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A Note from Mr Stoyles

Welcome to the start of the new term. I hope that you were able to enjoy some form of Christmas celebration during the holidays and are keeping well. As you'll be aware, the announcement on Monday evening has caused the school, and many families in our community disruption and an understandable feeling of confusion. After receiving guidance from the DFE on Thursday evening, I wish to update you on new arrangements for children attending school and those accessing home learning.

[Click Here if your child/children are attending school](#)

I would like to thank all parents/carers for completing the Microsoft Form based around critical worker places. We now have our finalised pupil numbers within this category.

Our staff have worked exceptionally hard across the week planning and responding to the home learning set through ClassDojo. We hope that you feel the work set in this format is easy to access. All of our staff will remain in school and work to support those children who are attending and those who are not. This is a new system of working for all of us but we continue to be committed to adapting and responding to change in a positive way. To begin, we would be interested in hearing your thoughts around our current home learning package. We understand now that the expectation is to provide KS1 with three hours of home learning and KS2 with four hours. Please click the link below to communicate your thoughts. The form is anonymous.

[Click Here to complete our remote learning survey](#)

We recognise that some households may not have an available device for children to access home learning. Could you please complete the form below if this is the case.

[Click Here to submit a request for an electronic device](#)

Ladock School **Vision** & Values

Loving, learning, achieving together

Forgiveness, Trust, Compassion, Perseverance, Respect & Truth.

Please find below the support organisations available on the county website:

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/results.page?adultchannel=5-1>

The following web-site is very helpful, you can put in your details and it tells you about any advice/support services in your area based on your circumstances.



Supporting young people, and their families, with positive mental health.

We recognise that this time of national lockdown may be difficult for children and young people. How a child or young person reacts to being away from school, and their normal routine, may vary according to their age, understanding, their previous experience of lockdown and how they typically cope with stress. Addressing the mental health of your child, and those in your family, can be supported with some of the following resources:

- ♦ Public Health England have produced the following set of guidance for parents and carers:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

- ♦ Every Mind Matters: A website that explores expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing:
<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

May we remind you that, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, or the wellbeing or safeguarding of another pupil, please contact the school immediately on 01726 882622 to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr Stoyles.



What parents & carers need to know about ...

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Among Us is one of the most popular games of 2020. A space-themed 'social deduction game' where 4-10 players take on the guise of Crewmates, who must complete various tasks around their spaceship, while randomly selected Imposters must try their hardest to sabotage the others' efforts. The Imposters have to remain undetected through rounds of voting to win. While Among Us is a largely safe game, it's still prudent to be aware of any potential risks young ones might encounter when playing.

Inappropriate chat



While Among Us can be enjoyed locally via wi-fi, it is commonly played online. Between rounds, players come together to discuss who they think the Imposter is with a text chat, and it's here where children will come into contact with others. There is a profanity filter on the game as standard, but it can very easily be disabled and (like any unmoderated chat groups) children can be exposed to inappropriate, sexual or explicit language.

In-game purchases



Among Us is currently available on both PC (via the gaming service Steam) and mobile devices. On the PC, the game costs a flat amount of £3.99 and has some in-game purchases, whereas the mobile version is free to play but contains adverts and in-game purchases. You can pay to remove the ads or purchase in-game cosmetic items. While these amounts are relatively low, there's still the possibility that young ones could accidentally spend lots of money on the game without realising it, as the process is complete in a couple of taps if a card is connected to your store account.

Risk of hacking



Among Us has been the target of hacking activity. Indeed, only recently the game's developer, InnerSloth, tweeted advice that users play private games or with people they trust, in response to hacking issues. As yet, there has been no breach in player accounts. However, if a big enough hack were to take place and player details were accessed, it could lead criminals to having access to credit card data and other personal credentials.

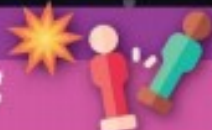
Use of external apps



Many players use external apps like Discord to voice chat with each other while they're playing. The problem with this is that it is unregulated by the game. Usually on Discord, players will only talk to other people they know in private chats, but a stranger could add a child on an external app, pretending to be interested in playing Among Us with them, when in reality they could be attempting to bully, groom or extort.

Mild violence

The art style of Among Us is cartoony but does contain some very mild violence. Imposters must kill off Crewmates one by one and can do this in a number of different ways. Some younger children might find this uncomfortable and could get scared or become upset when an Imposter is chasing them, or if they are the Imposter and are forced to kill. An age rating of PEGI 7 should help guide you in deciding if the game is appropriate or not.



