

## A TIME TO BE PROUD

A young man who has joined us from another school made my day this week, when he told me that 'EBS is a really great school'. He explained that he learns more now that he did before, because 'teachers are stricter and seem to care more'. The young people bring us such hope and they are our inspiration. Seeing them perform in the orchestra, or the school show, playing in a school fixture or watching them engage and care about their learning is all the motivation we need. In addition, watching their character develop, is a privilege I will never take for granted. Just this week I saw a Year 11 sensitively and carefully look after a Year 8 who was having a bad start to their day, I saw the Sixth Formers organise an Easter Egg Collection for the Foodbank and spoke with a young man who had thought sensibly and constructively about changes we could make to the school, which would make it better for everyone. Here at EBS we want students to excel academically, and we want to develop the whole person by building character. This week, I have seen this in action, and I am incredibly proud.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

## WOW! OUR PRODUCTION OF MATILDA JR RATED 4.9 STARS WITH OUTSTANDING REVIEWS

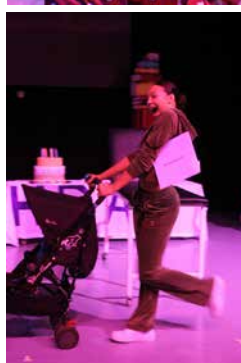
Just when we thought our EBS Productions couldn't get any better, Matilda comes along! The audience was treated to an awesome array of EBS talent across four nights in the second week of March. Matilda Jr is a story of a young girl, dreaming of a better life, with courage and cleverness in equal amounts, who had our 200+ audiences rooting for her and the 'revolting children' night after night. Mr Messios, Director and Head of Drama, worked his magic yet again, making the decision to cast a Year 7 as Matilda before the year group joined us in September – how fortunate we are that Rosa came along; she is wonderfully talented and one very cool dude. It was clear to see that, along with Rosa, we really do have some incredible actors and musicians that have joined us this year, and we look forward to seeing more of their superb performances as they grow through the school and enrich our already wonderful drama and music departments. We must not forget to mention all of those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, on costume, set design, choreography and technical; with Mr Potter, our Technical Manager, being awarded the staff Christou Cup this week for going above and beyond with his efforts on show. Thank you to all of the students and staff who put in incredible amounts of time and effort to pull off such a SPECTACULAR show, and all of those parents and carers who came watch – but don't take our word for it; this year we asked our audiences what they thought. Take a look at these snaps and glowing reviews over the next couple of pages!



"I thought the entire production was OUTSTANDING!! I laughed and cried and left feeling on a complete high which lasted all weekend."



"It was so professional from the moment we collected our tickets from the 'Box Office', to purchasing the fabulous programme, to the refreshments stall! The stage set was incredible and set the scene for what was an amazing show. You should be very proud of everyone who was involved in the production - a massive commitment from everyone and it showed in the performance."





"We were blown away. It was spectacular. We didn't think *Sister Act* could be topped, but you've managed it somehow! We loved every minute."



"I was so blown away with firstly just how professional the performance's of every single child in the show was! From start to finish the show was such a joy to watch, funny, emotional & just so wonderful!! A huge congratulations to everyone, I thoroughly enjoyed every moment. A huge thank you to Mr Messios for all his support & guidance to the children, my child had the best time & grew in confidence throughout."



"Amazing show, very professional from booking the tickets all the way to the leaving the auditorium after show. The students were incredible. My 6 year old daughter loved Mr Wormwood and his son Michael... she could not stop laughing at them! My son's favourite was Miss Honey and Matilda. I was blown away by Sam B's voice and performance as the escapologist.... Ms Trunchbull was unbelievable."



"Totally amazing would give any West End show a run for its money. Fantastic performances enjoyed every second – well done x"



"Absolutely fantastic performance! We've seen Matilda in the West End a couple of times and EBS School production was just as good - if not better! The students had obviously worked so hard and also credit to the teachers, musicians and those who worked behind the scenes."



"I had to keep reminding myself that I was at EBS.....The performance was a perfect way to end my week."





