

## Newsletter - FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2022

The children all looked wonderful today, so bright and colourful!!

We can't wait for the first of our Sports Day's next week, keep your fingers crossed for good weather! The children have been practicing and are raring to go!!

It is going to be a very busy few weeks with lots going so make sure you keep checking Dojo for the latest updates.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Allen, Headteacher

### Attendance

Well done to Mrs Cruise's class for winning the attendance bear this week with 98.5% attendance.

### ATTENDANCE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

Overall attendance 93% Target 97%

KC 94.0% LE 93.1% AJS 93.4% SC 91.5%

### After School Care

Our children had an amazing night on Tuesday at our 'Games Night' where they all enjoyed ice cream. See left for our next exciting theme night!



### After School Care

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022

'Meet the Reptiles' Night

If your child would like to attend please contact the school office to book in. It will be an amazing night!!!!

### Dates for your Diary 2021-2022

Fri 17 June 2022 - St Benedict's Hospice **YELLOW** Day

Thurs 23 June 2022 - School Sports Day

Fri 1 July 2022- Queens Platinum Jubilee Day (in lieu) - School closed

Wed 6 July 2022 - Nursery Sports Day (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Fri 15 July 2022 - Reports to Parents

Wed 20 July 2022 - Year 2 Leavers Assembly & Performance-details to follow

Fri 22 July 2022 - School closes for summer holiday

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

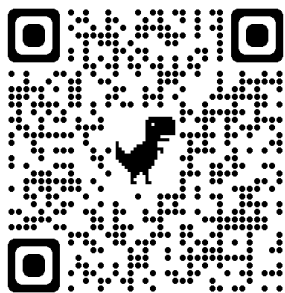
Although every child receives Universal Free School Meals up to Year 2 you can still apply for income based Free School Meals. Please go to Sunderland City Council Parent Portal website to apply. May we also advise any parents of Year 2 children to apply for FSM online now for September 2022 when your child goes to Junior School

## Website

You can find all letters which are sent home via email and school events on our website. We also try to upload them on ClassDojo

## Online Payments-Pay360 Educational Payments

Any parents who require help to set up your account (you do not need a different code every time you need to pay) please contact the school office and we will be able to assist you. Once set up your account you can pay for everything trips, clubs etc. as we move forward to a cashless system. You can also scan this QR Code to take you directly to the main page



## Pre-loved Uniform

We have a selection of pre-loved uniform in our school reception area. It is freshly washed and bagged. So please feel free to have a look if there is anything you need for a small contribution.

If you have any good quality uniform you would like to donate please hand in to the school office.

## ClassDojo

It's fantastic to see so many parents getting involved again!! Please keep checking for updates in the class story and please send photos of what your child is getting up to at home, we love to see them having fun!! If you see a post please feel free to comment and like it on the class posts, it really means a lot to staff!!

## Uniform

Please can all parents/carers ensure that **ALL** items of their child's uniform have their child's name marked somewhere as we are not responsible for any lost items

## General Information for all Parents/Carers

**Earrings-** **No** earrings or clear space savers are to be worn by pupils for Health & Safety

**Batteries Recycling-** We are also still collecting any used batteries in partnership with Groundworks in our pursuit to win another recycling prize for our school.

**School Uniform and Book Bags** - just a reminder that you can order online all logoed uniform from Total Sport NE, Hendon Road, Sunderland, SR1 2JD.

**We no longer sell any uniform or book bags from the school office.**

## Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact school and speak to either Mrs Allen, Miss Lumsden or Mrs Blakeman

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TWITCH

Twitch is a livestreaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It's a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers' channels through PayPal donations, "Bits" and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### UNCENSORED STREAMS

Uncensored content obviously carries a greater risk of inappropriate language and behaviour (streamers can, however, list their broadcast as unsuitable for children). Twitch has strict rules for streamers to follow, but requires viewers to report any streams which breach these guidelines. Each livestream is accompanied by a text chat which it is the streamer's responsibility to moderate.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most people are already aware that some video games feature adult content such as violence, sexual content, profanity and so on. Twitch does prevent certain games from being streamed on the platform, but most are still allowed. It is relatively simple, then, for a child to find livestreams of games that aren't suitable for them - including horror games.

### HIDDEN COSTS

Twitch doesn't have any parental controls, but it is possible to block troublesome users if it becomes necessary. The best solution is to watch some Twitch channels by yourself or with your child to find some that are suitable. Watching some streams by yourself is also a good route to understanding the sort of content that your child would be consuming regularly on Twitch.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

As well as streamers talking directly to their audience, Twitch enables viewers to use text chat to speak to the person they're watching. It's a social platform which also allows viewers to interact with each other via text while they are watching livestreams - including exchanging private messages. This raises the possibility of a child being approached and messaged online by total strangers.

### WEBCAM SHARING

It's common for streamers to use their live webcam footage. This allows better interaction with their viewers, but also adds risk: the stream might include sponsored content or product placement that isn't child friendly. Using a webcam in livestreams increases the chance of malicious viewers finding out where the streamer lives and provides bullies with visual reactions to their hurtful behaviour.

### PRIVATE CHAT ROOMS

Twitch encourages streamers to create their own communities, which extend beyond its platform. Many create a public Discord group, for example, for viewers to join and communicate with each other. Discord is a completely separate entity to Twitch and offers a higher risk of predators, grooming and cyberbullying if your child gets involved in the voice or video chat with strangers.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EXPLORE IT YOURSELF

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### LEARN HOW TO BLOCK

'Security and Privacy' in Twitch's settings lets your child block messages from specific users. Teaching your child how this works will help them avoid online abuse. If they livestream, knowing how to block people in the chat also helps to prevent cyberbullying or harassment. Evading online interaction is impossible, of course, so talk to them in advance about boundaries and safe online communication.

### WATCH WHAT THEY WATCH

Twitch does have a lot of child-friendly content; some streamers use a 'family friendly' tag to highlight material that's suitable for children. However, anyone can use this tag - including users who (accidentally or otherwise) stream games with less appropriate adult themes. The best way to counter this is to view different streams and follow suitable channels for your child to watch.

### LIMIT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Reduce the chance of accidental purchases by ensuring your bank card isn't saved on Twitch or the Amazon account that Twitch Prime could be linked to. Restricting access to your PayPal account is also wise if your child watches Twitch on the device you use to make purchases. Explain to your child that they don't need to subscribe to channels to watch them and that donating or gifting 'Bits' is optional.

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Goodwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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