

# Clayton-le-Woods Church of England Primary School

*"With God we Grow"*



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## Monday Worship

As part of our celebration worship on Monday afternoons, I'd love to see some pictures of children and their achievements at home that we can share with the whole school. This could be any activity they've done where they have a great sense of achievement, from riding a bike for the first time to beating their grandad at chess.

Please send your pictures to [p.howard@clayton-le-woods.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:p.howard@clayton-le-woods.lancs.sch.uk) and they'll be added to a slideshow that will be played coming in to and leaving worship.

Many thanks, Mr Howard

## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

*Congratulations to Elm Class who had the best attendance of the week at 99.29%.*

*From this week there will be an "on time treat" of 5 minutes extra playtime on a Monday after lunch, for the class with the lowest number of children arriving late. It is really important that children are in school and ready to learn at 8.50 am, which is when lessons start. In the Infants this is phonics and in the Juniors "Score Four" which is daily number calculations. If children are regularly late they are missing important lessons.*

*On Friday Preschool and Reception will be having their Harvest Service in the hall at 9.15 am. There will be tea and coffee available from 8.50 am. Year 1-6 will be walking to church in the afternoon, leaving school at 1 pm. If you are able to help please contact the school office. If the weather is wet the service will be in the school hall. Donations of tinned and packet food will be taken to the food bank at the Living Waters Church, Chorley.*

*We encourage children to have a healthy snack at break time. Fruit, vegetables and cereal bars are permitted. All children in KS1 receive fruit as a daily snack. Please check the labels on your cereal bars as some contain high levels of sugar.*

**S Pennington**

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for the whole school w/b 24/09/18 **97.70%**

Congratulations to Year 2 who had the highest attendance last week.

### Last week's attendance by class

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2	99.29%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6	97.60%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5	97.60%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year R	97.50%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4	97.41%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1	96.54%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3	96.52%

Our target this year for attendance is **97.5%**

Don't forget your child will miss important lessons if they do not attend.

Holidays will ONLY be authorised for **EXTREME** circumstances as per the policy of the school taken from Lancashire County Council (LCC).

## NASEL FLU VACCINATION for Yr's Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> November nurses will be coming in to administer the nasefl flu vaccination.

Please have a look at the website with information for parent to look at to understand why and how the nasefl flu vaccination works.

Please visit [www.sharegoodtimesnotflu.co.uk](http://www.sharegoodtimesnotflu.co.uk)



Clayton-Le-Woods PTFA

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**AGM**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Stay informed and get involved.**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

**Time: 6PM**



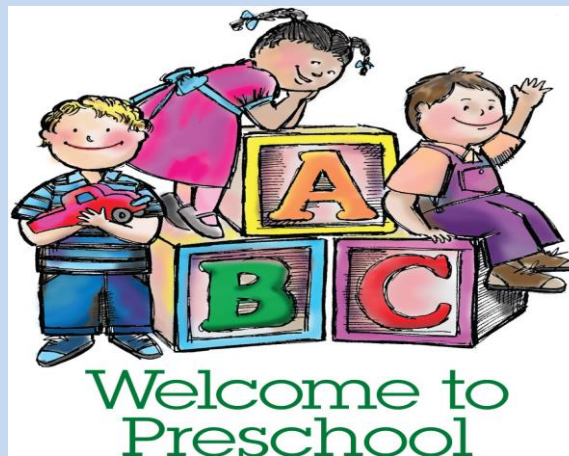
## PRE-SCHOOL

We have places available in Pre School, if you would like your 3 or 4 year old to start Pre School contact the school office and we can arrange a tour around Pre School.

We accept the 15 hours grant and 30 hours FREE childcare grant. Pre School children can also access our before and after school club.

[WWW.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://WWW.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Please visit the above website to see if you are entitled to the 30 hours grant.





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## SCHOOL UNIFORM [www.claytonlewoodsuniform.co.uk](http://www.claytonlewoodsuniform.co.uk)

Items listed in **bold type** are required uniform, other items are additional options that we supply.