## IF YOU ENJOYED MATILDA JR. WHY NOT DONATE TO OUR KEYBOARD APPEAL?

A very BIG thank you to everyone who donated to our current PTFA Appeal at the performances through buying a programme (or three!) and some refreshments. We raised a whopping £1400 which will go to support the Music Keyboard Appeal. If you didn't catch a performance, then you really missed out, but there's still time to support us by donating, please see to the right. Our snazzy programme was sponsored by; [Boden's College of Performing Arts](#), [BEAT \(Barnet Education Arts Trust\)](#) and [Hopscotch Essential Treats](#) – thank you all for your support!

We couldn't have raised these extra funds without our wonderful parent, student and staff volunteers, who generously gave up their evenings to serve drinks on the trolley, ice cakes and be general superstars – thank you! We are always looking for more volunteers to help plan and organise these events. If you can spare any time to support our school, from one hour a month to much more, please email us [here](#). We have lots more exciting events for you to look forward to in 2023. If you are a business who would be interested in sponsoring us, please pop over an email [here](#).

**We need your help to raise money for a new suite of keyboards for all of our students**

Donate on ParentPay by selecting 'PTFA Donation'



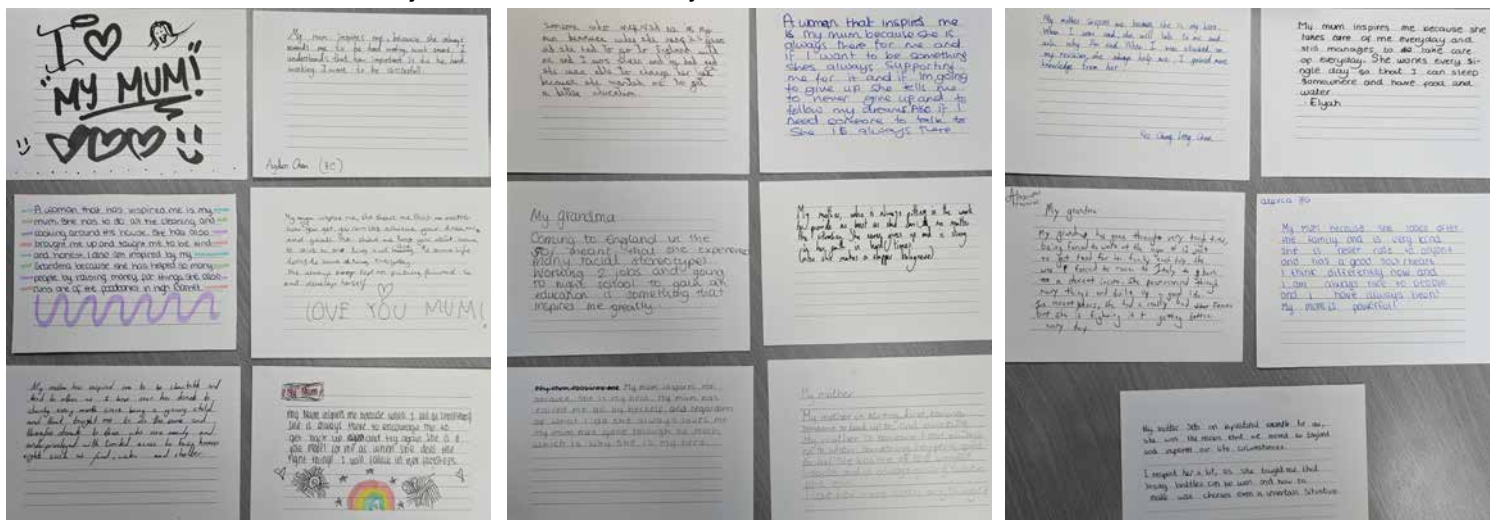
Thank you for your support

**Keyboard Appeal**



## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY POSTCARDS OF INSPIRATION

To celebrate International Women's Day 2023, we asked all students to write a postcard about a woman who has inspired them. This could be anyone from someone they knew to a current or historical famous person. Students wrote about a range of different women, however a huge 72% wrote about their own mother. As a testament to all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and other female family members, we would like to share just a few of these with you.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR SUCCESS

A huge thank you to students and staff that supported the Scholastic Book Fair. The students really enjoyed browsing the books during their library lessons and breaktime. We sold £200 worth of classic and contemporary fiction, non-fiction and stationery and hope that we will sell even more in the next fair.



