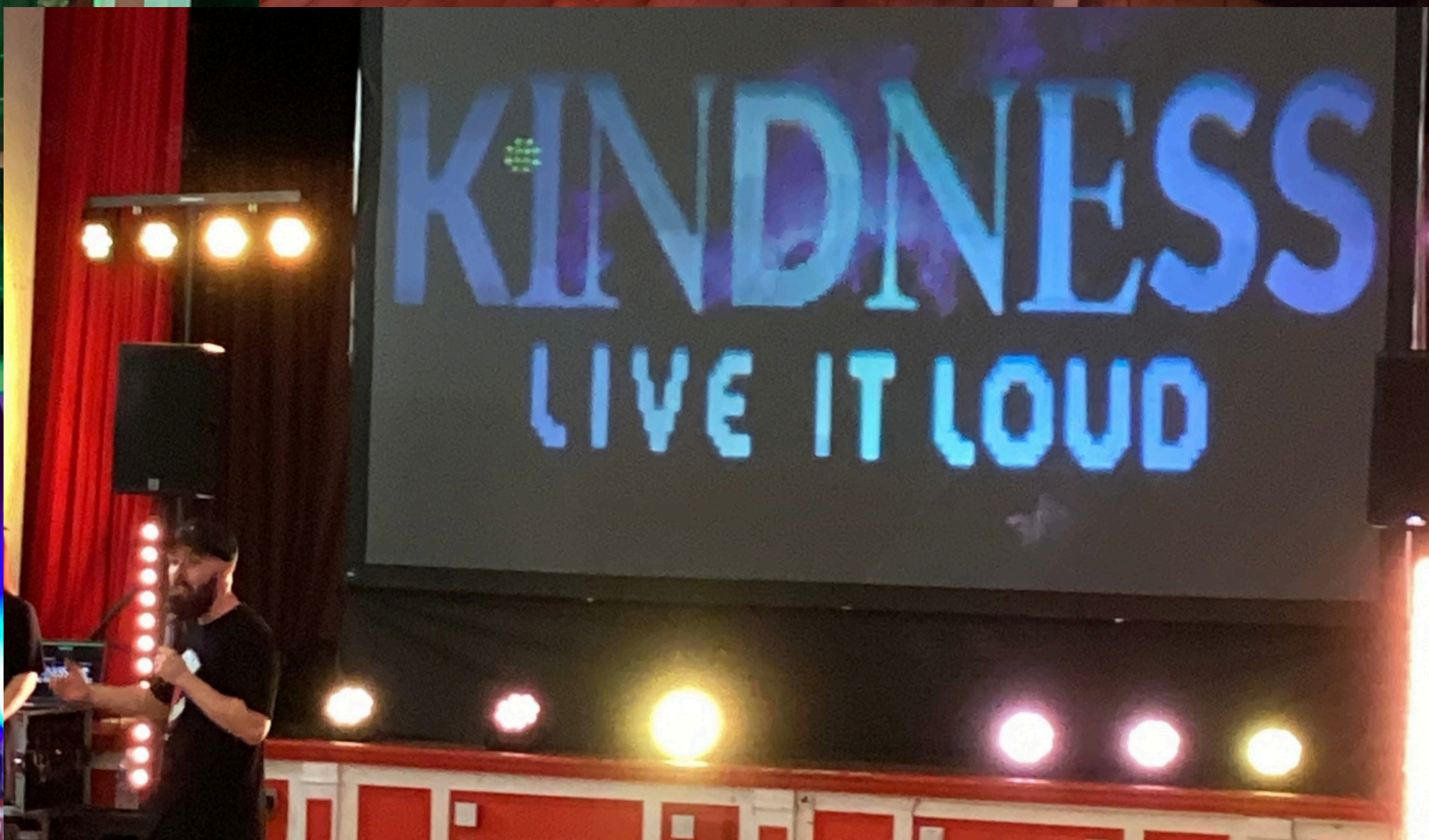
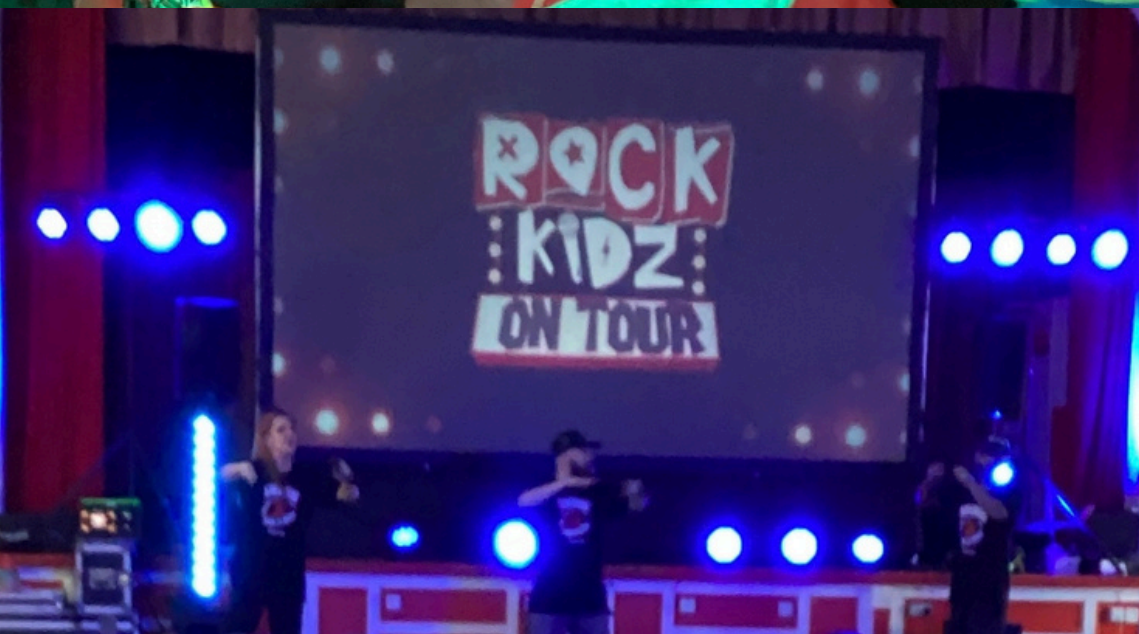


