



The
Portsmouth Academy

Week 33A

w/c 7 June 2021



Parent Bulletin

Message from Mr Dolphin, Senior Vice Principal

Due to cases in the community, this week we had to raise our control measures at the school in order to minimise potential transmission of COVID-19. Thank you for your support and for ensuring that your child came to school armed with a mask. On the whole, students have adapted to the change admirably.

We will review the position of our safety measures on Monday 7th June (INSET day) in accordance with TSAT and Portsmouth City Council, and will communicate to confirm our position through the usual channels ahead of the return to school on Tuesday 8th June.

I wish you a safe and restful half term.

Important Dates

31 May – 4th June – Half term holiday

Monday 7th June – INSET Day

Tuesday 8th June – Start of term for all year groups, Week A Timetable

Student Home Lateral Flow Test Dates

Year Group	1 st Weekly Test	2 nd Weekly Test
10 & 11	Evening of Sunday 30 May	Evening of Wednesday 2 June
7	Evening of Monday 31 May	Evening of Thursday 3 June
9	Evening of Tuesday 1 June	Evening of Friday 4 June
8	Evening Wednesday 2 June	Evening of Sunday 6 June

At-Home Lateral Flow Testing

All students (including Year 11s) who have provided consent will have received a top-up box on Friday 28th May with further at-home lateral flow tests.

These tests should continue throughout half-term and into Term 6.

Parents who need to order additional kits for their children who are in education, can visit the following GOV website : <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

May Half Term COVID-19 Track and Trace

The Portsmouth Academy will be continuing to provide its track and trace procedures during the May Half Term. Please contact the school via absence@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk with either a positive at-home Lateral Flow Test or a PCR Test result.

Heads of Year

Year 7 – Mr Davies

Our PSHE theme for this week is Alcohol. Students will be learning about the effect alcohol can have on the body and mind. Please discuss the issues around this with them and get them to recall the facts from lessons.

PSHE Theme: Alcohol

Year 8 – Mr M. Smith

After the half term break, Year 8 students will no longer be lining up at the end of first break. This will encourage independence to ensure they get themselves to their lesson on time. Please do discuss this with your child and ensure they are prepared for this change after the half term break.

PSHE Theme: Mental Health and Well-Being

Year 9 – Mr Parnell

I am delighted to inform you that at the start of the next this half-term, there will be no line-ups after break and lunch. This will allow students to move to lessons quickly and sensibly. Please discuss this responsibility with your child. I hope you have a restful half-term.

PSHE Theme: Finances – making the right choices

Year 10 – Miss Hart

I hope you have a lovely half-term break. Half term 6 is set to be an exciting one for Year 10. This week they made choices with regards to College Taster Days and we are finalising the plans for their two careers weeks. We also have their last TPA End of Year reward trip to work towards. At the moment, all students are invited but next half-term's behaviour, attendance and uniform will all be taken into consideration when deciding the final list.

All students who are not in correct uniform have been spoken to today and have been told that all infringements must be resolved over the half term. Please can you support with this and contact the school as early as possible if there is a reason as why their uniform is not correct.

Have a fantastic week.

Miss Hart

Environment Week– Miss Paybody, Curriculum Lead



TPA Environment Week 2021 8th-11th June

- ❖ KS3 House Form Plastic Upcycling Contest
- ❖ Talks with Final Straw Foundation
- ❖ Form Quizzes
- ❖ Plastic Persuasion Workshops in Geography lessons
- ❖ TPA Transport Survey
- ❖ Environmental Awareness Film
- ❖ Swap It Swish It
- ❖ Poster contest to increase environmental awareness

Period / Day	Mon 23rd	Tues 8 th June	Wed 9 th June	Thurs 10 th June	Fri 10 th June
Tutor Time		World Ocean Day – Mockumentary + Pledge	TPA Transport Survey	The Story of Stuff	House Form Quiz Switch-Off Friday Surveys P1-3
1	Inset Day	BCK- 7SEY PAY- 7SMA Plastic Persuasion	BCK- 9A DOW – 8BCK FRE – 8HON Plastic Persuasion		PAY - 9P Grp 1 – Final Straw Foundation Plastic Pollution Workshop
2		DOW – 9P Grp 2 BCK- 7LOP Plastic Persuasion	PAY-8SCA Plastic Persuasion	DOW-8MRA Plastic Persuasion	PAY - Eco-Schools Committee Members + Yr 7 & 8 Student Council Straw Foundation Plastic Pollution Workshop
Lunch time			Plastic Free Wed Albatross – Film by Chris Jordan – Rm 134 at 12.00pm	Swap It Swish It Rm 134 at 12.00pm	FRE– 7PAY Plastic Persuasion
3		BCK – 8GOM DOW – 9T FRE – 7WLS PAY – 7JEL Plastic Persuasion	BCK – 8HAS Plastic Persuasion	PAY-8CRO Plastic Persuasion	DOW-7KEN Plastic Persuasion
General events / competitions		Poster competition to reduce plastic		Eco-Schools Meeting Rm -134	Deadline for Upcycled art – KS3

