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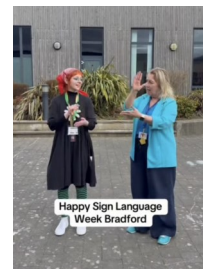
ACHIEVE

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK 2025!

We had a busy morning on Tuesday, 11th March, with a visit from the Bradford City of Culture 2025 Social Media Team! They came to follow Sign Language Week 2025 and to explore this year's theme: **"More than a language – culture, community, and belonging."**

These three words are imperative to our Local Authority Led Resourced Provision (RP) at Swain House Primary School, where British Sign Language (BSL) and English are equally valued. This ensures that our Deaf children develop strong language skills and a positive sense of identity.

Our Deaf children have access to both Deaf and hearing staff who are all highly competent in BSL. This creates a culturally rich learning environment with direct teaching in both languages. As a result, Deaf children at Swain House Resourced Provision genuinely feel a sense of belonging!



Monday 17th March was the start of Sign Language Week 2025 and all the children came in dressed in blue and yellow. The RP children went to the Early Years classes and carried out a session, teaching the younger children the signs for colours. The whole school joined in the colour theme and the dinner hall was decorated to celebrate the Sign Language Week.



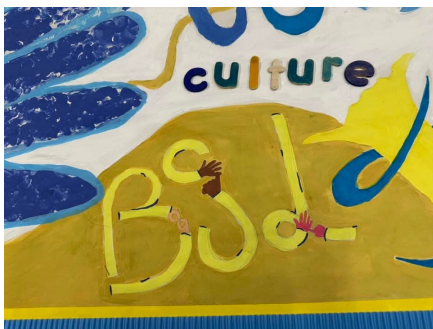
BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK 2025!

The RP children led a whole school assembly and they enjoyed teaching the children signs for all the different types of transport. They all had an amazing time showing the children how to sign and use the correct handshapes alongside using facial expressions to make the whole experience fun for the learners. Our children embraced being Deaf and felt proud to share BSL with their hearing peers.

They showed such confidence, and all the RP staff were extremely proud of them!



Look at the amazing art work that was created by the Resourced Provision children to share that they are proud to be Deaf and continuing the theme for Sign Language week. They have used colours from the Deaf flag, turquoise to represent the Deaf community and Sign Language, yellow to represent light and life and dark blue to symbolise planet Earth and humanity.



THE LIBRARY!

We are very excited to now have our revamped library! Earlier in the year, we were successful in applying for a grant from the Foyle Foundation and received £7000 to purchase additional books. These have now all been scanned into our Librosoft library software, ready for all our children to start borrowing books again very soon. We hope you will agree that the library is looking fabulous! We are hoping to have an official opening in the very near future. We will also let you know when parents can come along with children and borrow a book to read together. Our librarians will now receive their special training so they can help keep the library looking beautiful and tidy.

We were also accepted onto the World of Stories programme and have received some lovely new beanbags, a rug, a new bookcase and 500 additional new books for the library! The librarians will be very busy!





CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Butters on the safe arrival of her baby girl Luna Grace, who was born on 8th March. Mum and baby are doing absolutely fantastic and everyone at school can't wait to meet her!

MOVIE NIGHT!

Friends of Swain House hosted their very first movie night on Thursday for Great Oak Nursery and Reception. The children enjoyed the film whilst snuggling up to their favourite teddy and cushion! Everyone had a fantastic time and we can not wait to host our next one

Due to the movie night being a huge success we will be hosting one for KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 so please keep your eyes peeled for these dates.



SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

(SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES)

Each half-term, we write a section on our school newsletter to keep parents and carers of pupils on the SEND register 'in the loop' about all things SEND related. We highlight support available in school and also resources and workshops available in the local area.

Mr George
and Miss
Broomfield

Keep updated with all things SEND at Swain House. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.

We celebrated it in school with a whole assembly sharing information and awareness about neurodiversity. Scan the QR



Bradford SENDIASS

Bradford SENDIASS is for parents and carers of children and young people (0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in the Bradford area - and for their children too.

