

Never look down on anybody unless you are helping him up. Jesse Jackson



Barley Lane School

Friendship, Optimism, Hardwork

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Dear All,

Firstly, we hope you all have had a safe and happy summer. We have missed the children and are looking forward to catching up with them. The team also wish a warm welcome to our new children and families and hope you are excited to be joining our community. Class tutors will be in contact this week to introduce themselves and answer any questions you may have.

Some simple messages this week:

The internet is an inherently very unsafe place if we don't reliably know who our children are interacting with online. Peer on peer abuse is increasingly prevalent and the latest guidance demands that schools address this robustly. Please let me reassure you that we have been alive to this risk for many years and we continue to improve our already proactive and vigilant supervision and practice in light of the latest guidance in the Keeping Children Safe In Education (2021, part 1) document. This can be found under the safeguarding tab on our website – www.barleylaneschool.org.uk

Please reflect on how vigilant you are being in your child's supervision and please contact your child's tutor for help and guidance on managing internet access including help accessing online support – www.common sense media.org is a very useful resource. Access to free pornography has increased by 75 million people since we encountered our very first lockdown in 2020 and as you know, this is extremely dangerous in the development of young people's minds.

In relation to Covid, we are again guided by central and local government. Exeter is encountering a dip in infections currently, but anticipate a 'spike' when schools return. Please, if possible encourage your child to test twice weekly and to wear a mask in communal areas. We will adopt a cautious approach initially and respond as the weeks unfold to the latest guidance and advice from central and local government and Public Health England South West.

Mr. Jones and the team at Barley Lane School

[Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety-for-children-tips-guides/)

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