

## Newsletter – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

What a busy half term we have planned! Sports day, transition to new year groups and Junior School, Year 2 performances, it's all happening!! Our Year 2 children had their first transition into the Juniors today, taking part in a PE lesson. They all had a great time and are looking forward to their next session.

Good luck to our gymnasts who are at a competition today. This takes a lot of courage and we are super proud of you. Mrs Allen, Headteacher

Our annual Sports Day for Reception, Y1 and Y2 is being held next Wednesday afternoon, 14th June 2023. This will take place at 2pm on the Junior School field, which can be accessed at the rear of the school, and we anticipate that it will last for roughly an hour. There will be sign-posts to show where your child's class will be situated, to enable you to get a good spot for cheering them on! Please can you make sure that your child either has sunscreen in school, or that this has been applied at home prior to the event. as we hope for a lovely sunny day for our races! The children need to come to school in their uniform as normal, and they will change into P.E kits after lunch. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Dates for your Diary 2022-2023

Week Commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Year 1  
 (and Year 2 re takes) Phonics Assessments  
 Wed 14 June 2023- School Sports  
 Afternoon  
 Fri 16 June 2023 - St Benedict's Hospice  
 Fundraising Day WEAR Yellow  
 Wed 21 June 2023 Nursery Sports Day  
 TRANSITION TO NEW YEAR GROUPS  
 Fri 23 June 2023 - NON UNIFORM DAY -  
 in exchange for Chocolate Tombola  
 Wed 28 and Thurs 29 June for all pupils in  
 Sunderland Local Authority  
 Fri 7 July 2023 - Summer Fayre & Picnic -  
 joint celebration for both Infant & Junior  
 school's families  
 Tues 18 July 2023 - Year 2 Leavers  
 Assembly & Leavers Performance  
 Thurs 20 July 2023 - school closes for  
 summer holiday

### ATTENDANCE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

Overall attendance 94.5% Target 96%  
 AJS 93.4% EL/JS 94.9% SC 95.7% KC 94.0%

### Attendance

Well done to Mrs Cruise's class for  
 winning the attendance bear this week  
 with 98.3% attendance.

### Reporting a Pupil absence

If your child is absent from school you must  
 contact the school office before 8.50am.  
 You can either speak to a member of staff  
 or leave a message  
 on 0191 9171910.  
 Please DO NOT inform us via ClassDojo.  
 Staff may not check Dojo throughout the  
 day as they are teaching, so messages will  
 be missed.

## ClassDojo



It's fantastic to see so many parents getting involved again and we would love to see more!! 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!!

## 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.



## Too Good To Go

Too Good To Go is the app that lets you rescue unsold food from an untimely fate at your favourite spots.

Use the app to explore shops and restaurants in your local area and save Surprise Bags of surplus food from going to waste at a great price.

<https://www.toogoodtogo.com/en-gb>

## Uniform

Please can we remind parents/carers that our policy is black shoes. I have noticed some children are wearing white trainers or colourful trainers. Please can you ensure your child has black shoes/trainers on.



## Social Media

Please can we remind parents/carers to follow our Social Media pages as we are always updating our pages with the excellent activities our children are doing in school

## 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



## Safeguarding

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

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

# OMETV

OmeTV is another app which encourages users to 'make friends from all around the world'. People can search profiles by age and gender and send direct messages or photos. However, the app is primarily used for video calls. When using this feature, users are connected at random, although only their country of origin is shared. People can then either choose to move on to the next chat or can stay in that call for as long as they wish.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the distance offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a webcam function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially request intimate images.

#### EXPLICIT CONTENT

Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use OmeTV's webcam feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely – so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.

#### REPORTING DIFFICULTIES

When video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore they can't be blocked or reported. There is a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for example).

#### AGE VERIFICATION

17+

Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access OmeTV, users simply need to press a button confirming they're an adult, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

#### VIDEO RECORDING



When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be coated by others into doing things they don't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that no harm can come from it. What they don't know is whether the other user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrass or blackmail them, or they could be kept by a potential online predator.

#### LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS



OmeTV has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use given that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

OmeTV has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests the developers are aware that it may facilitate adult content. It's important to adhere to the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app for younger users. If you find it on an under-18's device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.



#### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply deleting an app from their device impacts their independence and can cause resentment. Instead, highlight news reports of predators exposing themselves to children on the internet, and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.



#### DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymity OmeTV offers, plus its webcam function, makes it an attractive place for groomers to network and create inappropriate content. Explain that your child may see something which upsets them – and that it's a crime for anyone to expose themselves to a young person online.

Hi :)



#### ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Regardless of how responsible your child may be, it's essential to use parental controls on their device. It's easy for young people to get lured in by others, feeling they've built up a trusting friendship and being coaxed into doing things they wouldn't normally do. Ensure in-app purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that they can always talk to you about anything online that worries them.



#### 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.



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