The staff help parents and children to work together with schools and the local authority so that they have a good understanding of what support is

needed and to make sure that it is put in place. We can also offer IASS around health and social care needs in relation to SEND.



Updated IEPs in School

Some children have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) in our school.

This IEP will be updated termly by their class teacher.

You will receive an updated copy shortly during parents' evening in Summer 1 term.

Holiday Activities and Food

Children on free school meals are eligible for a free place at a HAF holiday club during the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays. HAF clubs provide free, fun activities and a healthy meal for eligible children, including children with SEND or additional needs.

Places are limited on the clubs so please book early to avoid missing out. Bookings are now open for the Easter holiday.

If your child is not on benefits-related free school meals, but has special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), then you will need to contact a club directly to ask if they have places available.

Details of all clubs and how to contact them, are on this link:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/haf-holiday-activities-and-food-programme/find-holiday-activities-and-food-sessions-in-your-area/>



Department for Education



Speech and Language

We are aware of the waiting lists for speech and language sessions via the NHS.

Please [click here](#) to access NHS resources to support your child at home.

If you are concerned about your child's communication skills, you can refer them for support using this link - [Click here](#)

50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE FIVE

This weeks activity is #21 Gigglebox. Please have a go at completing the activity and send any photos to 50things@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk then we will share them in our weekly newsletter!

This week's activity is...

Try #21 Gigglebox on your poster, app or local website...
Find out more...

You and your child can be the funniest pair in the world!

#21 Gigglebox

www.50thingstodo.org

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things to do

Click [here](#) to access the 50 Things website to find out more about the activity or scan the QR code below



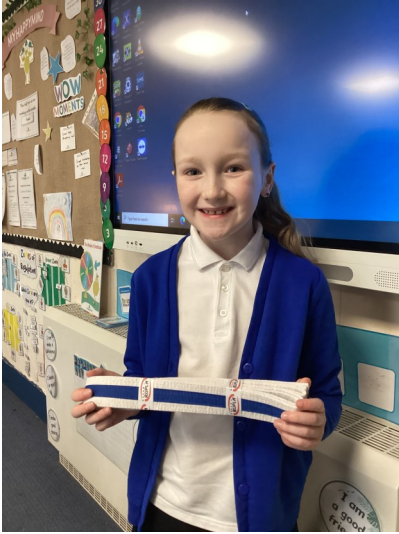
How to do it

From laughing as a baby at the simplest noises you make, to giggling at a nonsense rhyme and tickles, or roaring with laughter whilst splashing water in the bath, your child and you can be the funniest pair in the world. Babies love slapstick and silly noises, the unexpected 'peepo' and dramatic tearing pages of a newspaper help them see the humour in their world. As your child understands more, nonsense rhymes and silly stories begin to appeal to them.

What you will need

You will need to be prepared to be silly. To let go of your inhibitions and just enjoy the silliness. To let your child lead where the humour goes and go with it. You might like to have a few jokes up your sleeves, or a funny book, but children will often find the people they are with are the funniest thing of all.

SHARING YOUR NEWS!



Lily in Year 3 has been awarded her half blue belt for karate. She proudly told her class all about the assessment process and what she is working towards next. Well done Lily we are really proud of you!

**CLICK THE ICON TO SEE REGULAR UPDATES
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**



MYHAPPYMIND

OUR CONVERSATION CARD OF THE WEEK



Enjoy a conversation!

Each week we will share a conversation card. These are designed to help you have meaningful and fun conversations with your child and aid discussions about mental health and happiness.



