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Uniform

It has come to our attention that certain items of uniform purchase from Trutex are significantly delayed. Can we please ask that if you have outstanding items you email us the student name and items you are awaiting delivery and we will chase this on your behalf and update you in due course. Our email address is JCAinfo@clf.uk

WhatsApp

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as stranger danger, live location sharing and disappearing messages







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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 app of many 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



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'Prize' Scams

WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipilents to clike a link to win. A common scam involves a warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out: alming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

Enabling Fake News

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Connections with Strangers

To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp. If your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

Ephemeral Messaging

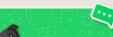
By enabling the 'disappearing messages' option in a chat, users can send messages that will vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. Parents may want to take note of this new feature, which makes monitoring what children are talking about on the app problematic. Equally, if someone sends ye child an inappropriate message, once it has disappeared there is no way to prove any wrongdoing.

'Only Admins' and Cyberbullying

Group chats and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

Live Location Sharing

The flive location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.



/ Advice for Parents & Carers

Report Potential Scams

ie. When your child receive e, they will be given the opt I contact or a group as spa eir profile and scrolling do

Create a Safe Profile

Use Location Features Sparingly

to share their location only for as long as they options of 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours oose to stop sharing their position at any time

Explain about Blocking

Leave a Group

Delete Accidental Messages

Fact-Check Messages

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.







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International Happiness Day

Since 2013, the United Nations has celebrated the International Day of Happiness as a way to recognise the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world. In 2015, the UN launched the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that seek to end poverty, reduce inequality, and protect our planet three key aspects that lead to well-being and happiness.

Here are 3 positive steps we can all take when facing difficult times:

KEEP CALM

There are lots of things outside our control. Let's remember to breathe and focus on what really matters so we can respond constructively.

STAY WISE

Making wise choices helps everyone. Let's choose positive actions that support our wellbeing and help others to do the same.

BE KIND

We're all in this together, even when we're forced apart. Let's stay connected and reach out to help others who may be in need.

International Happiness Day is celebrated each year on 20 March and this year the theme is 'Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind.' As everyone faces a global crisis together, it's important to find positive ways to look after oneself and each other.







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Finance

SCOPAY - Online Payment System - Preferred Method of Payment

SCOPAY is our preferred method of payment for all transactions when making payments to the academy.

This system allows you to make payments for trips, events, music tuition and learning resources plus your child's school lunch account can also be topped up using this system. The system can be used on a desktop computer or you can download the App to use on your mobile phone or tablet meaning that you can access your account at any time.

If you have not already received a link code or require an additional link code(s) to enable another Parent/Carer to also set up a SCOPAY account and make payments for your child(ren), please send an email to JCAFinance@clf.uk

SCOPAY - Payments for School Lunches

Please remember to check if your child's School Lunch account requires topping up with funds to enable them to purchase food from the canteen.

If you would like to set up alerts so that you will know when their balance is getting low and requires topping up, please go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Canteen and Online Payments, where you will find the 'SCOPAY Parent Guide - Alerts' at the bottom of the page to help you.

Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: - https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/canteen-and-online-payments/

There are two further SCOPAY Parents Guides, one for Managing Your Account and another for Making Payments, that you may also find useful on this page.

Purchase of School Ties

The option to purchase a school tie for £6.00 via SCOPAY is available for every student and SCOPAY continues to be our preferred method of payment. If your child has lost their tie, you can purchase a replacement via your SCOPAY account, and it will be available for collection by your child the following morning.

Alternatively, for ties only, a cash payment can be accepted – please send your correct payment of £6.00 in an envelope with their full name, year group and tutor group detailed. Please ask your child to collect their tie from the Finance Office.







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The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

Purchase of Calculators

The option to purchase a calculator from the academy continues to be available to all students via SCOPAY.

If you wish to purchase a calculator for your child, there are two types available and currently in stock: -

- Casio ClassWiz FX991EX Scientific Calculator @ £19.50 each, or
- Casio FX83GT Scientific Calculator @ £8.50 each

When you have made your SCOPAY purchase, your child will be able to collect their calculator from the Finance Office. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

Purchase of Memory Cards for GCSE Photography

The option to purchase memory cards from the Academy continues to be available on SCOPAY for all GCSE Photography students.

There are currently two types in stock:-

- HAMA 16GB SDHC Card @ £5.50 each, or
- HAMA 4GB SDHC Card @ £4.00 each

When you have made your SCOPAY purchase, your child will be able to collect their memory card from the Finance Office. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Year 11 students will be invited to purchase a Leavers Hoodie this week to celebrate their time at John Cabot Academy. The hoodies cost £17.00 and come in four different colours with the option of either black or white embroidery and a range of six sizes.

All payments and orders will be accepted **via SCOPAY only by Friday 26 March 2021**. Please ensure that you indicate your child's hoodies colour, embroidery colour and size preferences when making your payment.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept any late payments as we would like to place the order before the Easter holidays so that we can supply the hoodies towards the end of April. If your child is unsure of the size, they should go to see Mrs Allen in the KS3 Office (SF1) to try on the sample hoodies.







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Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: - https://www.scopay.com/john-cabot-ac

Finance Queries

If you have any finance queries, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk

Face coverings need to cover your mouth and nose





