



# ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below:

### **Important consent information for Flu vaccinations Academic Year 2023-24**

The Immunisation Service are coming into school on **15th November 2023** to offer your child the Flu vaccination. Attached to this email are the following documents:

- A parent/carer letter – containing vaccination information and instructions on how to complete the online consent form. Please complete a form to either consent or refuse to your child receiving this vaccination. The online consent form is available for completion until 11am four working days before the session date above.

If you have more than one child in the same year group, but they do not attend the same school site, you will receive a separate letter from each school site, to consent for each child, prior to their school's vaccination session. Please use the correct school code for each child.

- How to consent to Flu vaccination guide – a pictorial guide to completing the online consent form.

If you have any difficulties completing the online consent form, please contact your local Immunisation Team before the cut-off date, using the telephone number provided in the attached letter, or, ask your school to notify the Immunisation Team so that we can contact you directly.

If you miss the cut off time to complete the consent form, we will not be able to vaccinate your child in school on the day of the vaccination session. The consent form will reopen one working day after the session, enabling you to submit a form for your child to be offered the vaccination, within one of our catch-up clinics.

### **Trip opportunities – for students of all year groups**

Please find attached two letters detailing trips that the PE department are organising as follows:

- **British Basketball Play-Off Final (Men and Women) – 19/05/24**  
This is a fantastic opportunity for all students, regardless of whether they are already avid fans of basketball or if they are just curious about basketball and the entertainment factor it never fails to bring. Timings of the day will be confirmed nearer the time
- **Women's FA Cup Final Trip - 11/05/24 or 12/05/24 – Wembley Stadium**  
This is a fantastic opportunity for students who have been inspired by the Lionesses in recent years or for those that are already avid fans of Women's football to attend a match in which our nation's club elite teams compete for the historic trophy. Currently the FA have not confirmed whether the final will take place on either Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th May, so we are asking those that are interested to ensure they are available for both provisional dates. Timings of the day will be confirmed nearer the time.

### **Free porridge**

All students will be eligible for a free portion of porridge after half term from the canteen, from 8.05am.

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## Bake sale - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Next Friday some students will be holding a bake sale in the Gate café at break and lunch time in aid of mental health. Your child may wish to bring some coins to school. Students are invited to wear a yellow (eg. Yellow socks, hair accessory) to support this cause. Please note it is **not** a non-uniform day.

## Tutee of the Week

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|----|---------|----|----------|----|------------|-----|----------|-----|--------------|
| 7O | Toni S  | 8O | Kian W   | 9O | Lily H     | 10O | Zia M    | 11O | Tyler M      |
| 7R | Chloe P | 8R | Josh W   | 9R | Sophie L   | 10R |          | 11R | Chantelle B  |
| 7M | Harry B | 8M | Maggie B | 9M | Isabelle H | 10S | Jack S   | 11M | Lydia F      |
| 7S | Tommy R | 8S | Layla D  | 9S | Skye C     | 10T | Joseph W | 11S | Jessica J    |
| 7T | Chloe D | 8T | Nina L   | 9T | Farah B    |     |          | 11T | Ella-Marie A |

## Sparx Superstars

Congratulations to the students below who consistently attend Sparx Support on Tuesday lunchtimes in order to get their homework done whilst asking for help to ensure they complete it to a high standard.

|           |             |         |        |            |
|-----------|-------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Michael L | Skye T      | Elle J  | Lucy H | Ceithidh M |
| Roo G     | Katherine B | Josie R | Ryan M | Alice M    |

## Sports Fixtures coming up

Please find below the details of fixtures between now and half term, with times for collection back at Six Villages:

| Week commencing          | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October | KS3 Table Tennis Tournament away to Chichester High School.<br>Collection at 5:45pm | Y9 Boys Football at Home vs Midhurst School.<br>Collection at 5pm. | Y8 Netball Away to Bishop Luffa.<br>Collection at 5:45pm | <i>Year 7 Football County Cup Fixture 2:30 KO (not confirmed).</i><br>Collection at 3:45pm |



## World Mental Health Day

World mental health day was earlier this week, on 10<sup>th</sup> October. As part of supporting young people the NHS have created a series of online videos to help parents and carers support their children to manage a range of mental health conditions, which are now available.

The live workshops were recorded in May, focusing on anxiety, autism, eating disorders and sleep, with more workshops to be added over the coming months.

The workshops are available to watch here

<https://www.sussexcamhs.nhs.uk/resources/resources-for-families-carers-and-professionals/parent-and-carer-workshops>

## Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice Cost of Living Survey

Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice have launched the 'Cost of Living Survey 2023'. The purpose of this annual survey is to understand the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on Arun and Chichester residents, including on their physical and mental health, and to be able to compare these with last year's findings. The responses received help us to tailor our service to meet these needs. We would like to gain a representative sample from all sections of our community.



All responses are vitally important and help us to see if anything has changed in the past year, and the various impacts the cost of living is having. The survey can be accessed by the QR code above or by [clicking this link](#).

### What parents and carers need to know about WIZZ

This week's national online security focus is WIZZ, which is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. The principal of it is similar to a dating platform and conversations can be initiated through the instant messaging.



The poster below summaries the many risks to WIZZ:

- Young people tend to be more trusting online and may share personal information to strangers
- The system only detects approximate age, so an older person who *looks* younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa)
- Profile pictures don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification so fake accounts using other people's photos could be set up
- People can be coaxed into sending sexually suggestive images of themselves
- There is no evidence of parental controls or safety features
- Research has evidenced users being encouraged to connect on other social media swapping nude or semi-nude pictures or holding sexual chats giving an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

I would urge you to follow the advice for parents and carers in the poster at the end of this letter.

### Key dates this term

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| 18 <sup>th</sup> October                           | Year 7 and 8 Halloween disco, 6.30pm-8.30pm (please collect promptly) |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October- 27 <sup>th</sup> October | Half term   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Start of Year 11 mocks (2 weeks)                                      |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November                          | INSET day   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Year 7 Christmas dinner   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Year 8 Christmas dinner   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Year 9 Christmas dinner   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Year 10 Christmas dinner  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Year 11 Christmas dinner  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Winter concert  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December                          | GCSE presentation evening   |

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Paul Slaughter'.

Paul Slaughter  
Principal

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

12+ App Store  
Teen Google Playstore

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature, otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

## OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can fall them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

## CATTISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create or take account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

## EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snapchat' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

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MEET STRANGERS

## INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

## NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

## SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.



### BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others: they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.



### KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.



### Meet Our Expert

Dr. Jodie Outhwaite is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented national language and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sending behaviour of young people in the UK, NZ and Australia.



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