EASTER CRAFT SESSIONS



Easter Craft Sessions

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Little Acorns Nursery | Tuesday 25 th March 2025 | 10.30am – 11.15am 2.00pm – 2.45pm |
| Great Oak Nursery | Tuesday 25 th March 2025 | 10.15am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 2.45pm |
| Reception | Tuesday 25 th March 2025 | 9.00am – 9.45am 2.00pm – 2.45pm |
| Year 1 | Wednesday 2 nd April 2025 | 2.00pm – 3.00pm |
| Year 2 | Thursday 3 rd April 2025 | 2.00pm – 3.00pm |
| Year 3 | Monday 24 th March 2025 | 2.00pm – 3.00pm |
| Year 4 | Monday 24 th March 2025 | 2.00pm – 3.00pm |
| Year 5 | Wednesday 26 th March | 2.00pm – 3.00pm |
| Year 6 | Friday 4 th April 2025 | 9.00am – 10.00am |



MYHAPPYMIND APP

The myHappyMind app has been updated and now includes some new features—kids zone, myHappyMind games and mini master classes for parents .



Download your FREE myHappyMind Parent App



...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappyMind to support your child.



myHappyMind for Parents

Exclusively for parents with children at a myHappyMind School or Nursery.



Learn all about what your children are learning in school



YOU WILL NEED THIS AUTHENTICATION CODE TO SIGN UP

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WEEKLY UPDATES

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **21/03/25**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

| CLASS | PERCENTAGE % | LATES |
|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Elm | 91.6% | 2 |
| Willow | 100% | 3 |
| Kandinsky | 98.8% | 3 |
| Matisse | 99.0% | 1 |
| Lowry | 92.3% | 4 |
| Van Gogh | 95.0% | 2 |

Key Stage 2:

| CLASS | PERCENTAGE % | LATES |
|------------------|--------------|-------|
| Anne Fine | 97.0% | 2 |
| Roald Dahl | 97.6% | 2 |
| JK Rowling | 96.3% | 2 |
| Michael Morpurgo | 94.2% | 2 |
| Elgar | 96.8% | 2 |
| Mozart | 97.1% | 0 |
| Beethoven | 94.7% | 0 |
| Vivaldi | 97.5% | 0 |

Congratulations to **Willow Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well done to **Mozart Class, Beethoven Class and Vivaldi Class** for having no lates!

Our whole school attendance this week:

96.3%

COMMUNICATION SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| WEBSITE UPDATES: | National Online Safety - 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Live Streaming' |
| LETTERS: | 17.03.25 – Easter Craft Sessions 2025 20.03.25 – Lowry Class Vaisakhi Assembly |
| MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS: | 21.03.25 – Year 4 Residential Parents Meeting 21.03.25 - Year 5 Homework |

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOVING UP YOUTH CLUB

CURRENT SCHOOL YR 6'S

Monthly Sessions - Tuesdays
28th Jan / 25th Feb / 25th March

Team Building **6:30pm - 8:30pm** Positive Activities

Confidence Peer Support

Make Friendships Transitional Support

Ravenscliffe Youth Centre, Roundwood Ave, BD10 0LL
For more details, call Nicky Lannen on 07582102432

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB SHOW IN A WEEK

MON 14 - THUR 17 APRIL 2025

STANDARD HOURS
MON-WED 9AM-3PM
THUR 9AM-4PM
SHOWTIME @ 4PM
£80 FOR THE WEEK!

OR LONGER HOURS
DROP OFF FROM 8AM AND
COLLECT UP TO 4PM DAILY
£110 FOR THE WEEK!

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS
LEARN NEW SKILLS
GAIN CONFIDENCE**

- 9AM-3PM DAILY
- SHOWTIME AT 4PM ON THE THURSDAY
- BRING A PACKED LUNCH
- OUTDOOR PLAY AREA DURING BREAKS
- BASED AT IDLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
- SUITABLE FOR BOYS & GIRLS ALIKE
- OPEN TO THOSE AGED 5YRS-12YRS
- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

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IDLE PRIMARY SCHOOL,
BOOTH ROYD, BD10 8LU

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EASTER

Open Access Sessions

Ages 8-16 Years
Fagley Park, Off Flawith Drive
Thursday 10th & 17th April
1PM - 3PM