## SPANISH TRIP FOR YEARS 11 - 13

A group of Spanish students in Year 11-13, accompanied by Miss Berger and Ms Piazza, took part in a fantastic trip to the Instituto Cervantes Theatre, Southwark, to see the production of *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* by the poet and playwright Federico Garcia Lorca. Students are expected to respond to the play in their Spanish writing exam at the end of the A-Level course. Watching the production live, performed entirely in Spanish, was a huge benefit in gaining a deeper understanding of the characters and themes and a good test of their comprehension skills!



We have had a few reports of local muggings and students being approached. These incidents should be reported to the police straight away. Please do not travel home alone, stick to main paths, and do not have your phone on show.



GET INVOLVED

## EAST BARNET SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS



**BBC**

**YOUNG REPORTER**  
COMPETITION

*Got a story to tell?*

**CLOSES**  
**FRIDAY**  
**31ST MARCH**  
**2023**

**Share it with the BBC and it could be seen or heard by people all over the UK!**

If you're aged between 11-18 the BBC Young Reporter Competition wants to hear from you.

For full T&Cs, Privacy Notice and to apply:  
[bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition](http://bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition)

### The BBC is searching for young people's original untold stories.

Do you have a story you think needs reporting on?

It could be about your life, your family, friends or your community. Is there an issue you think others should be aware of, which you have experience of or that really matters to you and other young people?

We aren't looking for a finished report – to enter tell us your story idea and why you want to report it.

You can enter as an individual or as a group.  
There are two categories: 11-15 and 16-18 years old.

### Your chance to report with the BBC!

Winners will work with BBC journalists and programme-makers who will help you to tell your story. It will broadcast on a BBC programme or platform in 2023.

### WORLD BOOK DAY RETURNS ON 30TH MARCH 2023!

The excitement of World Book Day is back at EBS once again! It might be a little later than usual, but it is going to be fabulous. There are a few events going on throughout the day, so make sure you get involved.

**Fancy Dress:** Your favourite staff will be dressed up in character costume - look out for themes, as some staff are from the same books. House Points are not just for students; 10 House Points will be awarded to each staff member in costume. Best dressed award (voted by students) will receive House Points as follows: 150 (1<sup>st</sup>), 100 (2<sup>nd</sup>), 50 (3<sup>rd</sup>).

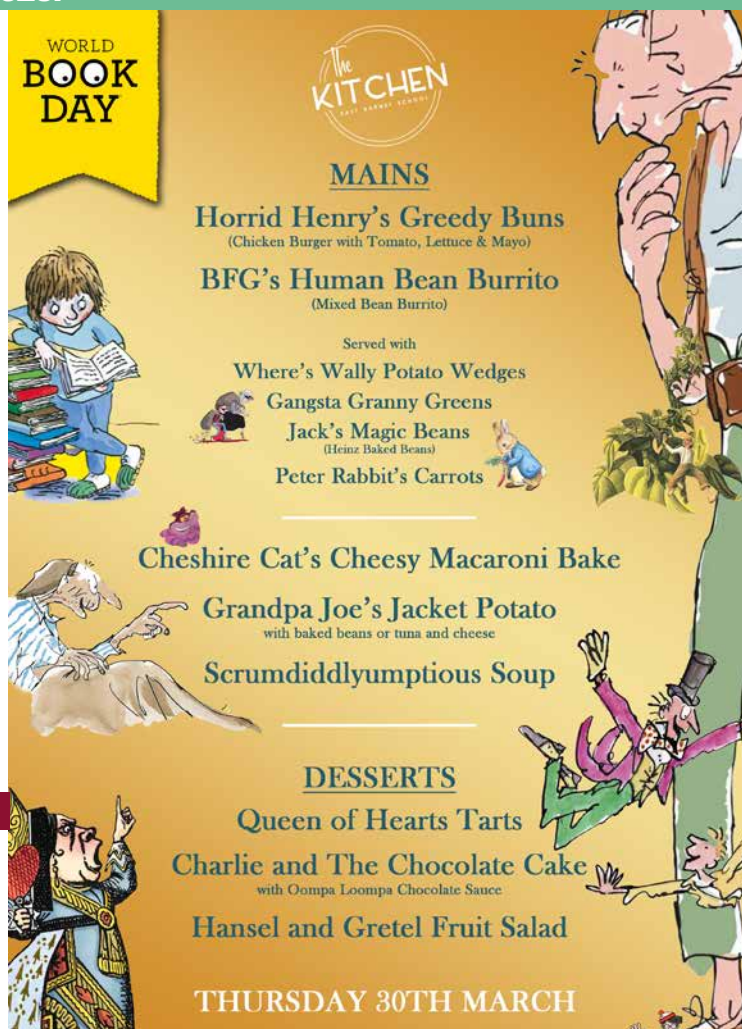
**Character Treasure Hunt:** Students will have a worksheet where they name as many characters and staff members (and vote for best dressed staff member) found across the school during the day. The first five correct submissions will receive 20 House Points each.