🎸 🤘 We've had a ROCKING day! 🤘 🎸

The children have had a fantastic, fun-filled day with Rock Kidz, singing, dancing and learning that kindness rocks! ❤️

With positive affirmations and lots of encouragement for one another, it was a day full of great energy, big smiles and positive vibes! ⭐
Keep rocking and keep being kind! 🎵❤️



HARVEST

It is the time of year again when we are thankful for the food that we have. Unfortunately not everyone is as lucky so, in supporting our school value of kindness, we will continue this year with our annual harvest collection.

We do try and keep this local so that your amazing donations support local people who may be struggling. If you know anyone who would appreciate a harvest box then please let us know.

Our harvest assembly will take place on Wednesday, 14th October and we would welcome any donations w/c 12th October.

Our school donation will go to Darwen Food Larder. Items that are required are: tins, toiletries, sanitary wear, nappies, dried goods (like pasta, rice, toothbrushes etc. Any donation you can make would be much appreciated. Thank you.

OPEN EVENTS FOR 2027

Avondale
Primary School

Learning Smiling & Remembering

We are delighted to invite prospective parents and carers to our Reception 2027 Open Events at Avondale Primary School.

Come and meet our experienced, friendly staff, explore our learning environments, discover our Reception curriculum and find out what makes Avondale such a special place to learn, grow and thrive.

We look forward to welcoming you!

TOURS

- Wednesday 14th October at 6:30pm
- Thursday 15th October at 9:30am or 11am

Come and have a look around our super school. Tours led by senior staff; our daytime tours will be supported by our older pupils and you will get the opportunity to see school in action.