FOOTBALL ARTS & CRAFTS
TEAM GAMES MUSIC EGG HUNT
ROUNDERS

Sign Up Here

Sign Up Here

Eccleshill Ward

YOUNG PEOPLE'S EASTER ACTIVITIES

Mon 7th April
5:30pm - 7:30pm / Ages 8-11 Yrs
Open Access @ Ravenscliffe YCC (Multi Sports, Cooking, Crafts)

Tues 8th April
Off Site Activity, Existing Members Only

Weds 9th April
1pm - 4pm / Ages 8-16 Yrs
Open Access @ Ravenscliffe YCC (Multi Sports, Baking, Crafts)

Thurs 10th April
1pm - 3pm / Ages 8-16 Yrs
Open Access @ Fagley Park (Multi Sports, Crafts, Team Games)

Mon 14th April
5:30pm - 7:30pm / Ages 8-11 Yrs
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Tues 15th April
Off Site Activity, Existing Members Only

Weds 16th April
1pm - 4pm / Ages 8-16 Yrs
Open Access @ Ravenscliffe YCC (Multi Sports, Baking, Crafts, Easter Egg Hunt)

Thurs 17th April
1pm - 3pm / Ages 8-16 Yrs
Open Access @ Fagley Park (Multi Sports, Crafts, Team Games)

For further info, please contact Nicky on:
01274 641772 / 07582102432

COMMUNITY NEWS



Co-op Academy
Parkland
Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance (YACAD)
Co-op Academy Parkland
Old Park Road
Bradford
BD10 9BG

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the easter holidays Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance are delivering an Easter Camp at Co-op Academy Parkland. We believe your child may be eligible for a FREE place.

| Camp | Ages | Time | Location |
|-----------|------|----------------|---|
| Mini Camp | 5-7 | 10.00am-3.00pm | Co-op Academy Parkland, Old Park Road, BD10 9BG |
| Main Camp | 8-15 | 10.00am-3.00pm | Co-op Academy Parkland, Old Park Road, BD10 9BG |

Mini Camp will run for two days per week, Tuesday and Thursday:

Week 1: Tuesday 8th April and Thursday 10th April only.
Week 2: Tuesday 15th April and Thursday 17th April only.

Main Camp will run for 4 days per week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:

Week 1: Monday 7th April - Thursday 10th April
Week 2: Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April

To see if your eligible for a FREE HAF place, please register through the HAF portal below:

<https://bradford.haf.fun/login>

If you are eligible, you will need to register your child to a club. Please choose **Co-op Academy Parkland for Mini Camp** and **Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance for Main Camp**. A member of our team will be in touch regarding the next step.

Every child must have an annual membership with us. This costs £10.00 and is valid till April 2026. You can pay for this on our website and fill in our membership form either before or on the first day of camp.

Kind Regards,

Jessica Leeming

Programme Development Manager (jess@yacad.org)



Co-op Academy
Parkland

Easter Activities - Co-op Academy Parkland

| Tuesday 8th April | Thursday 10th April | Tuesday 15th April | Thursday 17th April |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Beginners taster Ballet class | Dance Acro | Drama Workshop 'Smurfs' | Music Madness |
| Lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm | Lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm | Lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm | Lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm |
| Aerial Silks | Aerial Hoop | Easter Baking | Arts & Crafts Easter Bannets Competition Bunny Wooden Puppets |

The following activities are for children aged 5-7. These sessions are run at Co-op Academy Parkland. The day runs from 10am-3pm (Lunch included). All attending must have a valid membership with Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance. **Book Now:** www.yacad.co.uk/book-now.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Easter Activities - Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance

| | Monday 7th April | Tuesday 8th April | Wednesday 9th April | Thursday 10th April |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|--|
| AM - Applied Art | Animal Drawings  | Rice Maps  | Lino Printing  | Lino Printing  |
| AM - Aerial | Aerial Silks  | Aerial Silks  | Aerial Hoop  | Aerial Hoop  |
| PM - Dance | Cheerleading  | Contemporary  | Jazz  | Dance Acro  |
| PM - Creative Science | Melting Rabbit  | Playdough Volcano  | The Boat Challenge  | Human Body  |

The following activities are for children aged 8+. These sessions are run at Co-op Academy Parkland. The day runs from 10am-3pm (Lunch included). All attending must have a valid membership with Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance. **Book Now:** www.yacad.co.uk/book-now.