**The Great EBS Book Swap:** At breaktime, students and staff can exchange books for another - look out for posters for the secret location! Staff and students can also donate up to 3 suitable/age appropriate books each in good-excellent condition for the event by 29/3/2023 in the Library.

**Lunchtime activities:** There will be some exciting lunchtime events in the Library!

### THE EBS DIGITAL LIBRARY!

Did you know that EBS Library has a Digital Library ePlatform App where students and staff can access e-books and audio books? That's right, an online Library - you will never lose your books again! The app, which is available on the App Store and Google Play is called 'ePlatform by Wheelers' - following download, you can login with your school account. Click [here](#) to access the online Library via your web browser.



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

**THE KITCHEN**  
EAT. DRINK. READ.

**MAINS**

**Horrid Henry's Greedy Buns**  
(Chicken Burger with Tomato, Lettuce & Mayo)

**BFG's Human Bean Burrito**  
(Mixed Bean Burrito)

Served with

Where's Wally Potato Wedges

Gangsta Granny Greens

Jack's Magic Beans  
(Heinz Baked Beans)

Peter Rabbit's Carrots

**Cheshire Cat's Cheesy Macaroni Bake**

**Grandpa Joe's Jacket Potato**  
with baked beans or tuna and cheese

**Scrumdiddlyumptious Soup**

**DESSERTS**

**Queen of Hearts Tarts**

**Charlie and The Chocolate Cake**  
with Oompa Loompa Chocolate Sauce

**Hansel and Gretel Fruit Salad**

**THURSDAY 30TH MARCH**

Don't forget that clocks  
go forward this weekend



### ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER?

Follow for all the latest news: [@EastBarnetSch](#)



# EAST BARNET SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR ACTIVITIES FOR SPRING BREAK?

GET INVOLVED

Barnet Active Creative Engaging holidays



Free holiday club activities are available for eligible children in Barnet - from Reception to Year 11!

Spring 2023

3-6 April & 11-14 April 2023

have fun

get active

learn new skills

BOOK NOW

[barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays](http://barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays)



## FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR SEND FSM STUDENTS - BOOK [HERE](#) BY 27TH MARCH

**Chickenshed** - Creative Everyone - Parent & Child Event - Wed 05-04-23 13:00 (Chickenshed Theatre)

**Chickenshed** - Creative Everyone - Parent & Child Event - Wed 12-04-23 13:00 (Chickenshed Theatre)

**Multisports** Family Session - Fri 14-04-23 10:00 (St James' Catholic High School)

**Multisports** Family Session - Wed 05-04-23 10:00 (Saracen's High School)

**Inflatables** Family Session - Wed 05-04-23 10:00 (Hendon School)

5-16s BACE **Cooking** Workshop Parent & Child - Mon 03-04-23 13:00 (Green Man Community Centre)

**Multisports** Family Session - Wed 12-04-23 10:00 (East Barnet School)

**Multisports** Family Session - Thurs 06-04-23 10:00 (Hendon School)

**Inflatables** Family Session - Tues 11-04-23 10:00 (East Barnet School)

5-16s BACE **Cooking** Workshop Parent & Child - Tues 11-04-23 10:00 (Canada Villa Young People's Activity Centre)

BACE **Day Camp** - Parent and Children Sessions - Thurs 06-04-23 10:30 (RAF Museum London)

**Inflatables** Family Session - Thurs 13-04-23 10:00 (St James' Catholic High School)

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**Time For Change** at Edgware Primary - Monday 03-04-23 10:00 (Edgware Primary School)

25  
March 8.30pm

Join the  
Biggest Hour  
for Earth

Switch off.  
Give an hour for Earth.  
[earthhour.org](http://earthhour.org)

60  
EARTH  
HOUR

**WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER!**

After Easter we are introducing new green bins to increase our food waste recycling. Please encourage your child to put food in the right bin, both at school and at home. Together, we can take steps to help the planet and become more sustainable.