CONTACT US

- 01254 703449
- office@avondale.blackburn.sch.uk



CHICK UPDATE

This week Year 2 have been patiently waiting for eggs to hatch in the incubator in their classroom - on Thursday morning we came into 8 newly hatched chicks!

Meet Buttercup, Custard, Daffodil, Honey, Cheddar, Waffle, Noodle and Saffron!



Christmas Design Project

After great success last year, we have decided to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school. Your child has created his/her own Christmas/Winter design which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas cards, gift labels, wrapping paper, mugs or playing cards! Orders and payments must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form which has been sent home tonight. Please refer to your order form for further instructions. Any questions, contact the office or Miss Lysons.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to class teachers Friday 2nd October – **NO LATER** as it gets sent off!

Orders will be delivered back to school in December.



We're doing a Christmas fundraising project!

Help us to raise funds!



- Cards
- Mugs
- Playing Cards
- Spiral Books
- Gift Labels
- Wrapping Paper



**ARTWORK MUST BE
RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:**

2nd October

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A huge well
done to this
weeks...



Stars of the Week



Class 1F

Roman

Class 1N

Thea

Class 2L

Harry

Class 2W

Emma

Class 3B

Alkain

Class 3L

Majola

Class 4F

Abijah

Class 4W

Aisla

Class 5M

Jemima

Class 5S

Dorathy

Class 6C

Olivia

Class 6J

Noah

Breakfast and After-school Club

Booking is Open!



Book your sessions by logging onto your **Teacher2Parent app** (School Money).



Booking closes
Friday 23rd October
≥ at 6:00pm. ≤



Places are limited,
so please book early to
avoid missing out!



Breakfast Club • After School Club

BOOK NOW

PARENTS EVENING

Autumn 2026

DATE: 22nd OCTOBER 2026

Please note that bookings for
Parents Evening opens on
Monday, 28th September at 12pm.
Parents will receive an email
inviting them to book.

Please note that if you require a SEND appointment with
Mrs Stowe, please contact the Office.

AVONDALE FOOD MENU

MONDAY

A Chicken Fajitas
B Veg Burger
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

TUESDAY

A Fish Finger Butty
B Cheese & Tomato Pizza
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

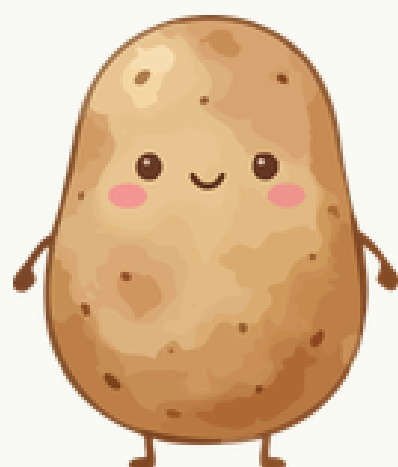
WEDNESDAY

A Roast Chicken
B Veg Sausage
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

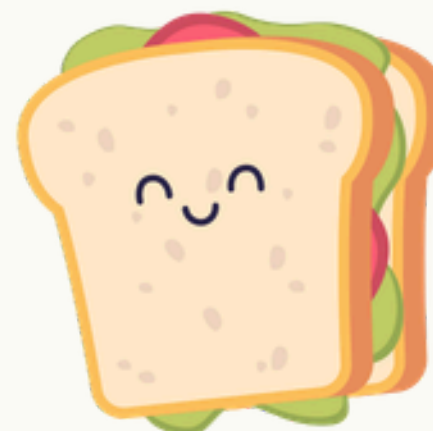
THURSDAY

A Sausage Roll
B. Sweet & Sour Noodles
C High Five
D Jacket Potato

FRIDAY



A Beef Chilli
B Veg Chilli
C High Five
D Jacket Potato



September 2026



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Merehall Street

Bolton

BL1 2QT

Tel: 01204 333533

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Dear Parent/Carer

Music lessons at Avondale Primary School

I am pleased to let you know that **Guitar, Keyboard, Violin and Drum Kit lessons** are now available to book for your child ready for this year.