**Boys:** White shirt or **white polo shirt**  
**Red sweatshirt**

**Girls:** White blouse or **white polo shirt**  
**Red sweatshirt** or **red cardigan**

### Outdoor wear only

**Boys/Girls: Red reversible fleece jacket**

We offer a range of different jackets

### PE Kit

**Indoor: White, round necked T shirt**  
Black shorts

**Bags:** We supply a range of different bags

All the uniform we supply is available with the option of a FREE printed personalised name tag with your child's name. The school requests that all uniform is marked with your child's name.

Uniform can be delivered FREE to the school or FREE you you home in the local area. Order from [www.claytonlewoodsuniform.co.uk](http://www.claytonlewoodsuniform.co.uk)

# Monkhouse Schoolwear

Uniform store in Preston, England

**Located in:** Fishergate Shopping Centre

**Address:** Fishergate Shopping Centre, 49 Fishergate, Preston PR1 8HJ

**Hours:**

**Closed** · Opens 10AM Sat

**Phone:** 01772 259586

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**CARE CLUB**

**NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER 07517818499 PLEASE USE TO CANCEL OR BOOK SESSIONS**



## HOMEWORK

RECEPTION - Homework packs and reading books.

YEAR 1 - Find out some facts about penguins.

YEAR 2 - Learn a poem for Harvest worship.

YEAR 3 - CGP books pages 8 and 10. Spellings. Un and Im prefixes

YEAR 4 - CGP books 6 and 7. Spellings

Year 5 - CGP books: rounding numbers. This week's spelling practice and daily reading (remember to aim to read 3 times a week to receive the rapid reader reward). Also, can you bring in some Newspaper cuttings that have used EMOTIVE language?

YEAR 6 - CGP books pages 9, 10, 13, 16. Punctuation books pages 4, 5 and 6



### Reminder

**Please remember if your child is absent please ring the absence number and leave a voicemail. Please also ring school if your Child will be in late, this way we can plan lunch numbers.  
01772 335 030 –  
Option 1 to report an absent child**

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the school office for a form to complete or go on to Lancashire County Council's website [www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/)

Where there is a form online to complete. Even if your child wants to bring a packed lunch to school and doesn't want a hot dinner, claiming for Free School Meals brings money into school and so helps the school.

### Dates for your Diary

*Dates may be subject to change*

Monday 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Netball Yr 1 & 2
Tuesday 3.30PM to	After school Football Yrs 2,3,4,5,6
Wednesday 8am to 8.45am	Archery Yr 1 & 2
Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Handball Yr 1 & 2
Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Dodgeball Yrs 3,4,5,6
Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm	After school Football Yrs 3,4,5,6
Thursday	Reception Class & Pre School start
Friday 8am - 8.45am	Tri-Golf Yrs 1 & 2
Friday 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Tag Rugby Yrs 3,4,5,6
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual & family photographs
School closes for Half Term	3.30pm 19 <sup>th</sup> October
School reopens	29 <sup>th</sup> October
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Fireworks at school
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	School Open Day 9am to 3pm. Tours at 10am & 11am also 1pm and 2pm.
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Nearly New Sale in the School Hall, 11am to 2pm. £15 for a table. Please contact PTFA claytonlewoodsschoolptfa@gmail.com



## APPLYING FOR PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

For Lancashire resident families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2019 the means of application is via Lancashire's new online system at:

**[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)**

This will go live from 3 September 2018. It is quick and easy to use and offers an email receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed online application. You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school or academy. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

If you have submitted and received an email acknowledgement of an online application you can log back onto the system during the application period to view this. **If however, you go back into your original application this may have been over written (it definitely will if you make any changes). It will then no longer be valid.** This applies for all changes, even very minor ones e.g. hyphens, apostrophes and typo corrections.

