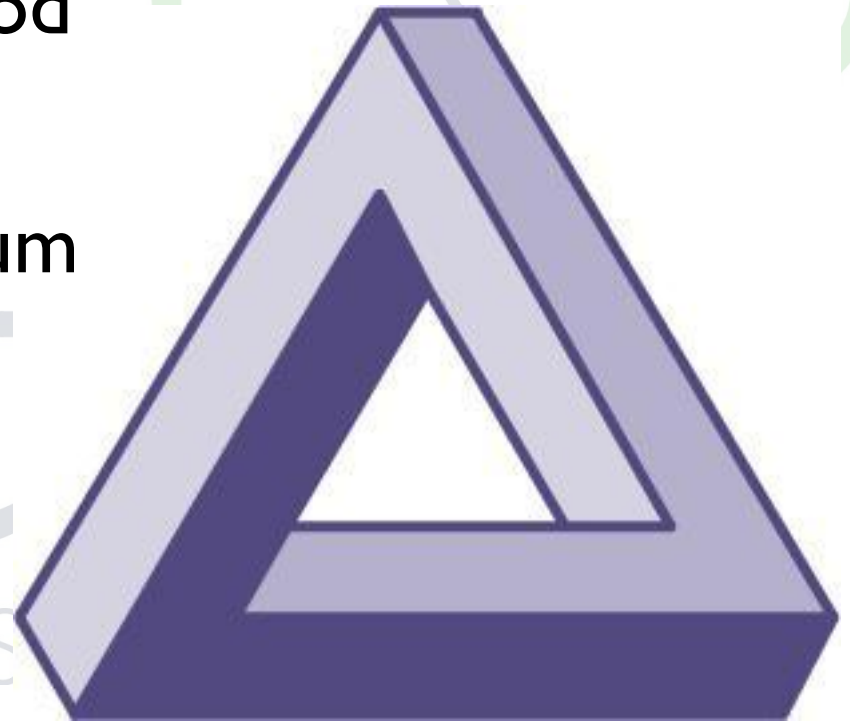


WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

- Your child's happiness
- Preparation for adulthood
- Communication
- Supporting the curriculum
- Homework
- Safety
- Attendance



THE JOURNEY

Baby

Terrible twos

Primary years

Teenager

Young adult



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VISUALISE THE OUTCOME



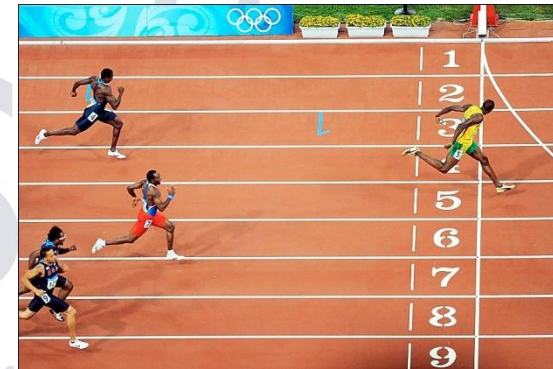
First day at school



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Success




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HOW DO PARENTS GET INVOLVED?

- Encourage talk about school
- Being asked
- Being listened to
- Consider the risks that children will be exploring, particularly with their friends and the internet



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Moving to Secondary School is a big step. It should be fun and exciting. Sometimes it's a little scary. There is always someone at school to help and support the whole family to make this transition an easier one.

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School

- **Talk over your fears**
- **Relax**
- **Enjoy yourself**
- **Encourage participation in clubs/activities – builds confidence**

