



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

By the time this week's newsletter goes 'live', the PFA Christmas Market will be in full swing! I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all members of the PFA for organising what promises to be a fantastic, and safe, Christmas extravaganza! They have worked so hard to ensure that the event can go ahead safely, as well as giving up much of their own time to contact local businesses for raffle prizes, set up for the market, organise stalls etc. It's been a pleasure (and a lot of fun) to have worked alongside this newly formed team and we look forward to taking part in the next fundraiser!



There are so many people we need to thank, starting with all of our parents, friends and school staff on behalf of the PFA who have donated unwanted items, whether that be books, toys or games, food or their time to making this event a success. It is very much appreciated and humbles us when celebrating and thinking about the true meaning of Christmas. We also wish to thank all of the local businesses who have very kindly donated raffle prizes – maybe you were one of the lucky ones! Thank you also to local poet Ben Boden and other external stallholders for attending as well as Santa, who flew in especially on his sleigh! We are also extremely grateful to Mr Wilson, who provided us with the beautiful Christmas tree (decorated by the children) that you can see from the playground which has formed a nice centrepiece for the market!



We will, of course, let you know the final amount that you have helped raise through supporting this event on next week's newsletter. We are working towards a target 'figure', which will help the school revamp and install new trim trails for the children – more on this in due course!

Thank you once again for coming and supporting the Market and we hope that everyone has a great weekend! As always, look after yourselves, each other and stay safe!

**Shobnall Community Centre Christmas Coffee Morning,  
Saturday 4 December 2021, 10.00am – 12.00pm**

All are welcome to join us in your community coffee morning where you can come and have a coffee/tea and a chat, buy beautiful freshly baked cakes, and swap/buy books. We also have a superb Christmas raffle, a grocery stall and a Christmas stall selling cards/paper/tags/decorations etc. And for the children there will be a Christmas craft activity table for you to be creative! It was wonderful to see some new faces at our last coffee morning as well as our regular



visitors. Please come and join us in your local community centre where a warm and Christmassy welcome awaits you!

### Information on New Measures in Response to the Identification of the Omicron Variant of COVID-19 in the UK



On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister [announced](#) new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK.

The new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the

spread of the variant while more information is gathered. This will continue to be kept under review as the situation develops.

As always, the government's priority is for schools to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.

Therefore, please could we encourage the use of face coverings when in and around the school premises and for all to ensure that anyone with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. **This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.** If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you should stay at home and self-isolate. If you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months [you are not required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19](#). In addition to these existing measure, any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. You will be contacted directly and told to isolate.

### PFA Christmas Movie Night – Thursday 9 December 2021, 3.30 – 5.15pm

Please don't forget to purchase your tickets for the PFA Christmas Movie Night on Thursday 9 December 2021 for children in Reception to Year 6. Each class has selected their own film to watch in their classroom. Tickets are on sale now at the beginning and end of the school day on the key stage 1 playground. They are priced at £2, or £3 if children wish to have a drink and popcorn with the film. Pick up will be from your child's usual gate at 5.15pm.



### Christmas Performances for Parents

We are still intending to hold 'live' performances for parents from next week, in line with government guidance. As long as audience members follow the procedures outlined below, we see no reason to cancel unless we receive any further information to the contrary.

Date	Time	Year Group(s)
Tuesday 7 December 2021	9.15am	Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 8 December 2021	9.15am	Nursery and Reception
Friday 10 December 2021	9.15am	Year 3
Monday 13 December 2021	9.15am <b>AND</b> 2pm	Year 1 and Year 2

Whilst there has been no charge for the tickets we will be having a retiring collection at the end of each performance in support of our designated charity for this season which is **St. Giles Hospice** – a charity close to all of our hearts. We also try to be as accommodating and as fair as we possibly can. As teachers and parents, we realise that parents do like to take photographs and videos of their child during performances as a personal memento. However, this can only be allowed if parents follow the strict guidelines which have been agreed by our school community, and we thank you for your co-operation with this:



- Photographs must not appear on the internet or social websites.
- Photographs/videos are used as a personal memento only and cannot be reproduced or shared elsewhere publicly.
- Parents wishing to take videos/photographs are asked to stand in a position which does not detract from the children's performances, and does not restrict the view of other audience members.