# Plate not clean?

## Put it in **GREEN!**



### ***Food Waste ONLY***



# EAST BARNET SCHOOL IMPORTANT NOTICES

## END OF TERM / START OF TERM

### LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

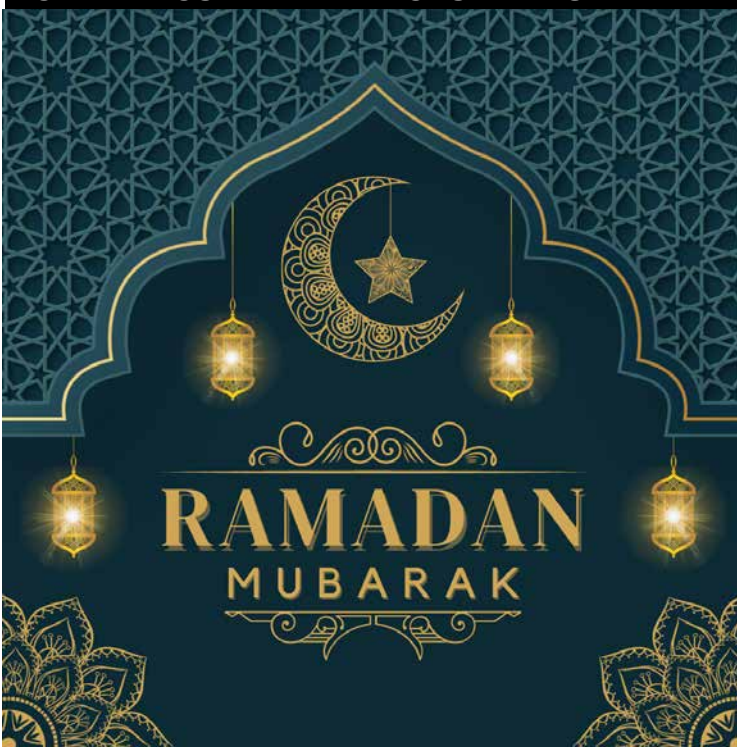
The last day of term is on Friday 31st March. Students will be dismissed from 12:30pm (it can take up to half an hour for all students to leave). We will not be offering a lunch service, but FSM students can go to the EBS Kitchen for a sandwich.

### FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

Monday 17th April is an INSET Day which is for staff only. Students will return to school on Tuesday 18th April. To enable a prompt start to school, please note that the school gates will now be closed at 8:43am.

Over the Easter, please take the opportunity to stock up on all the important equipment needed for school. We know students like to have fun over the holidays, but please remember for when we return: no trainers, no new piercings, no newly attached nails, no exaggerated hair styles.

## TO ALL THOSE THAT ARE OBSERVING



## CHANGE OF TERM DATES

We are amending our term dates slightly for the start of the academic year in September 2023. Please see below for the new dates.

<b>Tues 5th Sept 2023</b>	INSET Day	Staff only
<b>Wed 6th Sept 2023</b>	INSET Day	Staff only
<b>Thu 7th Sept 2023</b>	Introduction Day	Yr 7 & 12 only
<b>Fri 8th Sept 2023</b>	Staggered Start	All Years

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

At East Barnet School, we believe that Parent Governors play an important role in the life and ethos of our school and in bringing a parental perspective to inform the decisions of the Governing Body. We are inviting applications from parents or carers from any social, religious or ethnic background who would be willing to play a key role in our school, sharing their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm. Our Governing Body would benefit particularly from new governors with experience in the areas of Business/Financial Strategy, Law, Premises and Facilities Management, Special Education Needs and Higher Education. Information on the role can be found [here](#). To help you decide about standing for election, you may also wish to contact a current Governor. You can do this via email to Siobain Waters at [swaters2@eastbarnetschool.com](mailto:swaters2@eastbarnetschool.com). To apply, please complete this [Parent Governor Candidate Form](#). Applications close at 9am on Monday, 27th March '23.