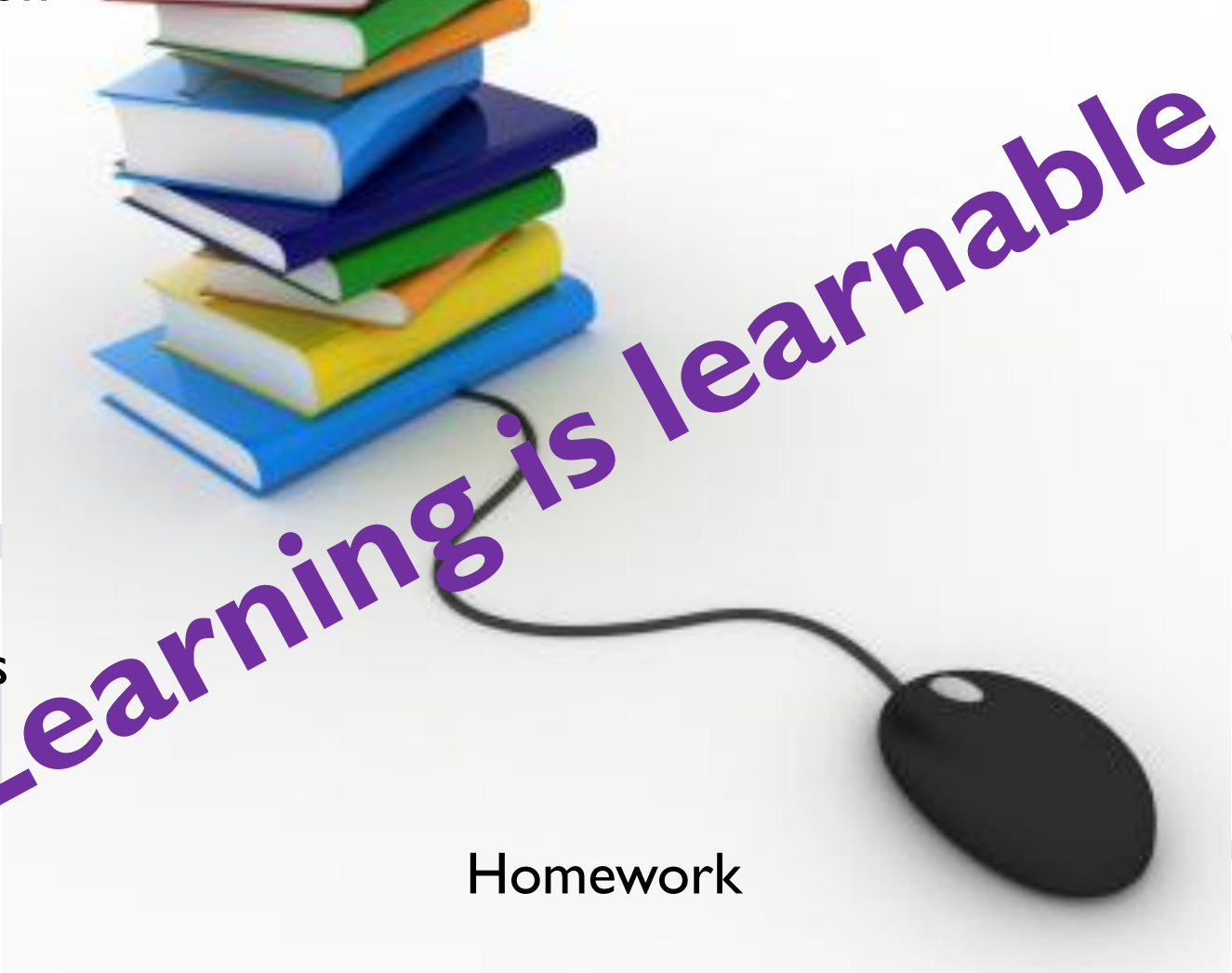
TIPS FOR MAKING FRIENDS



- Smile, be pleasant and say hi to people.
- Make the first move. Join in School and lunch time activities. Find out about School clubs.
- Learn to be a good listener. Look at people while they are talking and concentrate on what they are saying.
- Ask lots of questions. A good way to let other people know you are interested in them is to ask about what they like and what they think.

Organisation

Revising



Learning is learnable

Routines

Homework

Meet Your Tutor – opportunities in September/October



YOUR CHILD

- Knowledge
- Working in collaboration



Moving up to Secondary School

- Possessions – keep your money, keys and other valuables in a safe place.
- Practical Tips:

Get a big school bag that is comfortable to carry. Pack your school bag before going to bed the night before.

Check your timetable for the next day. Make sure you have exercise books, gym kit, equipment and textbooks for all your subjects.

Do not carry too much money or too many pens, pencils and stationery – just what you need. Otherwise you have more to lose, misplace or have stolen.



