



Brindishe  
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## Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### *Vacancies at Brindishe Schools*

We currently have a number of vacancies across the federation for office posts, including Federation Housekeeper and HR and Payroll Manager. Please visit our school website for further information, job descriptions and application forms.

[Brindishe Federation - Vacancies \(brindisheschools.org\)](https://brindisheschools.org)

### *Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools – Article of the week*

#### Article 17 – access to information from the media

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Why do you think it is important to think about whether the information you receive is reliable (can be trusted)?

- So that we know whether to trust the information to be true.
- To help us learn accurate information.
- To be able to confidently discuss information with others.
- To learn about bias and 'fake news'.
- To know that it's okay to ask more questions if something doesn't seem right.
- To learn the difference between a fact and an opinion.
- So that we can have healthy discussions based on facts.
- To feel confident to say, 'I'm not sure if that's true'.
- To know that some people deliberately put false information online.



We always like to keep our children up to date with current affairs around the world. Some classes watch [Newsround](#) and discuss the information after. In Brindishe Schools we also teach our children to be mindful of fake news. Try this [fun BBC quiz](#) at home with your child to see if you can spot the fake news headlines.





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## ***Governor Vacancies***

Do you know someone who would be interested in becoming a Governor? A friend, a colleague, a relative?

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Brindishe Federation Governing Body, particularly for people who would widen the diversity of our current members and/or be able to offer key skills we require including knowledge around finance, education, recruitment. We have recently recruited for our Parent Governor vacancies, so anyone interested could not be a parent/carer of a pupil within the Federation.

If you know someone who would be interested, please ask them to get in touch with either Rachel Waite, Executive Head [rwaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rwaite@brindisheschools.org) or Liz Murphy, Chair of Governors [lmurphy@brindisheschools.org](mailto:lmurphy@brindisheschools.org)

For more information about becoming a Governor, please click on the link below:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

## ***Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin***

### ***Is your child playing Gacha Life?***

Gacha Life is rated as 9+ on the App Store and for 'Everyone' on the Google Play Store.

Players can dress up characters and add props (including weapons) and create scenes with their characters as well as play games. The app does allow in-app purchases ranging from £1.70 to £17.99 and does include adverts.

This article from Internet Matters provides further information and discusses in detail what you need to be aware of:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-gacha-life-what-parents-need-to-know/>

*Further information:*

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/app-reviews/gacha-life/user-reviews/adult>





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### ***Key Federation Dates***

- Easter Holidays – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school for Summer Term
- **Primary offer day** – Monday 17 April 2023 (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)

### ***Further Strike Days – possible school closures will be communicated closer to the strike days***

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### ***Governing Body Dates***

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - [lizcmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:lizcmurphy@gmail.com)

Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6pm

### ***Brindishe Term Dates 2023/2024***

We have now published our 2023/2024 school term dates, please visit our website. You will find dates in the 'Virtual Office' Section of each school website.

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