Uniform Offer

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Attendance – Miss Bothma-Lubbe and Miss Osborne

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 **YEAR 7**
7SEY

YEAR 8
8SCA

YEAR 9
9TRA

YEAR 10
10FRS

YEAR 11
11GON

BOOM!

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#TPAattendance #TPAyearwinners

1ST

Year 7

2ND

Year 9

3RD

Year 8



#TPAattendance #TPAhousewinners

1st

2nd

3rd

4th



#TPAattendanceTermWinners



OVERALL WINNERS OF THE TERM

TUTOR	YEAR	HOUSE
7CUR	7	Aristotle

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's needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



TEXTME



13+

TextMe is a free texting and calling service. Users can send texts, voice messages, pictures and videos to any phone number in more than 40 countries. The app is free and available to install on any Apple or Android device. On registration, it assigns a 'new' mobile number to each user, effectively making them anonymous. TextMe is not recommended for children below 13 years old but there is currently no way to determine a user's actual age: children under 13 could easily bypass this age criteria since no verification is required to download the app.

Visible Location

Like many communications apps, TextMe has a feature which allows users to share their location with other people. This function presents a risk if children are not careful about who they share their whereabouts with. It would make it much easier, for instance, for online predators to establish roughly where a child lives and – even more dangerously – discover their current location.

Protection for Predators

Messages and phone calls using TextMe cannot be traced. Indeed, texts and calls made through the app do not even appear on an itemised phone bill. This means that not only can children communicate with other users without their parents knowing, but also if they were to be approached by a predator via the app, it would be difficult for even the authorities to establish the offender's identity.

Exposure to Advertising

Users can earn points on TextMe by watching adverts, completing surveys or playing games within the app. Points can then be exchanged for extra calling minutes or more messaging credits. The desire to accumulate points could result in children spending longer hours on the app and heighten their exposure to advertising content; some of which isn't always age appropriate such as dating websites and dieting products.

Anonymous Users

Users are allocated a 'new' phone number on joining TextMe, separate to any they might already have. This creates a potentially dangerous degree of anonymity, rendering it impossible to know exactly who your child is chatting with. The feature could facilitate online bullying, harassment or sexting, while some people are concerned that it essentially turns any device into a burner phone – often used in illegal activities.

In-App Purchases and Subscriptions

TextMe is free but does also offer a premium subscription service which removes adverts and unlocks extra calling minutes. The subscription renews automatically on expiry, potentially meaning a rolling charge. Additionally, there is a range of bundles available as in-app purchases for increased minutes and extra text credits, which children could easily purchase inadvertently.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Keep Locations Private

Try to help your child understand why using TextMe to share their location might not be safe. Even sending it to a genuine friend from their everyday life could be hazardous if they're in a group chat which also includes people they don't really know. In general, it's important to explain to your child that revealing their whereabouts to someone they have only spoken to online is never a good idea.

Set Spending Limits

Given that TextMe offers numerous options to buy extra minutes and text credits, or take out a premium subscription, it would be wise to set your child a spending limit in advance if you do decide to let them download the app. Alternatively, you could remove any payment methods that are linked to their device, so they cannot make in-app purchases – either deliberately or unintentionally.

Monitor Digital Wellbeing

TextMe actively encourages users to fill in surveys, play games and watch adverts to earn themselves more credit for calling and texting. This can easily result in children spending an unhelpful amount of time on the app. Should you allow your child to download TextMe, you might first want to establish restrictions on how long they can use it for each day.

Discuss Online Dangers

It may be wise to discourage children from downloading anonymous messaging apps given the lack of transparency. However, if you do feel that your child is mature enough to use TextMe, it's safest to talk to them about the possibility of predators contacting them through the service. Make sure they know to tell a trusted adult immediately if a stranger asks for personal details or invites them to meet offline.

Leave, Block and Report

If you discover that a young person is in a group TextMe chat that is making them uncomfortable, or they have been added to a group they do not want to be part of, encourage them to leave. There is an option to block any user who is sending them unwanted messages (swipe on that conversation, tap 'More' and then 'Block'), while any instances of harassment can also be reported via email.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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