**To ensure that your online application remains valid you are therefore strongly advised to press the re-submit button if you revisit the system at any time during the application period (whether or not changes were made). You should then receive a further confirmation email.**

The closing dates for applications for September 2019 are at 11-59 pm on:

Secondary school applications – 31 October 2018

Primary school applications – 15 January 2019





# PARENT PAY

IF NOT DONE SO ALREADY CAN PARENTS ACTIVATE THEIR  
PARENT PAY ACCOUNT.

A LETTER WITH A USERNAME AND PASSWORD WENT HOME WITH CHILDREN.  
AS OF TODAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, ONLY 70% OF PARENTS HAVE ACTIVATED THEIR ACCOUNT.  
50 FAMILIES NEED TO ACTIVATE THEIR ACCOUNT.

IF YOU REQUIRE YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD CONTACT THE OFFICE.

AT THE MOMENT PARENT PAY IS ONLY FOR CARE CLUB HOWEVER SCHOOL STILL NEEDS YOU  
TO ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT EVEN IF YOUR CHILD  
DOES NOT USE CARE CLUB AS IT WILL BE ROLLED OUT FOR TRIPS AND DINNER MONEY  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE.



# Attendance & Punctuality In School

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# Head Lice - Check for Head Lice

Don't forget to check for head lice. Below are some NHS ideas for keeping the little beasts in check.

## How to get rid of head lice

There is no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

### USE LOTION or SPRAY TO TREAT HEAD LICE.

You can use medicated lotion and sprays that kill head lice in all types of hair. You can buy these from pharmacies & supermarkets.

Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. The comb can then be used at a later date to comb through the hair at bath time.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they are OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

There is nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head to head contact & keeping long hair tied back.

Ask if your pharmacy is involved with the Minor Ailments Scheme, as detailed below.

## Pharmacy First, Minor Ailments Scheme (Chorley & South Ribble and Greater Preston CCG Areas)

This service encourages patients to self-refer to their local community pharmacy. The community pharmacy will treat minor ailments and supply medicines according to the Greater Preston CCG minor ailments local formulary. **Medicines will be supplied free for patient exempt from prescriptions charges.**

The Minor Ailment Scheme provides patients living in the South Ribble area with advice and access to medicines through community pharmacies where appropriate, supporting integration and self-care. The pharmacist or suitably trained member of pharmacy staff should carry out a professional consultation with reference to the minor ailment scheme formulary. This will involve:

- a patient assessment;
- provision of advice;
- completion of minor ailments online consultation form in accordance with the CCG's protocols; and
- supply of medicine(s) from the agreed formulary where appropriate.

**Cheques payable to school should be as follows:**

- for lunches to: 'LCC Schools Income Account'
- Cheques for Care Club to: 'Clayton-le-Woods CEP Child Care Club'.
- Cheques for trips to: 'Clayton-le-Woods CE Primary School'
- Cheques for PTFA to 'Friends Clayton le Woods CE School'
- Parent Pay is now an option to pay for Care Club. Registration is need before payment can be made, call in the office to receive your username and password.



**Parking**



- Please **do not** park on the pavement outside the Pre-school classroom. This is very dangerous for our children.
- Take care when driving through the car park as there are children around.
- **DO NOT** park either on the **yellow zig-zags** or across the road from the zig zags during the busy drop-off and pick-up times.

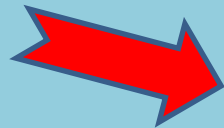
**Jewellery**

**No jewellery apart from watches are allowed to be worn.**

**Prices**

Book Bag	£4.75
PE bag	£3.50
School Meal	£2.20
Care club	£3.50 PER HOUR

**PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO WALK ON THE LOW WALL THAT RUNS ALONG THE FOOTPATH, AS THIS MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE WALL OR INJURY.**





## **Bewerley Park Year 5**

Mrs Howlett has put a link on the Year 5 parent's page about Bewerley, she has put photos on from last year's trip.

Please have a look and see what a great time they have on the trip.

