as how much you come into contact with other people. Be sensible and practical.

3

Keep hands and faces as clean as possible. You'll have to wipe clean electronics less if you're nice and clean using them.

4

Remember, some germs are good and can help build a healthy immune system in children, but you can never be too careful with coronavirus.

5

Do not use regular kitchen sponges to clean devices – often they contain as many or more germs than our phones.

6

Consider using hands-free devices instead of pressing the phone to your face while making a phone call. If there's anything nasty on your phone, the last place you want it is near your face.

## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current 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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