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Student Check List:

- Bag
- Folder containing all subject books
- Pencil case with all correct equipment
- Correct uniform/coat and shoes
Just a reminder to get those uniform orders in...
- Correct PE kit – relative to term/activity
- Parent and school support (confidence, self esteem, praise and help through this challenging transition in a student's life!)

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Extra info on shoes



Teachers and Classes

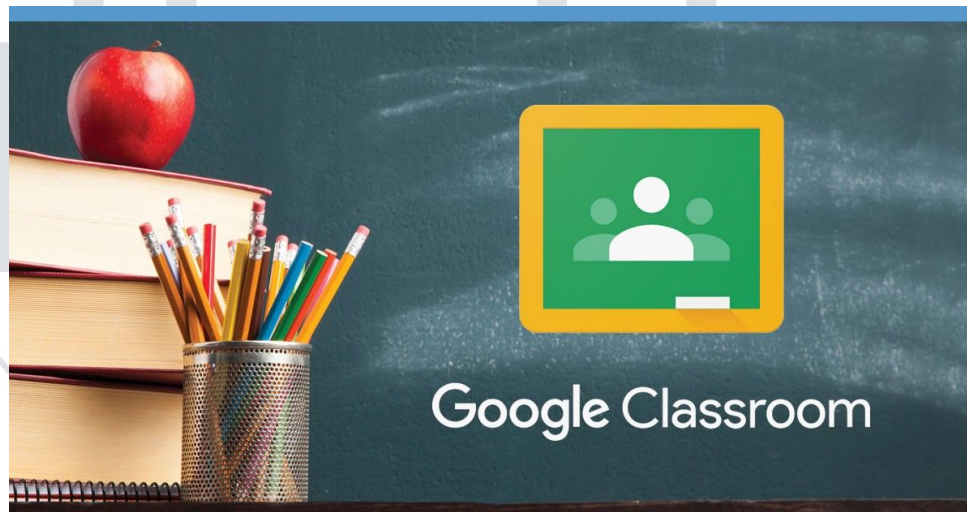
- You may have ten or more teachers and ten or more different subjects and classrooms. It may be slightly confusing at first, but you will soon get the hang of it. You will have a tutor and a Head of House.
- Make a list of subject, teachers' names and subject rooms, and keep somewhere where you can check easily.

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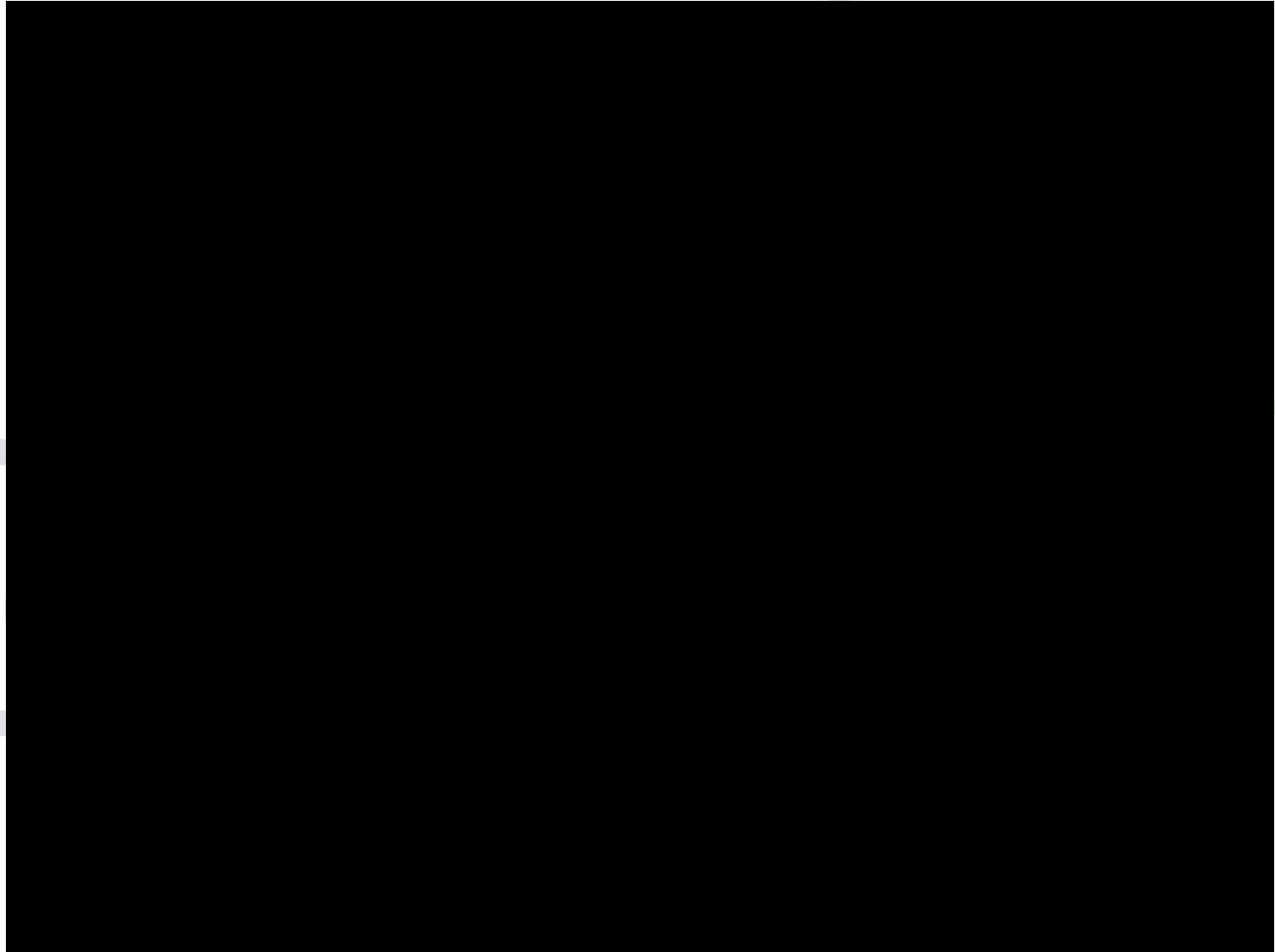
Homework

