



# NEWSLETTER

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ramadan Mubarak! May you and your families have a rewarding month, and I wish you all the best.

In this week's edition, we showcase wonderful examples of home learning. Mohammed has produced engaging slides to aid him in his studies. Read on to find out more...

Also featured, is the fabulous work of our technology staff who have been incredibly busy making masks for the NHS. They even made an appearance on the BBC. Great work!

We strongly encourage pupils to make full use of the Google classrooms set up for home learning and to provide resources on health and well-being. All classroom codes can be found on their respective articles.

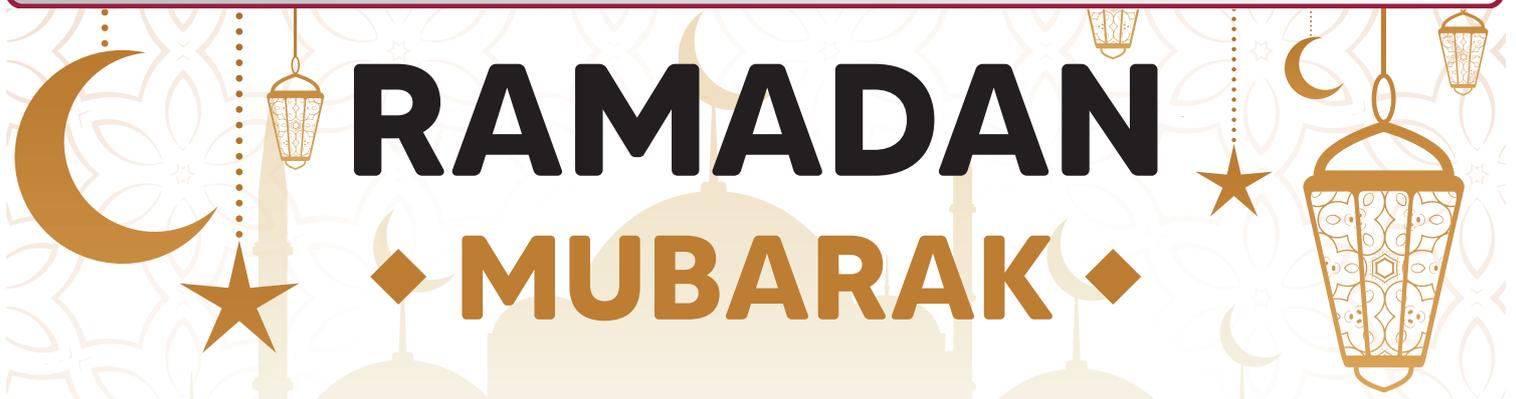
Please enjoy this week's newsletter, and remember that if you have any queries or concerns, please ring us. There are staff in school every day.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher



