

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020, weekly newsletters were replaced with ongoing ClassDojo messages sent directly to parents. Many communications were sent to parents from teachers, but whole school messages have been copied here for information:

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached a letter from Clare Kershaw, Director of Education, and Mike Gogarty, Director of Public Health, dated 15th July, with apologies from me for the delay in forwarding this to you.

Best wishes,
Mr Ashley.

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Please find below a link to a Vine Schools Trust worship from last week, for you to share with your children.

This was put together using input from across all 23 Vine Schools Trust schools and includes some of the pictures completed by the children from Rolph, as well as some of their contributions to the 'Virtual Choir' – look out for some familiar faces!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHPD0ep7qjY&t=2s>

Mr Ashley.

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of my role in communicating ways of keeping children safe online, can I please make you aware of the following message that has been received from the police. Whilst not wanting to give 'air time' to such news, I would ask that you talk to your child(ren) and remind them of talking about anything they are concerned or uncomfortable about when being online, particularly at the moment anything related to 'Momo' and/or 'Blue Whale'.

"Many of you will already be aware of 'Blue Whale' and 'MOMO'.

- Blue Whale is a social network phenomenon dating from 2016 that exists in several countries. It is a "game" reportedly consisting of a series of tasks assigned to players by administrators over a 50-

day period, initially innocuous before introducing elements of self-harm and the final challenge requiring the player to commit suicide.

- MOMO targets young children by encouraging them to text a number on WhatsApp, which then sends them instructions to complete a series of increasingly bizarre and dangerous tasks from watching a horror movie to engaging in self-harm to taking their own lives.

The Samaritans have recently seen several reports and Internet Matters have seen posts from a school in Clacton. The UK Safer Internet Centre Helpline also had one case reported last week by a school reporting that the Blue Whale challenge had resurfaced on Instagram."

Please have a safe summer, both off an online.

Mr Ashley.

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Dear Parents / Carers,

A quick message to clarify that, from September, I am happy for children to wear trainers of any colour (within reason of course) and that there is no need for these to be black, unless you wish them to be. As previously advised, I will give plenty of notice when we revert back to expecting school shoes to be worn.

I can also confirm that the school policy states that navy blue tracksuits / jogging bottoms can be worn in winter months during cold weather, but that tops should not have hoods. As previously advised, these kits should be worn to school on their PE days, which will be confirmed by teachers by the start of the first full week back.

I hope this clarifies a few queries that we have had.

Best wishes and have a great summer.

Mr Ashley.