How does my child sign-up for instrumental lessons at school?

Bolton Music Service's '**Music Service Direct**' scheme teaches the specialised skills which children need to develop their musical potential. When you sign up for instrumental lessons through Music Service Direct, your child will receive:

- A weekly 20 minute lesson in school on their own or shared with a maximum of two other pupils.
- The chance to become a member of our Music Centre - where your child can join bands, choirs and orchestras each week according to their instrument and standard. There are many groups and ensembles, catering for different ability levels, at both Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen Music Centres. When your son/daughter is ready, their teacher will recommend joining a group. Playing in an ensemble with others is both musically rewarding and great fun!
- An opportunity to be entered for Trinity music examinations (Grades 1-8).
- For Parents/Carers, the opportunity to combine payments into one monthly Direct Debit over 9 months.

Continued overleaf...

How to Register

To reserve your child’s place on the ‘Music Service Direct’ programme, please go to www.boltonmusicservice.com and visit the ‘Parents and Pupils’ page. Please contact our office on 01204 333533 if you have any questions about the scheme.

Music Service Direct (MSD) Charges 2025/2026

	Without Instrument Hire (Monthly cost over 9 Months)	With Instrument Hire (Monthly cost over 9 Months)
■ Weekly shared lesson in school, 2 or 3 pupils (20 mins)	£27.00	£36.00
■ Weekly individual lesson in school (20 mins)	£54.00	£63.00

As a member of Bolton Music Service, your child will be encouraged to:

- ➡ practise their instrument regularly
- ➡ take part in ensembles and concerts
- ➡ take music exams when they have reached the required level
- ➡ be part of a wide network of young musicians in the Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen areas

There are many benefits; social and academic, gained by learning to play an instrument and it is a skill which will then stay with your child for life.

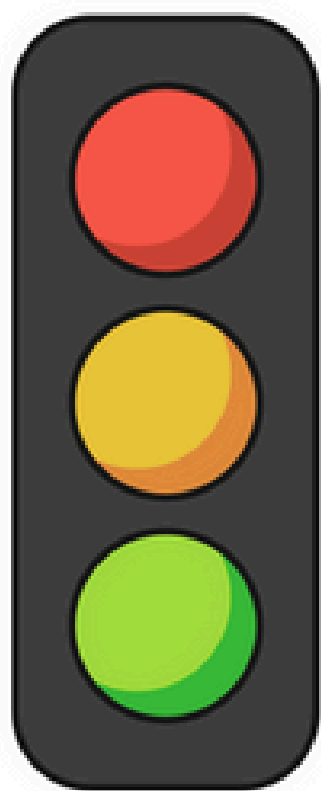
If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

With many thanks,

Daniel Chandler
Assistant Head of Service
Daniel.Chandler@Bolton.gov.uk

Attendance

Good school attendance is vital to enable all children to achieve their full potential, develop socially, forge good friendships and have a sense of belonging within their school community. Our school attendance target is 97%. Thank you to all those families who are working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.



89% & Below Drastic effect on academic achievement
95% - 90% Cause for concern
100% - 96% Excellent

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons

2L	6J	3B
99.3%	99.3%	99.2%



Well done to 2L & 6J who had the best attendance this week.



MEET THE GOVERNORS

Iain Schofield Chair of Governors



I have been a Governor at Avondale since 2016 when my youngest had just started her Avondale Adventure. Since then, I have chaired a number of committees and have served as Chair of Governors since 2019. I thoroughly enjoy supporting the school and find the role both rewarding and fulfilling.

I have a wife, who works in children's mental health and two daughters and we now live in Blackburn, although I was born and raised in Darwen.

As Chair, my key priority is to support and challenge the school to provide a safe, secure and nurturing environment in which all children can thrive. We want every child to achieve their full potential, both academically and through the many wider opportunities available to them. Above all, we want children to leave Avondale with the confidence, resilience and skills they need to flourish as they move on to high school.