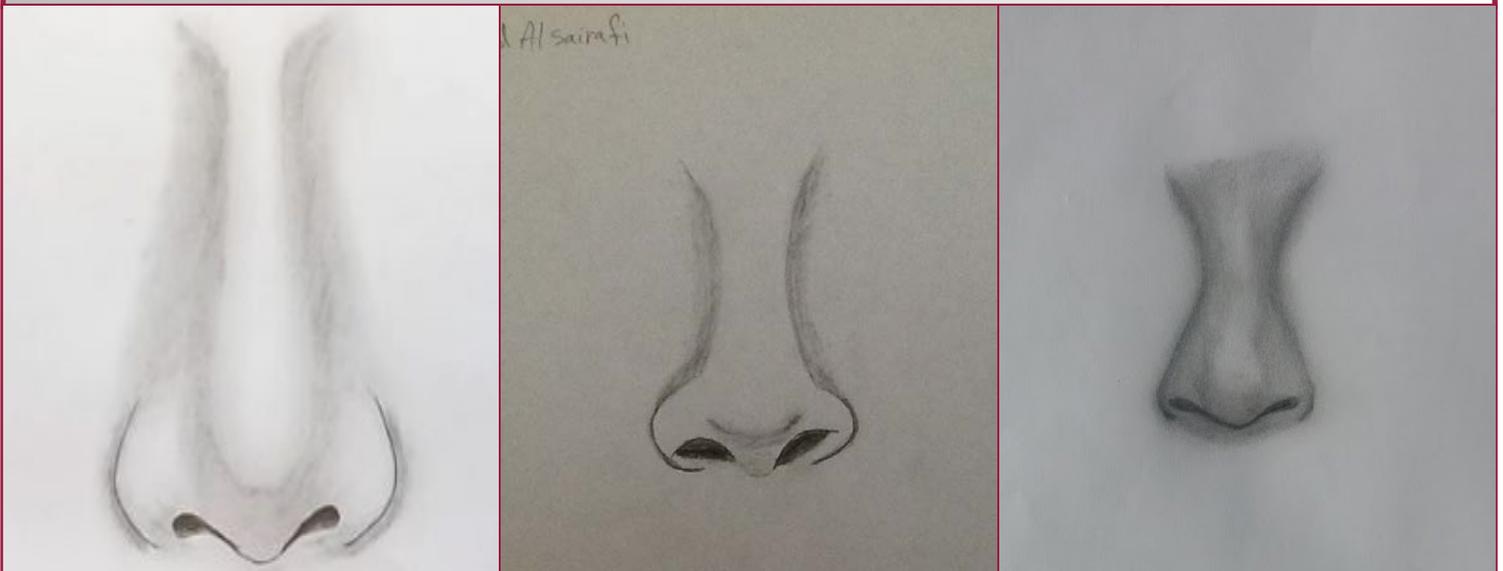
# RAMADAN MUBARAK

Please adhere to government guidance regarding COVID-19.

Look after yourself and others. We all need to support each other during this difficult time.

## Art - Pupils master their drawing skills!

Pupils have been producing fantastic art work this week, focusing on drawing realistic noses. Here are some examples from pupils; many who received praise postcards for their effort. Well done!





Please download the app now to enable you to receive important information about your child.

The app provides you with information on:

- Your child's attendance
- Timetables
- Clubs
- Detention
- Events and trips
- School news
- Links to our website

#### What you need to do

**Download the app:** If you have a smart phone, please download 'School Gateway' from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website. This will also help us when we send you messages either individually or as part of a group of parents.

**Sign up:** Only use the same email address and your priority mobile number that you have provided to the school on your admissions form. Click on 'New User' and fill in the information. You will receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

#### If you can't activate your account

If you are having trouble logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call us on 0161 972 2988 and we'll update your details on our system.



## Manchester United Foundation: Stay at home challenges!

Have you tried this week's MU Foundation challenge? This week, the video challenge is: 'Seated Volleyball'. Also, week four of the activity worksheets is now available. Please use the link below.

[www.mufoundation.org/en/Stay-at-Home-Challenges?t=y&int\\_source=muf&int\\_medium=social&int\\_campaign=foundation&int\\_content=stayathomechallenge&int\\_term=mufstayathomechallenge](http://www.mufoundation.org/en/Stay-at-Home-Challenges?t=y&int_source=muf&int_medium=social&int_campaign=foundation&int_content=stayathomechallenge&int_term=mufstayathomechallenge)

Each week we'll be bringing you two new video challenges or skills.  
Click here to view the full playlist on YouTube.



### 1. Wordsearch

Can you find the top 10 Manchester United representative names of all time in our wordsearch?

F N E J J E B S N S  
K O Y C N O T Q E G  
P O U N N E I N V G  
J P U L P O M I I  
U D Z N K T P R L G  
M M E L L E B S L J  
X Y E R D P S C E C  
Y O A S C H O L E S  
H R Y E N O O R B  
C F T D J I R W I N

GIGGS ROONEY  
CHARLTON STEPHEN  
SCHOLES BUNNIE  
FOULKES IRWIN  
NEVILLE SPENCE

**Fun fact**  
Your Club captain Sir Bobby Charlton, CBE, took on the right to help fund the Reds' security at Old Trafford, Cumbria. He was born in Macclesfield on 21st May 1936.

