



## LONGSANDS LINK – 17th September 2021

### Mrs McKeown's Message

Welcome back Year 6 from your visit to Hothersall Lodge! I hope you have a good rest this weekend ready for next week. I am sure you all had a good time, thank you to the staff who took you away. Please keep checking the diary entries on the Link and on Seesaw so you are aware of what is happening in school. Have a lovely weekend and make the best of the last few rays of sunshine we may be lucky to get.

#### DATA COLLECTION SHEETS (Year 1 to Year 6)

If you have still not returned your child's data collection sheet, please send this back to school as soon as possible

#### DOGS

Please could we remind parents, and anyone dropping off or collecting your child from school **not** to bring dogs onto school grounds. Thank you

#### IMPORTANT

Please continue to regularly test as a family at home and if you, or a family member are unwell with symptoms please book a PCR test either online or by calling 119. If you do receive a positive Covid result please notify Mrs McKeown as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.  
**head@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk**

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS CLICK HERE TO APPLY

If you think that you may be entitled to receive the benefit for Free School Meals please apply online by clicking the above link, by telephoning **01772 532109** (Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm) or by emailing the Local Education Office at

**FSM.South@lancashire.gov.uk**

This is not the same as receiving Universal Free School meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and even if your child would still like to bring a packed lunch each day, by having the free school meal eligibility, school will receive extra funding from Pupil Premium.

#### BMA MUSIC

Forms were sent home this week from BMA Music. If you are interested in their music tuition please complete and return your form to school.

#### YEAR 6 SWIMMING

The children in Year 6 will be swimming each day for the next two weeks, beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The children should come to school with their swimming costume/shorts underneath their uniform to speed up the time getting into the pool. Don't forget to pack underwear into your bag for afterwards.

#### NUTS

Don't forget that we are a nut free school as there are children within school with nut allergies. Please do not send nuts or nut-based products into school for break time snacks or within packed lunches.

#### SPANISH CLUB

There are currently spaces available in the Spanish club after school on Monday's. If you would be interested in joining please contact Alison Powell for more details and prices. **alisonmp24@hotmail.co.uk**

#### ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2022

If you have a child who has their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, you must now apply for their place in Primary School. You still need to make an application even if they have a brother or sister at your chosen school. Applications should be made online to Lancashire County Council at

#### APPLY HERE

It is quick and easy to do, and you will receive an email confirmation of your application. The deadline for all September 2022 applications is 11.59pm on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

#### ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 6, it is now time to apply for their place in High School. You must still make an application even if they have a brother or sister at your chosen school. Applications should be made online to Lancashire County Council at **HIGH SCHOOLS - APPLY HERE**

The deadline for all applications is 11.59pm on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

### Happy Birthday

ELLIS, AMELIA, VIRAT and JAMES

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sports Clubs are subject to participation numbers being met and the weather, together with current national restrictions. If a club or event cannot take place, we will inform parents as soon as we are aware.

#### MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

- Year 6 Swimming
- Spanish (3.30pm-4.30pm)

#### TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

- Year 6 Swimming
- Rocksteady Music
- Year 5 & 6 Netball 3.20pm to 4.15pm

#### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPT

- Year 6 Swimming
- Numeracy in Football Year 3 and Year 4
- PNE Gymnastics
- Year 5 & 6 Football 3.20pm to 4.15pm
- Year 4 Multi Skills Club 3.20pm.

#### THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

- Year 6 Swimming
- Year 5 Tag Rugby (am)

#### FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

- Year 6 Swimming

#### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 20/09/21 – **WEEK 2**

### Longsands Values

RECEPTION: **BRADLEY**

YEAR 1: **MATILDA**

YEAR 2: **ANUSHKA**

YEAR 3: **AMELIA**

YEAR 4: **LUKE**

YEAR 5: **LILY**

YEAR 6: **---**

### Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: **BEAU**

YEAR 1: **IVY**

YEAR 2: **WILLIAM**

YEAR 3: **----**

YEAR 4: **HUMEIRA**

YEAR 5: **DAISY**

YEAR 6: **---**



# What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ... SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

## Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

## Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

## 'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment: the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

## Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

## Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

## Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

## Advice For Parents & Carers

### Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

### Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

### Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommend making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

### Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts 'https' instead of 'http'. A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

### Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you were redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

### Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to isolate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your devices.

## Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, Kryptokloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.

