

# Central Primary School

**Our mission statement: Every Child is Central**



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from my letter earlier in the week, we now have four classes in **bubbles** due to having 10% or more of the children in that class testing positive for COVID. I would ask that where possible you use lateral flow tests with your children if they have any symptoms of which are very similar to those of a 'cold' for example runny nose, headache, fatigue, sneezing and a sore throat. This would help us to identify those who have COVID and keep everyone else safe. Children are expected to self isolate if they receive a positive lateral flow test. All positive results should be reported to the school office so that we can track where it has been prominent. If your child is in a bubble and if it is possible, please lateral flow test your child every day at least for the duration of the bubble. Please could I ask that parents/carers continue to wear masks when they come into the school office. This is to ensure that we can continue to keep the children and staff safe.

Our **stars of this week** are celebrated in the post below

<https://central.herts.sch.uk/stars-of-the-week-20th-january-2022/>

**Headteacher Affirmations** can be found in the post below:

<https://central.herts.sch.uk/9977-2/#>

Well done to all of these children.

Please find two blogs below: one from Ash class and One from Mrs Wright.

Ash Class

<https://central.herts.sch.uk/ash-class-blog/>

Phonics and Early Reading at Central

<https://central.herts.sch.uk/phonics-and-early-reading-at-central/>

We have been made aware of some children who have been using Roblox may be accessing Roblox either as an App or in its online platform. The link below gives advice on Roblox and articulates some of the concerns parents have had about it across the country. Essentially our concern is in Roblox that your child is able to speak to strangers and have strangers speak to them via its messaging system.



# ROBLOX

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## Minimum age according to ROBLOX

This is ROBLOX's minimum age. What do you think is the right age for this site? [Share your thoughts](#)▼

ROBLOX is a user-generated gaming platform where you can create your own games or play games that other users have made. There is also the option to chat to other players.

### What do I need to know about ROBLOX?

We've joined forces with O2 to find out what parents of 8-12 year olds think about ROBLOX. We've also asked young people what they think. Here's what they said:

#### Children's views



##### What do children and young people say to look out for:

16% of the children and young people who reviewed ROBLOX thought that it can be risky. The main reasons were:

- In-app purchases
- Being able to talk to strangers
- People you don't know adding you

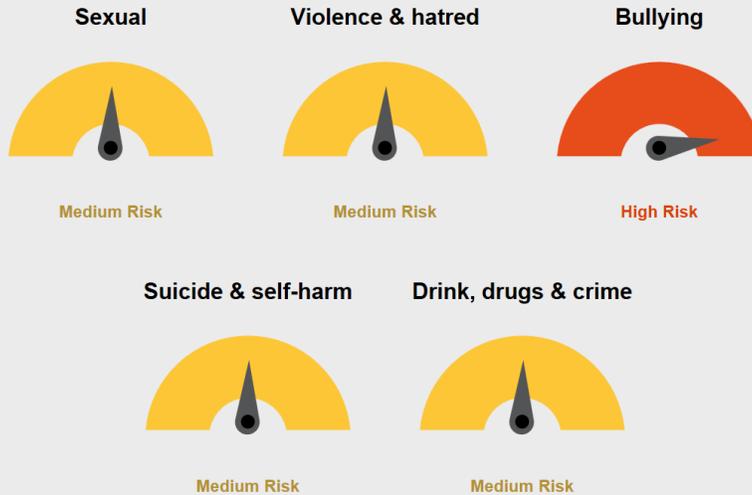
##### Why young people like it:

The main things that young people told us they liked about this site were:

- The range of games
- Playing with other people
- Creating your own character and games

## Is content on Roblox suitable for children and young people?

We asked parents and young people about the types of inappropriate content they've seen on Roblox. The level of risk is based on the % of respondents who reported seeing these types of content. The ratings are: Low Risk (less than 5% of respondents); Medium Risk (between 5 and 25%); and High Risk (over 25%, or more than one in four).



The above link and information should prove useful for you in determining if you feel that Roblox is appropriate for your child to use, although it should be noted that there have been concerns about this app across the country its reviewers have said that they feel it is a risky site.

We would advise that you delete this app and encourage your child to use gaming apps that do not have a messaging component or have a messaging component that can be turned off or restricted.

I would like to remind parents that the school **gates close at 8.50am** and that anyone who is late will need to head round to the school office where they will receive a late mark. A member of the headship team will follow up on any children who are persistently late.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Katie Bentham