PRINT ME OUT IF YOU CAN OR MAKE ME UP ON YOUR SMARTPHONE OR TABLET

### 2. Anagrams

Every week Manchester United Foundation is going to bring you an activity sheet to work through to keep your mind active and have fun whilst we are all staying at home and staying safe.

- DIVA GEE DAD \_\_\_\_\_
- A IAM TUNA \_\_\_\_\_
- FRAUDS OR CHARMS \_\_\_\_\_
- TANNY TALMIARH \_\_\_\_\_
- WALE HUSK \_\_\_\_\_

## Modern Foreign Languages: Fruit and vegetables in Spanish

Mohammed has produced a vivid slide show with words that you would use at a fresh fruit and vegetable market. How many of these words did you know?

**AT THE MARKET**

¿Qué desea? – What would you like?  
Póngame... – I'll have...

La fruta = fruit  
La cereza = cherry  
La ciruela = plum  
La frambuesa = raspberry  
La fresa = strawberry  
El limón = lemon  
La manzana = apple  
El melocotón = peach  
El melón = melon  
La naranja = orange  
La pera = pear  
La piña = pineapple  
El plátano = banana  
El tomate = tomato  
La uva = grape

La verdura = vegetable  
El ajo = garlic  
La cebolla = onion  
El champiñón = mushroom  
La col = cabbage  
Las coles de brusejas = sprouts  
El espárrago = asparagus  
Las espinacas = spinach  
Los guisantes = peas  
Las judías verdes = green beans  
La lechuga = lettuce  
Las legumbres = vegetables, pulses  
La patata = potato  
El pepino = cucumber  
La pimienta = pepper  
La zanahoria = carrot

## Free e-books!

You may remember that, in last week's edition of our newsletter, we featured a number of e-books that were free to download. Since then, many more books have been added, including a 'Fiction Classics' section. These books are a must, for any avid reader! Please find the below books here: [www.amazon.co.uk/b?ie=UTF8&node=21173577031](http://www.amazon.co.uk/b?ie=UTF8&node=21173577031)

### Children's eBooks

 The New Girl (Heartside Bay Book 1) Cathy Cole Kindle Edition £0.00 ★★★★★ (15)	 The Bear, The Piano, The Dog and the Fiddle David Litchfield Kindle Edition £0.00 <del>£6.99</del> ★★★★★ (97)	 The Secret Rescuers: The Magic Fox Paula Harrison, Sophie Williams Kindle Edition £0.00 <del>£5.99</del> ★★★★★ (4)	 The Baby Brother From Outer Space: World Book 1 Pamela Butchart, Thomas Flintham Kindle Edition £0.00 ★★★★★ (28)	 Zoe's Rescue Zoo: The Lonely Lion Cub Amelia Cobb, Sophie Williams Kindle Edition £0.00 <del>£5.99</del> ★★★★★ (49)	 Secret Promise (The Rescue Princesses Book 1) Paula Harrison Kindle Edition £0.00 <del>£4.99</del> ★★★★★ (13)	 Spectre Collectors: Too Ghoul For School Barry Hutchison, Rob Biddulph Kindle Edition £0.00 <del>£6.99</del> ★★★★★ (4)	 Evie in the Jungle: World Book Day 2020 Matt Haig, Emily Gravett Kindle Edition £0.00 <del>£1.00</del> ★★★★★ (21)	 The Stick Book (Going Wild) Fiona Danks, Jo Schofield Kindle Edition £0.00 <del>£9.99</del> ★★★★★ (273)
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### Fiction Classics

 TREASURE ISLAND ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON KINDLE EDITION	 IVANHOE SIR WALTER SCOTT KINDLE EDITION	 THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE-DAME VICTOR HUGO KINDLE EDITION	 MOBY DICK HERMAN MELVILLE KINDLE EDITION	 THREE MEN IN A BOAT JEROME K. JEROME KINDLE EDITION	 WAR AND PEACE LEO TOLSTOY KINDLE EDITION	 DON QUIXOTE MIGUEL DE CERVANTES KINDLE EDITION	 THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY OSCAR WILDE KINDLE EDITION	 THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST OSCAR WILDE KINDLE EDITION
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# DTA Proud to Belong - Work Showcase

Class code a5lnx44

## Proud to Belong Classroom: Do you want to have your work featured?

If you have a particular piece of work that you are proud of, and would like it featured in our weekly newsletter. Please upload a file, or screenshot, to the 'Proud to Belong Classroom'. The best examples of home learning will be in for the chance to receive a praise postcard, chocolate Easter egg and a featured article, with lots of pictures!