Please could we also ask you to:

- Wear a face covering.
- Use hand sanitiser before entering and leaving the hall.

In addition, we would also encourage you to:

- Complete a LFD test prior to attending on the day of the event.
- Not attend if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms or currently has tested positive for COVID.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes

The Year 5 children have had an absolutely wonderful time at Whitemoor Lakes this week! All children (and staff) were fully involved in climbing, archery, zip wires, problem solving plus other exciting challenges! The food on offer was incredible and the highlight had to be the Christmas dinner on Thursday evening. As always, the children have represented the school perfectly and the staff at the centre spoke incredibly fondly and highly of our wonderful children. Twitter has captured many memorable moments of this trip and of course these images are all replicated on the school website should you not use this social media app. Huge thanks to Mr Rowley, Mr Stevens, Mr Hussein and Mrs Riley for supporting this trip and supporting Mrs Knight. Have a restful weekend children, we are very proud of you!





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### **'My School Fund' Initiative**

We announced some time ago that Shobnall Primary & Nursery School has joined the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

#### **How does it work?**

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend, you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

#### **How to get involved**

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to Shobnall Primary & Nursery School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org).



### **Peveril Homes Christmas Card Competition**

We would like to congratulate Dexter J in Year 3, who has won the Peveril Homes Christmas Card Competition! We will be arranging a visit for him to visit the Peveril Homes Sales and Marketing Suite to collect his prize. He will also receive 50 copies of his winning design to give out to his friends and family. Well done, Dexter!

Congratulations also to Fatimah in Year 3 and Anthony in Year 2, two of the runners up, who will receive 10 of their own designs to distribute as they would like.

### **Wellbeing Award for Schools**

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School achieved the WAS Award (Wellbeing Award for Schools) in 2018! Since then, we have taken part in *Happy Healthy Children Week* with other schools in JTMAT. We also celebrated *NHS Week* last academic year and *Hello Yellow Day* this year to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing.

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School work with the Mental Health Support Team to help pupils who are suffering from mental health problems. This year, we have trained staff as ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants), who are in school to help pupils.



Our next WAS Award inspection will take place on Friday 4 February 2022. Please complete the Parent Evaluation Form by clicking on the link below to give your invaluable views about the work we do as a school to support wellbeing.



Evaluation submissions are valid between: 16/11/2021 - 09/01/2022. Your submission will not be accepted outside of these dates.

Click [here](https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/619382f398c66) or copy and paste the following <https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/619382f398c66> into your browser to access the survey. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Online Safety Tips

“Inappropriate” means different things to different people. What’s acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various way – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they’re exposed to age-inappropriate content.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as social media, gaming and adverts.



### School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which continues! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via [shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk](mailto:shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk) and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



### Hot Lunch Options – 6 December to 10 December 2021

Please note that due to food shortages and issues with deliveries, the kitchen may have to change the menu at the last minute. Mrs Inger will try her best to keep everyone updated. Many thanks for your understanding. Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

NUTRITIONIST APPROVED		WEEK 3 18th Oct, 15th Nov, 5th Dec				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAIN DISH	Beef burger in a soft bun	Chicken and vegetable pie	Roast Chicken and Yorkshire pudding	Chilli beef	Fish cake	
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn burger in a soft bun	Vegetarian Bolognese	Vegetarian toad in the hole	Cheese and vegetable frittata	Cheese and bean wraps	
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Herby diced potatoes Baked beans Garden peas Salad bar	Mashed potatoes fluffy rice Carrot batons Broccoli Salad Bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Potato wedges Cauliflower Garden peas Salad bar	Chips Sweetcorn Mushy peas Salad bar	
DESSERTS	Chocolate crunch	Jam sponge and custard	Orange muffin	Fruit meringues	Fruit and ice cream	
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	
JACKET POTATOES & SANDWICHES	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	

## Christingle!

Monday 6 December 2021 will be our annual Christingle Assembly day. If you would like to send your child with a Christingle orange (please see instructions below), please ensure that it arrives in school on Monday!