## WE ARE HIRING!



Working at East Barnet School is as rewarding as it is fun. With our friendly, family atmosphere and students that genuinely want to learn, if you are looking for your next career move, then we could be for you. We are currently recruiting for a [SEND/CO Deputy Head](#), [Maths Teacher](#), and [Geography Teacher](#). Click on the vacancy you are interested in to access the application form. If you would like to have an informal chat about the role you are interested in, please call 020 8344 2100 to speak to Siming Hill, HR.

## CAREERS BOARD



The latest update from the EBS Careers Team is [here](#)!



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# SENDIT

Sendit is an add-on to Snapchat, not a standalone app: it requires users to have an active Snapchat account, which they then connect to Sendit. It's important that trusted adults realise, therefore, that any risks associated with Snapchat also affect children using Sendit. Within the app, people play question games like 'Truth or Dare' and 'Never Have I Ever': users select a question to share on their Snapchat story for their friends to reply to. All responses are anonymous, although – for paying subscribers – Sendit reveals hints about who sent which messages.

Age rating:  
12+ App Store  
Teen Google Play  
However, Sendit's own terms and conditions state that it was developed for the 17+ age group

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

Anonymity online encourages people to say things and act in ways that they normally wouldn't. They're less accountable, and it's harder to track who sent a message. Research has highlighted that children perceive anonymous messages as being more severe than if the same message had come from a friend. Any app that lets children communicate anonymously should be treated with caution.

### MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Categories of questions such as "Ask me anything" or "Rate me" – coupled with the app's anonymity – mean there is a likelihood of some friends or strangers (if the account is set to 'public') responding in a negative manner. These critical comments (especially if there are several) could ruin a young person's self-esteem – heightening their insecurities and affecting their mental health.

### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Currently costing £8.49 per week, Sendit's Diamond Membership offers clues about who sent a particular message, such as their approximate location, the type of phone used and any mutual friends. Membership also provides exclusive games and an ad-free experience. Young people may well be curious to find out who certain messages are from and therefore sign up for membership.

### BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Open-ended questions which relate personally to the sender are an opportunity for malicious people to make offensive remarks, which can lead to full-blown bullying and harassment. Additionally, bullies and trolls can hide behind the anonymity that Sendit offers, feeling more powerful and able to intimidate their target – who, by contrast, feels hurt, victimised and helpless.

### POSSIBLE GROOMING

If your child doesn't have their Snapchat account set to private, or they have previously added strangers as friends, there is a possibility of predators responding to their Sendit questions. They do this in an attempt to gather information about your child – or to initiate a conversation with them, seeking ultimately to form an online 'friendship' and gain the young person's trust.

### REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

On Sendit, users receive trophies for reaching a particular number of responses, for answering friends' questions and for posting their own. This sense of achievement could incentivise a young person to be active on Sendit more frequently – spending more time on their phone or tablet as they may naturally want to collect all of the trophies or might be competing with their peers.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

If your child has already downloaded Sendit, it might be wise to have a discussion with them about the impact that saying something anonymously online could have on others. Encourage them to think about how they would feel if they were on the receiving end of a particular comment. Reminding them to stop and re-read messages before sending could reduce the number of regrettable situations.

### BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Even if you do allow your child to use Sendit, you might want to consider talking to them in advance about whether they really need a membership subscription. Either way, it's probably safest to make sure that in-app purchases are blocked in the settings, or that you have configured your child's device to ask for your approval before making a purchase online.

### TALK IT OVER

Before allowing a young person onto a social networking app, it's a good idea to chat with them about the possibility of receiving hurtful comments. Explain that not everyone online is nice; that people often say things they don't mean; and that posts get misinterpreted. Teach your child not to reply to any offensive users on Sendit and simply block instead them (via the three dots in the top right of the screen).

### ONLY PLAY WITH FRIENDS

Stress the importance of your child playing Sendit games only with their close friends and not having strangers on their contacts list. This should help to keep the nature of the questions light-hearted – and if the games are being played among a small group, it will be easier for the members to figure out who gave certain answers if someone's been left feeling hurt or uncomfortable by any responses.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Sources: <https://www.getsendit.com/privacy> | <https://www.getsendit.com/parents> | <https://www.getsendit.com/terms> | <https://screenrant.com/le-sendit-anonymous-on-snapchat/>

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