You can access the classroom via code: **a5lnx44**

## Science! Diffusion and cells...

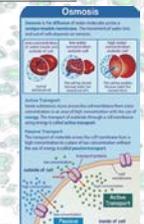
In an effort to condense key information, Mohammed in Year 9 has produced the below slides. He had this to say: 'Here is 2 pieces of work that I have done through the week. I am proud of the work that I did, as it made my learning more interesting and easier through the use of colourful diagrams and useful information that could also help me prepare for GCSE year!'

### Diffusion, Osmosis and Active Transport

Done by Mohammed Alsairafi 9T3

### Osmosis involves water molecules

Osmosis is the movement of water molecules across a partially permeable membrane from a less concentrated solution to a more concentrated solution.

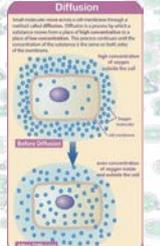


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### Diffusion

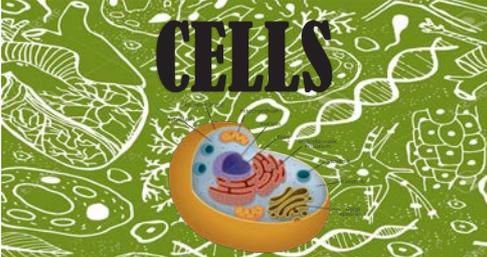
Diffusion is the spreading out of particles from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration.

This diagram shows what's happening when the smell of perfume diffuses through the air in a room:



Done by Mohammed Alsairafi 9T3

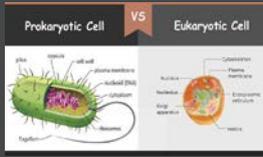
# CELLS



Done by Mohammed Alsairafi year 9T3

### Cells can be Eukaryotic or prokaryotic

- All living things are made of cells.
- Eukaryotic cells are complex. All animal and plant cells are eukaryotic.
- Prokaryotic cells are smaller and simpler. Bacteria are prokaryotic cells.



Done by Mohammed Alsairafi year 9T3

### Plant and animal cells have similarities and differences

The different parts of a cell are called sub-cellular structures



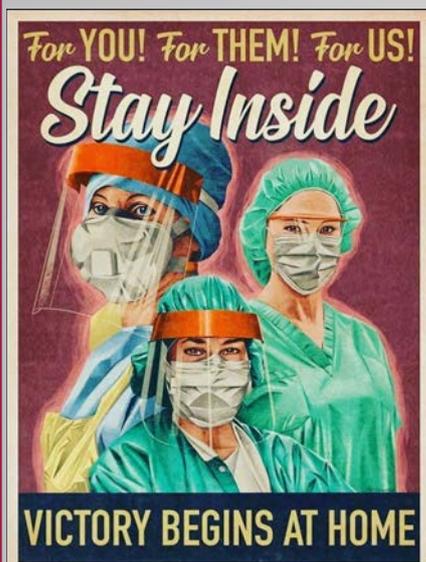
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## Dean Trust Ardwick's 'Getting Advice' virtual classroom

This is an ongoing resource base for pupils to access information and advice on the many topics that could impact their health and well-being. We strongly encourage pupils to look through the classroom as it provides lots of links, posters and support networks.