Easter Activities - Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance

| | Monday 14th April | Tuesday 15th April | Wednesday 16th April | Thursday 17th April |
|----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| AM - Arts & Crafts | Catapults  | Ceramic Bird Feeders  | Arts & Crafts Easter Bonnets Competition  | Clay Modelling  |
| AM - Baking | Easter Biscuits  | Easter Egg Cups  | Lemon Cupcakes  | Easter Egg Nests  |
| PM - Performing Arts | High School Musical  | High School Musical  | Annie  | Annie  |
| PM - Music | Singing  | Percussion  | Ukulele  | Carousel  |

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COMING UP THIS TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|----------|----------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Thursday | 27.03.25 | 2.30pm | Lowry Class – Vaisakhi Assembly |
| Thursday | 03.04.25 | 2.30pm | Mozart Class – Easter Assembly |

Year 4 Nell Bank parents meeting will be at 3:15pm
on Tuesday 1st April in the main hall.



REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £3.00 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.50 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend.

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.50 each per day.

If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

EXTRA CLUB

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 6pm at a cost of £4.50 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.

COMING UP THIS TERM

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

| DAY | DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|---------|----------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday | 01.04.25 | 3.15pm | Year 4 Residential – Parents meeting |
| Friday | 04.04.25 | | Non Uniform Day |
| Friday | 04.04.25 | | School closes for half term |
| Tuesday | 22.04.25 | | School Reopens |

MENU 24/03/25

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| <p>Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (Served with Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & Salad)</p> <p>Halal Chicken Biryani (Served with Flat Bread & Salad)</p> <p>Arrabiata Pasta (Served with Garlic Bread & Salad)</p> <p>Assorted Baguettes</p> | <p>Savoury Roll (Served with Jacket Wedges & Salad or Sweetcorn)</p> <p>Homemade Cheese & Onion Pasty (Served with Jacket Wedges & Salad or Sweetcorn)</p> <p>Assorted Jackets</p> | <p>Roast Meat (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy)</p> <p>Halal Roast Chicken (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy)</p> <p>Vegetarian Toad in the Hole (Served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy)</p> <p>Assorted Baguettes</p> | <p>Chicken Burrito (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw or Salad)</p> <p>Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tortilla Chips (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw & Salad)</p> <p>Mexican Burrito (Served with Tortilla Chips, Coleslaw or Salad)</p> <p>Assorted Jackets</p> | <p>MSC Fishcake (Served with Ketchup, Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans or Salad)</p> <p>Vegetable Dippers (Served with Ketchup, Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans or Salad)</p> <p>MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake (Served with Ketchup, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Salad)</p> <p>Assorted Sandwiches</p> | <p>Ice Cream Tubs</p> <p>Freshly Prepared Fruit</p> | <p>Rice Pudding</p> <p>Freshly Prepared Fruit</p> | <p>Paris Sandwich (Served with Custard)</p> <p>Freshly Prepared Fruit</p> | <p>Marble Sponge (With Chocolate Sauce)</p> <p>Freshly Prepared Fruit</p> | <p>Oat Cookie</p> <p>Freshly Prepared Fruit</p> |
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WEEK 3

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Live Streaming'.

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 issues 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 LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+ 16+ 18+
Age varies by platform

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 80 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRNACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

Meet Our Expert

Rhodi Smith is Head of Digital Learning at Thomas's Kensington, London. Recognised in the EdTech 50 UK Awards Yearbook 2021/22 for his efforts in the digital transformation at Cubitt Town Primary School and Tower Hamlets, he is also a Google for Education Certified Trainer and guest lecturer at University College London on the integration of technology across the curriculum.

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