***Please note that due to allergies, instead of using nuts to decorate the cocktail sticks, may we please ask that parents use alternatives such as sweets and dried fruit.***

Many thanks for your support!

# Making a Christingle

## Equipment:

- Orange
- Four cocktail sticks
- Sweets
- Candle
- Red ribbon



## Instructions:

1. Tie your red ribbon in a bow around the centre of the orange.
2. Place some sweets on your cocktail sticks.
3. Insert your cocktail sticks evenly around the centre of your orange.
4. Place your candle in the hole that your teacher has made at the top of the orange.

# SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

## Nursery

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Nursery classroom! The Christmas tree and decorations are up and some 'surprise' projects are under way, ready to bring home at the end of term! The children were very excited about opening the first door on our class advent calendar, with the anticipation of whose name would be drawn out of the festive box, to open it! Although our budding actors and actresses have been practicing hard for next week's Nativity performances, we have still managed to practice our subtitising skills, and have listened to a story about Charlie Communication from our Commando Joe's work. We look forward to practicing this skill next week as part of our communication class challenge!

## Reception

We have certainly been getting into the Christmas spirit in Reception this week! The children have had great fun preparing presents and writing labels in the role area and have used their subitising skills to discuss and sort a variety of items. They have had fun sharing all about their decorations at home and we have been entrained all week with stories of Elf on the shelf...

'Alfie Elf was eating my brother's chocolates!' - Reggie

'My elf coloured minions on the bananas!' – Peta

'Rudie was riding on a unicorn and put chocolate spread all over the curtain and on a bit of toilet roll!' - Dahlia

'Charlie was jumping in marshmallows today!' - Charlotte

'He put snow on the table and wrote elf in it and put a sleigh in it!' - Isla

The children were also very excited to wear their festive jumpers and had a wonderful time putting decorations on our class Christmas tree. A wonderful start our Christmas celebrations!

## Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' in their writing. They have been learning how to use the conjunction 'and' to connect two ideas together. In our topic this week we have been looking at Religious Education. We have been focusing on the celebration of Christmas within Christianity. For this we have been focusing on gifts and giving. I hope you enjoy your tasty treats from the children! The children had a wonderful time making them! The Nativity draws closer and we have been practising the songs and actions within class.



## Year 2

Year 2 have really got into the festive spirit this week with two rehearsals of the Nativity! It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence develop...we think all the Year 2 children are destined for the stage! In the afternoons the children have enjoyed their Geography lessons learning about the local area, map reading, looking at aerial images and creating their own maps of the Shobnall area. In English, the children have started writing their own version of 'Room on the Broom', they have been so creative within their writing and have worked hard to include lots of expanded noun phrases, similes and alliteration to engage the reader.

## Year 3

What a busy week Year 3 have had! We have been practicing our Cosy Christmas Celebration and cannot wait to share it with our parents and carers. Miss Petridge is extremely impressed with how much time the children are putting into learning their lines and songs both in school and outside of school.

In Geography this week we have been using the atlases to locate hills and mountains in the UK. We have learnt all about the five different types of mountains and how they are formed. In our new Science topic 'Light', we have been exploring light sources and how light reflects on different surfaces. You have worked extremely hard this week, very well done Year 3.





#### Year 4

Year 4 have had a lovely week this week. In English, the children have been learning about the issues of homelessness through the story of Mr Stink, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed! The children have started their new topic in Science looking at animals including humans and have started investigating the effects of sugar on the teeth. We have also continued our Geography unit this week, where the children have been researching the similarities and differences between European and North American countries. Finally, in Forest School this week the children have been decorating Christmas trees and cooking food on a fire! A wonderful week Year 4!

#### Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed this week at Whitemoor Lakes and their teamwork has been excellent! The pupils have enjoyed the activities and the meals which were fantastic. It was so lovely to have a Christmas themed trip as it has allowed us all to get into the Christmas spirit.

Throughout the trip, the pupils were very organised with their belongings and the rooms were quite tidy. The pupils enjoyed taking part in the 'Who can keep their room the tidiest competition'

It has been an absolute pleasure to take them away because their behaviour, manners and respect for the environment was exceptional.