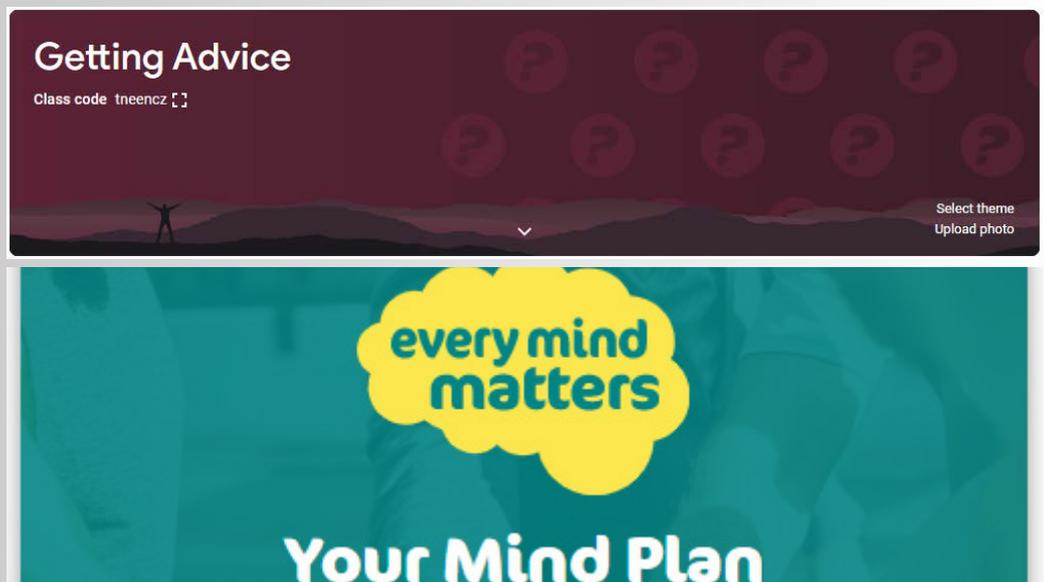
If you are aware of a good service or of a good strategy, that has provided positive well-being for you or someone you know, please let us know and/or upload it to the page. Miss Bostock recently shared the below poster and Ms Ashraf shared a 'Your Mind Plan' quiz, accessible through the below link:

[www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/your-mind-plan-quiz/?WT.tsrc=Paid\\_Social&WT.mc\\_id=EmpowerV3](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/your-mind-plan-quiz/?WT.tsrc=Paid_Social&WT.mc_id=EmpowerV3)



## Getting Advice

Class code tneencz



Select theme  
Upload photo

# every mind matters

## Your Mind Plan

## The Dean Trust featured on the BBC: Face masks for the NHS

As you will have read in our previous newsletter, technology staff across the Trust have come together to produce face masks for the NHS. Staff have made, and donated, thousands of face masks so far and are continuing to make hundreds each day. Their incredible work was featured in the recent BBC programme, One World: Together at home. Amazing work, Miss Entwistle, Miss Green and Mr Mitchell!

The below link will take you to the BBC website where you can watch it yourself. Can you spot our Dean Trust Ardwick heroes?

# one One World: Together at Home

Home Clips Information and Support

Last on



Teacher **STUART** is producing face shields at his school's engineering workshop



He and his staff have supplied over **2,200** to key workers for free



@DT\_Ardwick



# COVID-19 STAYING AT HOME SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

## LIVING TOGETHER

Following the recent government advice that we should all stay inside, we understand that being at home for a long a period of time can be difficult and that current restrictions due to the Covid-19 virus can put a lot of pressure on family relationships.

We also know that this is a worrying time for many young people and their families and it can be difficult to get help and support from friends and other family members at the moment.

If things are getting difficult at home and you are struggling with the relationships you have with those around you, we encourage you to get some help and support. There are a number of options available to help you and others in your family and we encourage you to seek advice and support as soon as possible.

School safeguarding leads are still able to support students and their families during the school closure period.

Remember, you should always call **999** if anyone is in immediate danger.

## HOW WE CAN HELP

Depaul UK have a range of services across Greater Manchester to support young people and their families throughout this challenging time. We keep up to date with government guidance to ensure the safe delivery of all of our services. Supporting social distancing, we provide the majority of our services remotely.