Bewerley Park have a very good website it is

<http://www.outdoored.co.uk/ourcentres/bewerley-park/>

### **100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE** Mrs Fahy

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE** Mr L Wright

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE** Mrs C Stansfield

### **100 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE** Mrs M Papworth

**2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE** Mrs H Dixon

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## **INFANTS**

Infants require tights, socks and spare clothing for when children have accidents. If any clothing has been sent home previously please send them back into school.

## **GUITAR LESSONS**

**There will be a beginner's guitar group starting in September on Wednesday afternoons at 12.30pm - 1.00 pm. The lessons will be provided by Carmel Galea who teaches at many local Primary and High schools.**

**email :[carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk](mailto:carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk)**

## **Payments into school**

Can cash or cheques be sent into school in an envelope marked with the child's name, class and what the money is for. This will make sure the money does not go astray and will make it easier in the office to allocate it.

## **PARENT PAY UPDATE**

Parents should have received a letter with their Parent Pay activation code for using Parent Pay to pay for Care Club. Please activate as soon as possible even if not using Care Club as we will be using Parent Pay in the future to pay for dinner money and trips.

## **CARE CLUB - BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL**

**Please note Breakfast Club is held in the Junior School Building**

Care Club is available for all children within the school, and is open from 7.50am until 8.50am and after school from 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Please ring 07517818499 or email school if you need to cancel a Care Club booking especially if cancelling a morning booking on the day.

Please pre-book your child for the following month on a paper booking form available from Care Club or the school office. Payment straight away would be appreciated. Places are limited due to numbers increasing so please send in your form as soon as possible.

If you need to cancel please let us know in advance or you will be charged for your child's unused place.



# School Gardening Club

Mr Howard, Mrs Seers & Mr Molloy are starting a Gardening Club and would like parents to send in any tools, pots or gardening related items to help the children get started.

If parents have any pairs of gloves they don't use for gardening, the Gardening Club will be able to make use of them.

Progress reports will follow.

## Week 1

We had our first meeting on Friday of last week. The children worked hard clearing weeds and stones from the border that runs along side the path near the infant building. The club has a request to parents, if anyone is able to send in spring flowering bulbs & pots of herbs, we intend to plant them along the border to brighten the path up in Spring. If anyone has any Strawberry runners we would like to plant the tyres up with them in the garden area. Also if anyone has any gardening gloves or tools they wish to donate, they will be greatly received.

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### Week 2 Rained off.

Week 3 The children were busy again this week. They planted up Lavender, Chives and Parsley, which were kindly donated by a parent.

The children also helped Mr Howard lay a weed membrane and cover it with stones to stop weeds coming up near the infant building.

Some children also helped Mr Molloy clear weeds from the tyres so they are ready for planting strawberries.

School still need gardening gloves and hand tools so that all the children who have volunteered have each got gloves and a hand tool.

