



### Attendance Update

This term we will continue to work tirelessly to improve the attendance of pupils. Children will receive a **Golden Ticket** if they are in school on time everyday in the week. They then go into a prize draw and stand the chance of choosing a book from the vending machine.



### Punctuality

We will be continuing to monitor punctuality as well as attendance. The school gates open daily at 08:40 and lessons start promptly at 08:55. Please make sure your child is at school on time so that they do not miss out on learning time.



### Reporting Absences

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, it is essential that parents call the office first thing in the morning to let us know. If we do not have contact and we are then unable to contact you this may become a safeguarding concern.



We are proud to be part of the Children's University scheme which aims to raise aspirations, boost achievement and foster a love of learning. To find out about activities held outside of school, visit <http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk> and click on the Learning Destination section on the front page.



## Be In SCHOOL Be On TIME

At Slade, we monitor punctuality as well as attendance. The law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as irregular attendance and parents may be prosecuted by the Local Authority if late arrival is not resolved.

**The school gates open daily at 8:40 am**

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day

## Training Days for 2022/23

### Summer Term:

Monday 24th July 2023

### Autumn 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September



## Term Dates - 2022/23

### Summer Term 2:

Starts: Monday 5th June 2023

Finishes for children: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Summer Holiday: starts on 22nd July 2023**



Well done to our 99 club superstars who have achieved their next badge.



### ★ 11 club ★

Year 3 - Hephzibah

### ★ 22 club ★

Year 2 – Salah, Ersia, Amani, Halima, Diego

Year 3 – Amayah, Hassan, Halima, Mahum, Airah

### ★ 33 club ★

Year 2 - Ameera

Year 3 – Mahum, Ibrahim

### ★ 44 club ★

Year 2 – Ali Zain, Adid, Izaan

Year 3 – Emily, Amenah, Alizah

### ★ 55 club ★

Year 3 – Demareo, Raheem, Aaminah

Year 4 – Aishah R, Areej

### ★ 66 club ★

Year 3 – Raheem

Year 4 – Amelia, Isa

### ★ 77 club ★

Year 2 – Talhah

Year 3 – Raheem, Kristine

Year 4 – Hasan, Uzair, Isa, Mohammed, Alishba, Abu Bakr

### ★ 88 club ★

Year 2 – Kairo

Year 3 – Kristine, Aaron

Year 4 – Mohammed Danyal, Abu Bakr

### ★ 99 club ★

Year 3 – Aaron

### ★ Bronze ★

Year 4- Musa, Rameen, Afeefa

### ★ Silver ★

Year 4 - Afeefa

# Summer WATER SAFETY

**Drowning accidents are always especially high in the summer months and over the last few years we have heard of too many tragedies that could have been avoided.**

Every year people drown both at home and on holiday because they don't take simple precautions, so reaching people with water safety messages is vital.

We want people to enjoy the water safely. Please help to avoid another tragic summer this year by spreading the following water safety advice far and wide:



## LOOK OUT FOR LIFEGUARDS

If you're looking for a place to cool off, always find a lifeguarded swimming site



## IT'S COLDER THAN IT LOOKS

Water at open and inland sites is often much colder than it looks. Cold water can affect your ability to swim and self-rescue



## DON'T GO TOO FAR

Always swim parallel to the shore, that way you're never too far away from it



## IT'S STRONGER THAN IT LOOKS

Currents in the water can be very strong. If you find yourself caught in a current – don't swim against it – you'll tire yourself out. Stay calm, swim with the current and call for help



## BRING A FRIEND

Always bring a friend when you go swimming so if anything goes wrong, you've got someone there to help



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, an anime web series based on the popular video game, Cyberpunk 2077. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

### COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as Fortnite and Call of Duty, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG Genshin Impact may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

### DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. Yandere Simulator, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

### ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. Death Note, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

### MATURE MANGA



The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

### ADULT THEMES



Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child-friendly. Pokémon and One Piece are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

### WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's the potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

### IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: Grave of the Fireflies, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

### CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in Fortnite, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

### Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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## Safeguarding at Slade

We take the safeguarding of our children extremely seriously, if you have a concern about a child's safety then please ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team who are identified on the poster below.

You can also see these posters in the notice boards and around school.

# SAFEGUARDING



EVERYBODY  
EVERYDAY



**Mr Jones**  
DSL/SPOC  
Head of School



**Ms Maskell**  
DSL  
Headteacher  
Strategic Lead South Hub



**Mrs Khan**  
Lead DSL  
Lead DSL for South Hub



**Miss Jackson**  
DSL  
Pastoral Leader/  
Learning Mentor



**Mrs Thornton**  
DSL  
Attendance Officer



**Miss Poxon**  
DSL  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mrs Evanson**  
DSL  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mr Scadeng**  
DSL  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mr Minhas**  
DSL  
Teaching Assistant



**Mr Bennett**  
DSL  
Learning Mentor



**Mrs Gilfeather**  
DSL/Internet Safety  
Class Teacher



**Mrs Smith**  
DSL  
SENDCo



**Miss Jeavons**  
DSL  
Class Teacher



**Mrs Marshall**  
DSL  
Kids Club Manager



**Mrs Fleming**  
DSL  
Class Teacher



**Miss Bodenham**  
DSL  
SENDCo

# SLADE SUMMER FAIR

Thursday 6th July at 3.30-5pm

Please come and join us for an afternoon of games,  
ice cream, face painting and so much more!!!

To hire a table top or car boot space for £10 please see the office team.  
Can you donate a raffle prize or do you work for a company who can?



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☆ Pride of Slade ☆

Well done to our recent winners of the

Pride of Slade Award ☆ ☆ ☆

