



# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 26th January

## School Pick-Up

When collecting your children from school, please ensure that you supervise them at all times. Please do not allow them to run off around the playground and do not leave them unattended.

This is for their own safety and for the safety of others.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Friday 23rd February

Please be aware that on **Friday 23rd February**, there will be no afternoon clubs and school will be closing at 1:10pm - this is due to staff training.

We will continue to remind you up until this date so you have time to make alternative arrangements if your child would normally attend a club on a Friday.

Thank you for your support.



## Squaring Up Training Specialist Early Intervention

Our children having technology, such as mobile phones and Gaming Consoles, iPads and tablets, can open up a whole new world to them - but also opens up a whole new opportunity to be taken advantage of. SqUp has a module specifically designed to support children - and likewise - parents - in what to look out for and how young people can be coerced without their knowledge.

We know that for most children, the internet is an integral part of life and has many benefits - but we also know the risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices and the impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing.

As parents and carers, can we support our children in critically considering their online friendships and sources of information including the awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met?

Do you know how to keep your children safe online?

Our online Safety Session covers:  
Gaming Consoles  
Mobiles Phones incl Sending Nudes  
Social Media  
Online Pressure and Grooming  
Cyberbullying

The session gives you the knowledge and information of what children are exposed to in today's society and an opportunity to share and discuss how to keep our children safe in the ever evolving online technology world.



## Parent/Carer Workshop Online Safety for Children

Tuesday 27th February  
8:45-9:45am

We have been given the opportunity to hold a parent/carers workshop to support families with keeping children safe online at home.

If you would like to attend, please sign up for a place using the online booking system

<https://beechhill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

This will be run by a company called Squaring Up who have provided details about the workshop.

We hope you can make it!



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## Attendance Update

Whilst I am aware that there has been a sickness bug, many of the absences have been as a result of temperature and a cough. Whilst I appreciate that children will be absent from school due to illness, I would like to remind you that minor symptoms are not a justified reason for being absent from school. If your child can manage with some pain relief then please do bring them into school. Doing this will build your child's resilience and strengthen their immune system. If during the school day it is felt that your child is not well enough to learn then we will not hesitate to contact you.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind our year 6 parents that your child will be taking their SATs tests a few months from now. It is extremely important that your child arrives at school both promptly and daily to make the very most of their learning.

Please help and support your child with their learning by ensuring they are in school every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Farhat Hussain  
Attendance Officer

	Poor attendance, I am very concerned.
	Below expectations, I am worried.
	Best chance of success, well done.

Group	% Attend
USA3	86.0
USA4	91.1
USA5	88.3
Wales	90.7
Northern Ireland	98.5
Switzerland	98.3
Nigeria	93.1
Canada	98.2
Jordan	83.4
Mexico	96.6
Morocco	97.9
South Africa	86.5
Australia	96.7
Denmark	93.1
Singapore	94.7
France	93.5
Tanzania	96.1
Egypt	97.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>93.5</b>

## Year 1 Toy Workshop

This week the children in year 1 experienced what it was like to be a child in the Victorian Era through an amazing toy workshop.

The children had the chance to dress up as a Victorian child and play with a variety of toys that were around back then.

It was lovely to see the children so engaged and using their imagination with some of the toys!



## House Points

The following children have received their silver award for achieving 100 house points:

Zarina A  
Mridini Sree G  
Naomie K  
Ibrahim R  
Alia A  
Leonardo S  
Hasanain S

Maryam A  
Mehak A  
Haniya A  
Habiba B  
Arooj A  
Maleeha W  
Charlie S

The following children have received their gold award for achieving 200 house points:

Eesa H  
Adwaith C



## TT Rockstars Most Improved Accuracy

Year 2 - Amelia Ariana N (Canada)

Year 3 - Aliha Asim (Morocco)

Year 4 - Eshaal F (Australia)

Year 5 - Almir H (France)

Year 6 - Ishaq W (Egypt)



**Class with the highest % of active players**  
South Africa

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Do not judge me by success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

## Orchestra

Our school orchestra took part in a performance led by Daniel Bath (Music for the Many) last Thursday in The Crossley Gallery at Dean Clough for the Halifax Launch of CultureDale - Calderdale's year of culture and youth-music takeover.

The children did an amazing job - for many it was their first public performance outside school! Their hard work and practice paid off and they all followed the conductor carefully so that they knew when to play.

We are very proud of them! Thank you to Mrs Haigh for supporting the orchestra and to Music for the Many for providing this opportunity.



## Nursery Police Visit

Last week Nursery enjoyed a visit from the police.

The police officers talked to the children about keeping safe by wearing seatbelts in a car and holding an adult's hand when crossing the road. The children were then invited to try on the police uniforms which was lots of fun.

Finally, the children had the opportunity to sit in a real police van including listening to the sound of the siren - it was very loud!



## Dinner Menu w/c Monday 29th January

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Battered Chicken Steaks 1, 3, 4, 5, 10 Fish Fingers 2, 5	Homemade Keema Curry 3 Rice	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10 or Shredded Chicken 5	Homemade Chicken Pie 5, 10, 12 or Roast Chicken Dinner	Pizza 5, 10
	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Vegetable Pasta Bake 5, 10	Vegan Pizza Rolls 5, 8	Vegan Strips 1, 4, 5	Homemade Kidney Bean Curry 3 Rice
Vegetables	Criss-Cuts 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Wedges Broccoli Peas	Herbies 5 Sweetcorn Mixed Veg	Potato Puffs Peas Carrots	Chips Beans Broccoli
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Choc-Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Cheesecake 4, 5, 10	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Angel Delight 10	Cornflake Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email [kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto:kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk)

# National Online Safety - Weekly Information

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 of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION  
13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### FLIMSAY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

#### POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users "vote" on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

#### IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

#### DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL, to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being "catfished" until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

#### EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

#### RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

#### SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or "fence" and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

### Meet Our Expert

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