Another important priority is supporting the staff at Avondale. They do an exceptional job in helping our children learn, grow and succeed, often going above and beyond to create a memorable and enriching educational experience. I therefore have a strong commitment to ensuring that we look after our staff and support their wellbeing. We want them to enjoy their roles, find their work rewarding and maintain a healthy balance between their professional and personal lives.

Iain

IMPORTANT

New Free School Meals Rules from September 2026

Has your family's income changed? You might now qualify!

NEW: From September 2026, if your household receives Universal Credit, your child may be eligible for free school meals - regardless of your income level.

You **MUST** apply - it won't happen automatically

Even if you've been told before that you don't qualify, please apply now if you receive Universal Credit.

Why apply?

- ✓ Free meals for your child
- ✓ Extra funding for our school to support your child
- ✓ Quick and easy online application

How to apply:

Visit www.gov.uk and search for "free school meals"

Or contact the school office for help



Questions? We're here to help - just ask!





KEY DATES



- 30th Sept** - EYFS Parental Drop In Session
- 2nd Oct** - Return Cauliflower Christmas Cards
- 7th Oct** - Class 2L Assembly
- 7th Oct** - EYFS Parental Drop In Session
- 8th Oct** - Individual & Sibling Photos
- 8th Oct** - Class 6C Assembly
- 14th Oct** - Harvest Festival
- 14th Oct** - EYFS Parental Drop In Session
- 14th Oct** - EYFS New Intake Open Evening @ 6:30pm
- 15th Oct** - EYFS New Intake Open Morning @ 9:30am
- 15th Oct** - EYFS New Intake Open Morning @ 11:00am
- 20th Oct** - Year 4 Trip: Blackpool Zoo
- 22nd Oct** - Parents Evening
- 23rd Oct** - School Closes for Half Term break (3:15pm)
- 2nd Nov** - School reopens for Autumn Term 2

**Please ensure you
check this page
regularly as dates may
change or be added.**

Internet Matters six tips for keeping children safe while online gaming

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matters.org

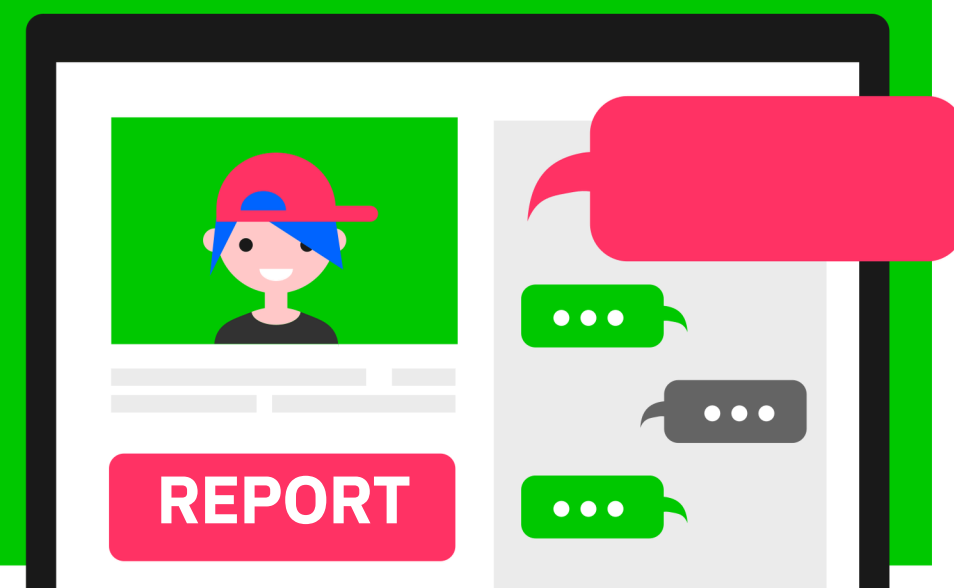


Take an active interest in the games your children are playing to get to grips with how they work and why they enjoy playing them

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Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and talk about what kind of language is being used. Make sure your child knows how to do report abusive or anti-social behaviour