- All homework is set on Google Classroom. A calendar or 'to do' list is accessible through the Google Classroom app or desktop site
- Do homework the same day it is assigned
- It is better to hand in something than nothing at all.
- If you have a long-term project, try to do some work on it every day. Set yourself a schedule and stick to it.
- If you forget or are unable to do your homework, tell the teacher before the lesson if possible.
- Use homework club!
- Pace yourself. Keep your mind fresh, have regular breaks and don't rush to do it all in one go.



Online Student Handbook

<https://sites.google.com/gillotts.org.uk/gillottsschoolplanner/home>



'Not by Ourselves Alone'



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- Harnessing the power of mobile learning and cloud-based technology in order to improve student engagement and outcomes
- Filtered access to the internet
- This must be a device with a larger screen (laptop, tablet or Chromebook) and not a mobile phone.
- Screen size must be at least 7 inches or larger, and ideally at least 10 inches
- The use of your mobile device in lessons is subject to the 'traffic light' system which is run by the class teacher

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CYBER BULLYING

TIKTOK **AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 30 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dancing, lip-syncing and celebrity content, but can be a creative fun platform for teens to enjoy. Beware! While it's fun, it's important to be aware of the risks of using the app.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
While TikTok is a "family-friendly" app, it does have a lot of content that is not suitable for children. The app is a source of age-inappropriate content, including explicit lyrics, sexual content, and drug use. It's important to be aware of the risks of using the app.
- IN-APP SPENDING**
TikTok is free, but users have the option to spend money on the app. This can be a risk for children, as they may be tempted to spend money on virtual gifts and other in-app purchases.
- ADDICTIVE NATURE**
TikTok is known for its addictive nature. The app is designed to keep users engaged for as long as possible. This can be a risk for children, as they may become addicted to the app and spend too much time on it.
- DANGEROUS CHALLENGES**
TikTok has been the source of several dangerous challenges, including the "Ice Bucket Challenge" and the "Mannequin Challenge". These challenges can be risky for children, as they may be encouraged to perform dangerous stunts or activities.
- CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**
TikTok allows users to interact with strangers, which can be a risk for children. They may be contacted by strangers who are trying to scam them or engage in inappropriate behavior.

