



28th September 2018

Dear Families,

As technology now becomes an integral part of school life, we have decided to launch class twitter pages. The benefits of twitter for you are that you will have instant access to pictures, videos and digital content that the children have created that day and get a real time window into your child's exciting learning. This is something that we are very excited about as an academy and we hope you share our enthusiasm.

We are aware that your child's digital safety is very important therefore with regards to safeguarding, we have put in place the following strict measures:

- Class accounts will be an exclusive locked twitter account for verified parents/carers only and will be strictly monitored by the class teacher and senior management.
- Any other requests from other twitter uses will be instantly declined.
- Only children whose parents/carers have consented for images and videos to be tweeted will be used in daily tweets.

To create a twitter account, you must simply google twitter.com and sign up for free by adding your email address, username and password of choice. When you have created your account, search for your child's class from the list below (for example - @OPA_NG_Y1) and click the blue follow icon. Please feel free to drop in and ask you class teacher about any set up issues etc. and they will be happy to assist. We will also host a start up session for parents interested in finding out how to use twitter. Details of this will follow.

- **OPA_Newstead (School account – PLEASE ALL FOLLOW)**
- @OPA_NG_FS (Foundation Stage – Mrs Leiper and Miss Rush)
- @OPA_NG_Y1 (Year 1 – Mrs Seels and Miss Lawson)
- @OPA_NG_Y2 (Year 2 – Mrs Kirman)
- @OPA_NG_Y3 (Year 3 – Miss Barker)
- @OPA_NG_Y4 (Year 4 – Mrs Stacey)
- @OPA_NG_Y5 (Year 5 – Miss Thornton)
- @OPA_NG_Y6 (Year 6 – Mr Bower)

Once you have created your account, please send your child in with your user name on the slip below (e.g. @example1) so the class teacher can verify your twitter identity. Once the class teacher has received the consent form below, and has verified that you are a parent/carer of a child in that class, you will then have access to the tweets, images and videos that the teacher posts.

You can also follow the school account **@OPA_Newstead**. As this account is open for anyone to follow, we are asking for a further consent for images of your child to be shared here. We would like the school account to be a central hub for all the wonderful learning that takes place each week and use it as a tool to showcase how great our academy is.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mrs Karen Wakefield
Principal

Please circle and return to your child's class teacher:

I give permission for pictures of my child to be tweeted on the locked class account: Yes/ No

I give permission for pictures of my child to be tweeted on the unlocked school account: Yes/No

For verification purposes, please fill in YOUR twitter @username:

@.....

Childs name

Signed