

Friday 6th March | 2026

World Book Day!

We had some super amazing costumes on World Book Day!



Admissions Policy for 2027-2028

Cranleigh Primary School has published its Admissions Policy for 2027-2028 for consultation. Parents and carers are welcome to review the policy and submit comments during the consultation period. Full details can be found on our website or by contacting the school office.

Important Dates

- 13th March - Year 4 Bikeability
- 16-19 March - Scholastic Book Fair
- 25th & 26th March - Parents evening
- 27th March - Staff Development Day

Parking Safety Reminder

To help keep all members of our school community safe, please ensure that you:

- **Do not** park on or across pedestrian crossings under any circumstances.
- **Avoid** stopping in locations that block visibility for children, families, or other drivers.
- **Be considerate** of local residents and other road users by not blocking driveways or parking on grass verges.
- **Consider** parking elsewhere and walking the short distance to school. This greatly reduces congestion and helps create a safer environment for everyone.

Thank you, the safety of our children must always remain our highest priority.

Our Onsite Safeguarding Team



Mrs T Church
HLTA/Thrive Practitioner
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs J Mills
SENDCo/Head of Inclusion
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs N Jackson
Assistant SENDCo
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

CAREERS WEEK

15th - 19th June

We are hosting Careers Week for our Year 6 pupils — and we'd love you to be part of it!

We're inviting you to come in for a 10-minute chat about your career journeys.

Any role, any path, any industry.

Whether you're self-employed, employed, or somewhere in between — all careers are welcome!



No prep needed.

Just come along, share your story, and answer children's questions.

If you'd like to get involved, please speak to Ms Sileno or Miss Killick, or email the school office.

Let's inspire our young learners together!



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Mindfulness Pony Days

Join us this April for a magical Mindfulness Pony Day at Hill Crest Farm, Horsham.

Dates: Thursday 2nd April or Friday 10th April

Time: 9:30am - 2:00pm

Cost: £140 per child

✦ Mindfulness with ponies

🐾 Pony care

🐎 Riding and mounted games

🌿 Arts, nature and friendship

To secure your place, book via Eventbrite. A £40 deposit is paid at booking, and the remaining balance will be invoiced by email on 27th March.

Spaces are limited to 10 children per day.

We warmly welcome children with SEND and are committed to providing an inclusive, supportive environment where every child can thrive.



Scan to Book:

Thursday 2nd April

9:30 am to 2 pm



Scan to Book:

Friday 10th April

9:30 am to 2 pm



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NEWSLETTER

Week Starting: 23rd February

	Star of the Week	Headteacher's Award	 Weekly Attendance Winners!
Robins Sparrows Owls Swans Kingfishers Herons Cranes	Isaac Peggy Matilda Evie Leanne Shiliu Leandro	Chloe Florence Xavier River Michael Towa Amy	

Adventurerers	Pioneers	Explorers	Discoverers
1225	513	1142	731

Week Starting: 2nd March

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Robins Sparrows Owls Swans Kingfishers Herons Cranes	Dominic Katie Harper Thomas Maansvi Shekinah Lilou	Rose Bella Cole Charlie Rose Aiden Thalia	

Adventurerers	Pioneers	Explorers	Discoverers
892	820	589	792

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CAN WE HAVE A CHAT?

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.