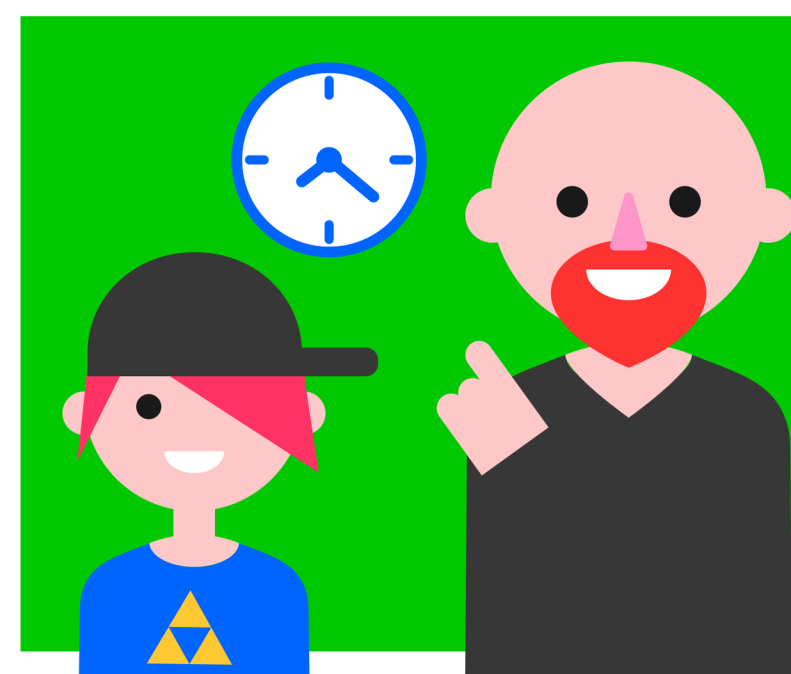


For younger children, use 'airplane' mode settings on your tablet or smartphone. That way, they can play offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know

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Use PEGI ratings and App store ratings to ensure your children are playing age appropriate games. **Help children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't**

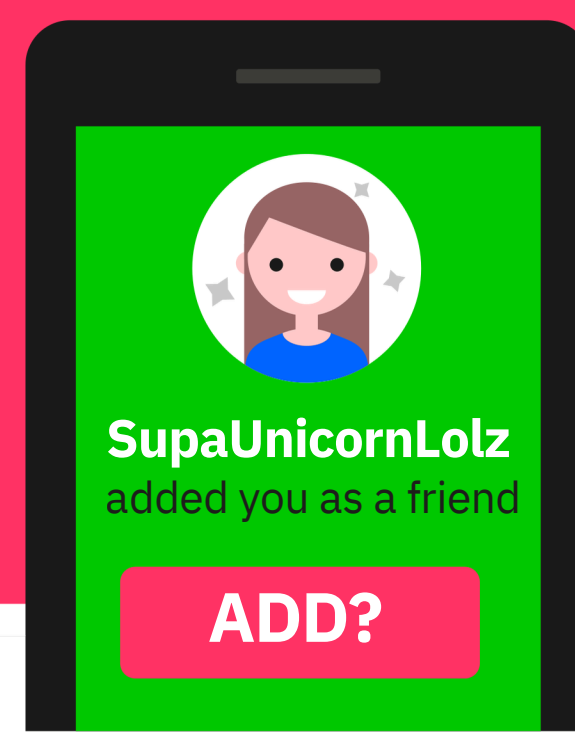


Gaming can be very addictive, so **agree boundaries and how long they're allowed to play** for and with whom they are allowed to play online with. Remind them that people may hide behind fake profiles and not be who they say they are

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Teach your children to protect themselves by thinking critically – remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks





Sunrise Walk

Step up and take the challenge. Men's walk for mental health.

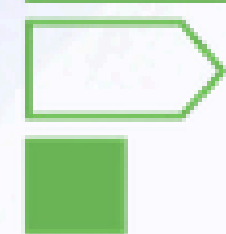
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