Safety tips

Play with your children

Playing with your kids is one of the best ways to understand the game, and what makes it so popular. Among Us is free on mobile and is incredibly easy to pick up and play. It's also a great way to bond with your young ones - unless of course you're the Imposter or vote them out of the spaceship! You can do this by picking 'Local' on the main menu then 'Create Game'.

Use private lobbies

ENTER LOBBY



Among Us uses private lobbies to let players keep track of who they're gaming with. Using a uniquely generated code that can be given to friends prior to a game starting, it gives parents peace of mind knowing who their kids are playing with. To get a game code, simply select 'Host', choose the game settings, press 'Confirm', then send the six-digit code at the bottom of the screen to friends to invite them.

Deactivate credit cards



Having your credit card automatically paired with any online accounts that can be accessed by children is asking for trouble. A solution could be setting them up with their own account with no credit card attached. They can still ask you when they want to make a purchase, but it's totally up to you as and when that transaction happens.

Use an alias

By default, your name on Among Us will be set to whatever name your device recognises you as. If this is your child's real name, you'll want to ensure they change it before hopping into a game. This is really easily done by clicking 'Online' on the main menu, then simply typing in a new name at the top of the screen.



Talk about the risks



It's a good idea to talk to your child about the risks associated with online gaming, especially when there are chat options and an ability to communicate with others. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child: talk about their experiences of the game and who they're playing with. This will help you to stay on top of how they're feeling and ensure they know they can come to you if ever they feel upset or uncomfortable about anything they've experienced.

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for five years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work - but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



Sources: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.innersloth.spacemafia>

Celtic Cross Education Initial Teacher Training School Direct

Open Information Sessions

Have you thought about training to be a teacher?

Already have a degree or currently working on one and considering teaching for the future?

Want to stay local or within our Trust?

Then why not find out more about the School Direct process for teacher training offered by CCE in conjunction with Plymouth Marjon University.

Join us on one of our Open Information Sessions and find out what the process entails and what CCE can offer.

The sessions are on:

Monday 28th September 2020 – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Thursday 22nd October 2020 – 5.00 – 6.00pm

Tuesday 17th November 2020 – 10.30 – 11.30am

Wednesday 9th December 2020 – 6.30 – 7.30pm

Friday 22nd January 2021 – 3.30 – 4.30pm

Thursday 25th February 2021 – 5.00 – 6.00pm

If you are interested in joining one of our Zoom Information sessions, please email:

ITT@celticcross.education

stating which session, you would like to join. We look forward to meeting you.

Starting School—September 2021

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021

Applications may be made via website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School **Admissions Team**, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**

If you need help with your application you can contact the Family Information **Service on 0800 587 8191.**

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit the website or contact us for more information.

Parents 4 Parents Cornwall

Are you a parent/carer of a child with additional needs or disabilities?

Do you attend meetings with schools, health services and organisations?

Do you lack confidence in attending these on your own and wish you had someone who could go with you?

Parents 4 Parents Cornwall will accompany you to important meetings, empowering you to ask the questions about your child's needs whether at schools, health, care providers, short breaks, etc.

Parents are trained in

- Understanding and supporting your needs
- Developing Education, Health and Care Plans
- Signposting

They are part of the Parent Carer Council for Cornwall, an independent organisation that enables parent carer voices to be heard through parent participation.

You can access Parents 4 Parents Cornwall and book a trained parent to accompany you to a meeting by calling **07591 019548**

Please try to give at least 10 days notice of a meeting taking place where you require support. You must have all of the details of the meeting to hand.

You will receive a confirmation of who will be accompanying you and they will meet you at the location of your meeting.

Please note trained parent supporters cannot take you to the meetings and you will need to organise your own transport.

To book support contact 07591 019548
infoparentcarercornwall@gmail.com





After School Club



Craft

(biscuit decorating, marshmallow building)



Quizzes



Film &
Popcorn Making



Arts & Crafts



Socialising

Benefits of after school clubs:

- Learn extra life skills
 - Be part of the wider school community
 - Improve socialising skills with a variety of ages
 - Improving well-being by having fun!
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Parent Pay booking

[Click here](#)

Pupil Premium voucher
booking

[Click here](#)