# List of Activities This Term

Thursday, October 4th	Tempest Photographs	Individual and family photographs. Please bring babies/toddlers for family photographs at 8.30am in the hall.
Thursday, October 4th	Nasal Flu Vaccination	Reception to Year 5
Friday, October 5th	Harvest Festival	Preschool and Reception Class Harvest Festival in the hall at 9.15 am Y1-Y6 Harvest Festival St John's Church Whittle 1.40pm. If you are able to help with the walk to church please let school office know. We will be leaving school at 1.00pm. Donations of tinned/packet food will be taken to the food bank at the Living Waters Church, Chorley.
Friday, October 12th	Reading morning	Coffee and tea available from 8.40am in school hall.
Wednesday, October 17th		Re-start a heart day
Wednesday, October 17th	Parents Evening	Letters have been sent out, please return as soon as possible
Thursday, October 18th	Parents Evening	Letters have been sent out, please return as soon as possible
Friday, October 19th	Non-uniform day	Can we please have donations of bottles or raffle prizes for Bonfire PTFA Event on 9 <sup>th</sup> November. School closes for half term.
Friday, October 19th	Enrichment morning	
Friday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry Competition finals	School hall in the afternoon
Monday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens	Reception classroom is being refurbished during the half term holiday.
Week beg November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability	
Week beg November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Theme week	Children will be learning about World War 1. At 2pm on Monday, November 9 <sup>th</sup> our two Year 6 Pupil Parliament delegates will meet at Whittle Cenotaph along with representatives from other local schools for a short service of remembrance.
Friday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Bonfire Event	Gates open 6pm
Tuesday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN DAY	School open to prospective parents for children starting school September 2019. Tour with Head Teacher at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm
Friday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	CHILDREN IN NEED	Children come to school in non- uniform including something spotty. Donation of £1 for Children in Need
Tuesday, November 27th	Rotary Shoebox Appeal	
Friday, November 30th	Christmas Tree decorations	Please can tree decorations be brought into school by today so that we can decorate the Christmas Tree.
Friday, November 30th	Non uniform day	Can we please ask for donations of bottles for the tombola for the Christmas Fair.
Friday, December 7th	Christmas clothes day	As we are at the pantomime on 14/12, which is Christmas Jumper Day, the children can come to school in non-uniform on Friday December 8 <sup>th</sup> with a Christmas theme. This does not need to be a Christmas jumper.

	Voluntary £1 donation for Christmas Jumper Appeal.	
Friday, December 7th	PTFA Christmas Fair	Fair starts at 3.45pm. Children will go out of school as normal and return to the fair with parents/carers. If your child is in Care Club please let Mrs Bolton know if you are collecting them to go to the fair, would like someone from Care Club to take them to the fair or want them to stay in Care Club. Care Club will be in Y3 with access by the Y3/6 door
TBA	Carol singing at Asda	Y5/6 pupils will be joining pupils from other local schools at Asda Clayton Green at 10am until 11am. (Miss Carr and Mrs Pennington.)
Tuesday, December 11th	Dress rehearsals	Preschool and reception 10.30am. Year 1 and 2 2pm. Please ask class teacher if you wish to attend.
Wednesday, December 12th	Pre-school and reception class Nativity	Performances in the school hall at 2pm and 6pm. For the evening performance please bring the children back to school by 5.40pm in their costumes. The performances will be videoed if all parents agree. These will be on sale after the event. There is no entrance charge. Refreshments will be available to buy. For fire regulations seating is limited therefore entrance is by ticket only. These will be available from December 4 <sup>th</sup> ,
Thursday, December 13th	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity	Performances in the school hall at 2pm and 6pm. For the evening performance please bring the children back to school by 5.40pm in their costumes. The performances will be videoed if all parents agree. These will be on sale after the event. There is no entrance charge. Refreshments will be available to buy. For fire regulations seating is limited therefore entrance is by ticket only. These will be available from December 4 <sup>th</sup> ,
Friday, December 14th	Reading morning	Coffee and tea available from 8.40am in school hall.
Friday, December 14th	Pantomime	The children should wear school uniform. They will have lunch before leaving and we will take a snack and drink with us. We should be back at school at about 4pm. A message will be sent out by the office when we have an ETA. If you would like to volunteer to help please let school know.
Monday, December 17th	Year 3 and 4 Christmas parties.	Children from Y3/4 can wear their own clothes all day. Teachers will send out a letter regarding party food,
Tuesday, December 18th	Year 5 and 6 Christmas parties.	Children from Y5/6 can wear their own clothes all day. Teachers will send out a letter regarding party food,
TBC	Choir	Carol singing at Willow Bank Care Home 4pm (Mrs Howlett and Miss Carr)
Wednesday, December 19th	Infant Christmas parties.	Children from Preschool, YR, Y1 and Y2 can wear their own clothes all day. Teachers will send out a letter regarding party food,
Thursday, December 20th	Christmas lunch	Please send form and money to school office.
Thursday, December 20th	Candlelight Service	6pm at St John's Church Whittle. All children take part in the Service which lasts about an hour. Parents and families are welcome.
Friday, December 21st	School closes	2pm. No Care Club. Enrichment morning. Children will choose from a range of activities. No toys please.