#### Year 6

Year 6 have been impressing with their determination this week as they have learnt how to divide and multiply fractions, remembering numerous steps in order to ensure accuracy. It has also been our assessment week, the pupils have demonstrated what they know to arithmetic and reasoning tests. In English, we have been writing our own information texts based on South America - the children had the opportunity to choose their own subheadings based on an element of their choice ranging from landmarks to culture. It was great to see the children using what they had learnt through this unit and applying it to their independent writing. We have also been working on our D&T unit, using a steady hand to carefully solder resistors onto a printed circuit board, as we begin to create our Christmas tree decorations including electricity.



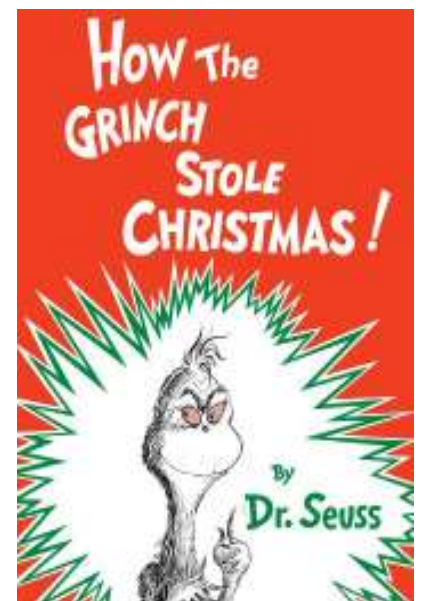
#### Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 6+...

#### How the Grinch Stole Christmas

*Written by Dr. Seuss*

No Christmas season is complete without the Grinch and all of the Whos in Whoville who help him find the true meaning of Christmas. With its whimsical images and hilarious rhymes, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* delivers a serious message about the commercialization of Christmas. With a heart "two sizes too small," the Grinch steals all of the Whos' gifts, decorations and food (even the Who Pudding and Roast Beast!) Those Whos, however, aren't phased, and Christmas goes on anyway. Their simple, yet still joyful celebration helps the green guy see the error of his Grinchy ways and realize that Christmas is really about the spirit of the season and being together. The classic Dr. Seuss story was originally published in 1957, and its message is more appropriate today than ever as we're too often overwhelmed with gift lists and menus and decorations. This book is a great way to remind readers young and old that Christmas means a whole lot more.





## Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Esme E	Yahya K
<b>Year 1</b>	Meerab N	Kristen T
<b>Year 2</b>	Zaef R	Jonah Y-M
<b>Year 3</b>	Dexter J	Alfie P
<b>Year 4</b>	Oscar T	Darcey G
<b>Year 5</b>	ALL!	
<b>Year 6</b>	Adam Ch	Aseed H

## Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Evie J
<b>Year 1</b>	Aliz K
<b>Year 2</b>	Reece A
<b>Year 3</b>	Lily J
<b>Year 4</b>	Jess M
<b>Year 5</b>	Josh M
<b>Year 6</b>	Alys J

## Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points ( <i>Week Ending 03.12.21</i> )	217	149	153	193
Position	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 Points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 Point	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 Points	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 Points
Running Total	45	17	30	28

## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Christingle	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am
PFA Christmas Movie Night	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 3.30pm
Year 3 Cosy Celebration	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am
KS1 Nativity	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Lichfield Garrick, Peter Pan	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021, 1.30pm
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an individual conversation about online safety with their children, should they need it to succeed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationonline.com](http://www.nationonline.com) for further guidance, facts and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unavailable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.



**WHERE IS IT FOUND?**

**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is regularly best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

**GAMING**  
Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks everything to children when they are using. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

**STREAMING**  
The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

**ADVERTS**  
Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are sensitive to your search history; so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screens could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

## 18 Advice for Parents & Carers

**TALK IT THROUGH**  
Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Reassure your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

**CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT**  
If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

**BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL**  
After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

**GET SPECIALIST HELP**  
Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

**STAY CALM**  
Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Caitley Apperown is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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