## RECONNECT GM

**Reconnect GM:** We offer young people aged 11-25 and their families, support, advice & guidance to help improve relationships with each other and reduce arguments and conflict in the home.

**Email:** [familysupport.GM@depaulcharity.org.uk](mailto:familysupport.GM@depaulcharity.org.uk) or call **0161 5073414**

**Oldham Reconnect:** We offer support to young people aged 15.5-25 who live in Oldham to prevent homelessness. We offer formal mediation, advice & guidance to help improve relationships at home and stay together.

**Email:** [oldham.reconnect@depaulcharity.org.uk](mailto:oldham.reconnect@depaulcharity.org.uk) or call **07971759140** Monday to Friday 9am till 5pm.

## NIGHTSTOP GM

**Nightstop GM** offers emergency accommodation for young people at risk of homelessness aged 16-25 in the spare room of trained and vetted volunteer hosts. We may also be able to offer respite accommodation.

**Email:** [nightstop.gm@depaulcharity.org.uk](mailto:nightstop.gm@depaulcharity.org.uk) or call **0161 5073414**

# OTHER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

## ALBERT KENNEDY TRUST

AKT supports lgbtq+ young people aged 16-25 in the UK who are facing or experiencing homelessness or living in a hostile environment.

[www.akt.org.uk](http://www.akt.org.uk)  
Phone: 0161 228 3308

## CHILDLINE

Childline is yours – a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything.

Because of the coronavirus, you can currently only speak to a Childline counsellor online or on the phone from 9am – midnight. **Phone: 0800 1111**

## RUNAWAY HELPLINE

Runaway Helpline is there for young people who are thinking about running away, if you have already run away, or if you have been away and come back.

[www.runawayhelpline.org.uk](http://www.runawayhelpline.org.uk)  
Phone or Text: 116 000

## KOOTH

Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop.

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Remember, you can still spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms. Visit the official government website for accurate up to date guidelines.

[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you think you have any symptoms, or for general health advice on the coronavirus, please visit the official **NHS** website.

[www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19](http://www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19)

**STAY AT HOME** 

**PROTECT THE NHS** 

 **save lives**



AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**  
with parental permission

# What parents need to know

# Twitch



Twitch is a gaming-focused live-streaming service, owned by Amazon, where you can watch others play games live and listen to commentary as they play. It has 15 million daily active users and more than three million people live broadcast video game streams and other content on Twitch, with channels dedicated to just about every popular video game imaginable – both modern and retro. There are also shows that feature gaming competitions, professional tournaments, game-related chat and news. Plus, numerous non-gaming channels covering everything from cookery and music to art and travel. But Twitch is not just about watching other people's shows – anyone can broadcast their own gaming action.



## Top Tips for Parents

### THE RISK - IT'S LIVE & UNCENSORED

As gamers get engrossed in their games, it is very common to hear rather choice words, so the chance of your child encountering swear words and bad language is extremely high. There is not only the language of the person running the stream that you need to consider, but also the language of other Twitch users in the text-based chat that accompanies streams.

#### What parents can do

There's not much you can do to reduce exposure to bad language on Twitch, but if there are any troublesome users, it is possible to block them. It is a good idea to spend a little time with your child as they explore different channels on the platform, as this will give you an idea of the sort of content they are being exposed to. As Twitch does not offer any parental control options, this is the best way to police what your child is doing. If your child is overwhelmed or disturbed by comments that are being posted in the stream chat, it is possible to hide it from view by clicking the little arrow to the right of the Subscribe button.

### THE RISK - VIOLENT GAMES & ADULT CONTENT

Like so many websites, Twitch does not allow children under the age of 13 to create an account, but in practice, there's nothing to stop anyone signing up by simply entering a false date of birth. In addition to swearing, commentary provided by other Twitch users may well contain adult content, and the games themselves can be rather violent. Bear in mind that many of the games on the market these days have an age rating of 18, and this is indicative of the bad language, sexual content and violence that they may contain.