## **Life in 'Likes'**

Social media use among 8-12 year olds:

### **Executive Summary**

Most social media platforms have a minimum age limit of 13, but research shows a growing number of children aged under 13 are using social media, with 3 in 4 children aged 10-12 having their own accounts.

While much is known about how teenagers use social media, this research provides the missing piece to the story, exploring the social media lives of children before they reach the teenage years. In October and November 2017, we conducted 8 focus groups with 32 children aged 8-12 to understand the impact of social media on the wellbeing of this age group. The findings of this research are summarised below.

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#### *How I use social media*

##### *My social media:*

Across all ages, the most popular social media were Snapchat, Instagram, Musical.ly and WhatsApp. Younger children had less routine around when they accessed social media, while older children started to get into the habit of using all their social media apps multiple times a day, and for some, it had come to dominate their day.

Social media makes me feel happy

Children knew how to cheer themselves up or calm themselves down using social media, from getting funny Snapchats from a friend to watching slime videos on Instagram. It allowed children to be creative and play games, two things that appealed to children from a very young age.

##### *How I stay safe online:*

Parents and schools had successfully ingrained messages in children about online safety from known risks such as predators and strangers. Yet children were less aware of how to protect themselves from other online situations that could affect their mood and emotions.

**My friends and family**

*‘Following’ my family:*

Younger children were particularly influenced by their family’s views and usage of social media, and parents may be unaware of how their use of social media affects their child.

Going on my mum’s phone

Parents sometimes gave children contradictory safety messages when they let children use their social media accounts, and unknowingly exposed them to unsuitable content.

Sharenting

Many children felt uncomfortable and bothered by their parents posting pictures of them on social media, yet felt they could do little to stop it.

My sister showed me Snapstreaks

Children learned how to do new things on social media from their older siblings, but were also put off by things that their siblings had experienced. In some cases, children worried about their siblings’ behaviour online, such as excessive use and ignoring safety messages.

*My online friends:*

Social media was important for maintaining relationships, but this got trickier to manage at secondary school, where friendships could break down online.

Keeping in touch

Children used social media as a tool to maintain friendships, and they recognised the value of face-to- face interactions for more serious conversations, like discussing worries and resolving arguments.

Falling out online

Younger children were more likely to see mean comments from strangers on apps like Roblox, whereas older children, who were communicating with a greater number of people on group chats, faced issues and confusion around the blurring of ‘jokes’ that were posted publicly.

I need to reply now

Maintaining online friendships could be stressful for some and a source of distraction from other offline activities.

**Growing up on social media**

*Who should I be?*

Children are conscious of keeping up appearances on social media, particularly when they start secondary school, and identity and seeking peer approval become more important.



Do I look okay?

Despite talking about the importance of ‘staying true to yourself’ and being authentic on social media, girls were worried about looking ‘pretty’ and boys were more concerned with looking ‘cool’ and having the right clothing.

Can we all look like celebrities?

When children started to follow celebrities and people outside their close family and friends, many became aware of how they looked compared to other people on social media, and felt that comparisons were unattainable.

Will my picture get any likes?

Children felt good when they got ‘likes’ and ‘comments’ from friends, and some Year 7 children were starting to become dependent on them, using techniques to guarantee they would get a high number of ‘likes’.

Is this shareable?

Children started to see offline activities through a ‘shareable lens’ based on what would look the best on social media.

*The world and my future:*

Social media could inspire children and help them learn about new things.

I want to be a YouTuber when I am older

Some children developed new aspirations about what they wanted their future to be like and copied things they saw on social media.

Learning about the world

Some children actively gathered information on social media platforms like YouTube and Instagram, and were exposed to ‘news’ via celebrities and ‘explore/discover’ pages.