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INSTAGRAM **AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

Instagram is one of the most popular social media platforms in the world, with over 1 billion active users. It's a place where users can share photos and videos, connect with friends, and explore new content. However, it's important to be aware of the risks of using the app.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ADDICTION**
Many social media platforms are designed to be addictive. Instagram is no exception. The app is designed to keep users engaged for as long as possible. This can be a risk for children, as they may become addicted to the app and spend too much time on it.
- GOING LIVE**
Instagram allows users to go "live" on the app. This means they can broadcast their location and what they're doing in real-time. This can be a risk for children, as they may be exposed to inappropriate content or strangers.
- INFLUENCER CULTURE**
Instagram has created a culture of influencers. These are people who have a large following on the app and are often paid to promote products or services. This can be a risk for children, as they may be influenced by unrealistic expectations and unrealistic ideals.
- UNREALISTIC IDEALS**
Instagram often shows a curated version of people's lives. This can lead to unrealistic expectations and unrealistic ideals. Children may feel that they are not good enough or that they are missing out on something.
- EXCLUSION AND OSTRACISM**
Instagram can be a place where children feel excluded or ostracized. They may be left out of conversations or feel that they are not part of a group.
- PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**
Instagram allows users to create public accounts. This means that anyone can see their posts and interact with them. This can be a risk for children, as they may be exposed to inappropriate content or strangers.

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SNAPCHAT **AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **SNAPCHAT**

Snapchat is a popular social media app that allows users to share photos and videos with friends. It's known for its "disappearing" content, which is only visible for a short time. However, it's important to be aware of the risks of using the app.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS**
Snapchat allows users to connect with strangers, which can be a risk for children. They may be contacted by strangers who are trying to scam them or engage in inappropriate behavior.
- SEXING**
Snapchat has been the source of several "sexting" incidents. This is when children send or receive explicit photos or videos. This can be a risk for children, as they may be exposed to inappropriate content or strangers.

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WHATSAPP **AGE RESTRICTION 16+**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **WHATSAPP**

WhatsApp is a popular messaging app that allows users to send text messages, photos, videos, and documents. It's known for its end-to-end encryption, which means that messages are only readable by the sender and the recipient. However, it's important to be aware of the risks of using the app.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING**
WhatsApp can be a place where children experience cyberbullying. They may be harassed, threatened, or exposed to inappropriate content.
- SCAMS**
WhatsApp has been the source of several scams. These include phishing attempts, where scammers try to steal users' personal information, and "catfishing", where scammers create fake profiles to trick users.

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“All children should be able to grow up in a world free from bullying and abuse and all adults should keep children safe and help them to reach their full potential.” KIDSCAPE



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5 Tips for Teens:

Protect your online reputation: use the tools provided by online services to manage your digital footprints and 'think before you post.' Content posted online can last forever and could be shared publicly by anyone.

Know where to find help: understand how to report to service providers and use blocking and deleting tools. If something happens that upsets you online, it's never too late to tell someone.

Don't give in to pressure: if you lose your inhibitions you've lost control; once you've pressed send you can't take it back.

Respect the law: use reliable services and know how to legally access the music, film and TV you want.

Acknowledge your sources: use trustworthy content and remember to give credit when using other people's work/ideas.

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Useful websites:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.iwf.org.uk

www.ceop.police.uk

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- ◆ Please **help** us and **your child** by ensuring their attendance remains above **96%**, allowing them to **achieve** their potential.

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Parents' Association

We'd love you to join us for a fun, relaxed evening on the lawn of the Mansion Block on Friday 23rd June, 5.30pm-8.30pm, to meet with other new parents and students.

Bring a picnic rug or camping chair, the kids, a few friends. There will be a bar serving Loddon Brewery beer & Summer Punch, a BBQ (serving from 6-8pm), cakes, music, a raffle & the inflatable obstacle course for the kids (and adults at the end!). Take advantage of the beautiful weather (fingers crossed) and our stunning playing fields and bring along a football or a frisbee.

£5 for an adult & child ticket, additional adults £4, additional kids £2 and children under 5 are free.

Children over 5 have unlimited access to the inflatable course included in their ticket.

IMPORTANT:

All children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Parents' Association

- We look forward to welcoming all new parents to the PA and we are planning to run a welcome event for parents in September along the lines of a coffee morning.
- We need officers!
Vice Chair, Vice Secretary, Vice Treasurer
– one year apprenticeship, one year in role

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