#### What parents can do

There is nothing that can be done to prevent your child from accessing whatever channel they want – short of using your router settings or parental control software to block access to the site completely. One of the problems with Twitch is that while there is plenty of child-friendly content out there, it is not at all easy to quickly identify what might not be suitable. Spend some time working with your child to help identify channels that will be appropriate for them. While it may be hard to ensure they stick to these channels, it is useful for them to know that there is content available that is not overtly adult in nature.

### THE RISK - POTENTIAL COSTS

By default, Twitch is ad-supported, but there is a monthly subscription option – called Twitch Turbo – that offers an ad-free experience. On top of this, it is possible to subscribe to individual channels, and each one is chargeable individually. There's also Twitch Prime, a premium experience included with the Amazon Prime and Prime Video subscription memberships, which offers bonus games and exclusive in-game content and Twitch Merch – an online store offering merchandise, such as T-shirts and hoodies. Twitch Bits is a virtual currency that gives your child the power to encourage and show support for streamers – through 'cheers' – and get attention in chat through animated emoticons. Bits cost real money and there's one option to buy 25,000 Bits for £288. It's easy to see how costs could very quickly mount up the more involved your child gets into Twitch.

#### What parents can do

Take steps to restrict access to your credit/debit card, as well as your PayPal account, to avoid getting hit by a large bill. If you are able to access your child's Twitch account, it is possible to check their purchase history, so you can see if they are spending too much money on subscriptions or donations. Explain to your child that subscribing to channels and purchasing Bits for cheers is optional, and that they can watch and enjoy a stream without doing either.

### THE RISK - UNWANTED CONTACT FROM OTHER USERS

Just like any website or platform with a social element to it, there is the risk that your child will not only come into contact with the sort of people you might rather they didn't, but also that they could be harassed, groomed or bullied online.

#### What parents can do

Within Twitch settings, in the Security and Privacy section, it is possible to block messages – known as 'whispers' – from strangers. It's worth noting that this option only blocks messages by those who are not your friend, someone you follow, someone you subscribe to, one of your mods, or one of your editors. Taking things further, it is possible to completely block users who become problematic. Show your child how to make use of this option by clicking on a user's name and in the little pop-up that appears, click the icon that looks like a little speech bubble to block them. If your child wishes to report the user to Twitch, click the three dots button beneath the block option and click Report.

### THE RISK - WEBCAM SHARING

As well as seeing streaming footage of games, Twitch also lets users share their webcam, so people can see them. This gives yet another way for people to share inappropriate content, and it also gives another way for streamers to subject your child to advertising, sponsored content and product placement.

#### What parents can do

Getting involved in your child's use of Twitch is the best way to keep an eye on the sort of content they are consuming and intervene if anything inappropriate crops up. As part of your conversations with your child about what is appropriate to share online, try to educate them about careful use of their own webcam if they choose to stream their own gaming. As well as ensuring they are not encouraged into doing anything inappropriate on camera, it is also important to check that anything that can be used to identify them is not included in shot.

### THE RISK - TWITCH EMOTES

Twitch's interactive chat feature is littered with emoticons or 'emotes', which for first time users will be completely bewildering. They typically feature faces of notable streamers, Twitch employees or fictional characters, such as a grey-scale photograph of a game developer known as Kappa, which is often used in Twitch chat as a symbol of sarcasm or mockery. Your child may be upset or sensitive if they are the target of negative emotes while chatting with other gamers, or they may find some emoticons offensive.

#### What parents can do

Chat to your child about how they use Twitch and show an interest in understanding how it works. There are lots of online guides to Twitch emotes if you really want to get clued up on what your child is talking about in chats. Twitch's terms of service dictate that emotes must not be used for harassment – defined by 'targeted insults, defamation, intimidation, and threats of any nature'. If your child finds an emoticon that violates guidelines, they can report it via the 'User Report' tool. Channel owners can also add specific emoticons to their 'Channel Banned Words' list.

SOURCES:  
<https://www.twitch.tv/>



A whole school community approach to online safety  
[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

Email us at [hello@nationalonlinesafety.com](mailto:hello@nationalonlinesafety.com) or call us on 0800 368 8061

