

Gwladys Street CP & Nursery School



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHE

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a lovely first week back in school after the holidays.

The children have been able to enjoy the sunshine and participate in outdoor learning opportunities.

Mr Moore and I conducted a learning walk this week and observed all of the pupils in class, from Nursery to Y6. Your children were working really hard so a big well done to everyone! We have made some slight changes to our lunchtime rota so that children have access to a broader range of activities. Lunchtimes appear much calmer and enjoyable for all since the changes.

Miss Hennessey took over leadership of Early Years this week and has been doing an excellent job.

Parents and carers of pupils new to Reception will have the opportunity to meet her next week at our transition meeting. The weather forecast for the weekend is set to be very hot again so don't forget to continue to apply sun cream to your child and supply them with a hat and plenty of water!

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Booth



Family Support

Our Calm Central team is here to offer you support about any concerns or issues.



Click [here](#) to view the lunch menu for this half term.



Please click [here](#) to view term dates for the school year.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

From **SEPTEMBER 2023** our school uniform will be **changing slightly.**

Full school uniform must be worn every day.

Please make sure it has your **CHILD'S NAME** in.

Nursery (F1)

pupil's uniform will be:

- Royal blue jogging suit consisting of round neck jumper and royal blue jogging bottoms.
- White polo shirt.
- Velcro black shoes with black soles.



Reception (F2)

pupil's uniform will be:

- Royal blue jogging suit consisting of round neck jumper and royal blue jogging bottoms.
- White polo shirt.
- Velcro black shoes with black soles.
- Grey socks or tights.



Year 1 and Year 2

pupil's uniform will be:

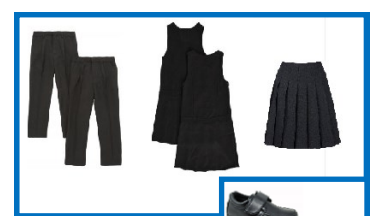
- Royal blue round neck jumper or cardigan.
- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers.
- White polo shirt.
- Grey socks or tights.



Years 3/4/5/6

pupil's uniform will be:

- Royal blue V neck jumper or cardigan.
- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers.
- White shirt.
- School tie.
- Grey socks or tights.



All children from Reception through to year 6 also require a PE kit.

This consists of:

- A white round neck t-shirt.
- Royal blue shorts.
- Royal blue jogging bottoms and Sweatshirt can also be worn.
- Black pumps or black trainers only.



Exceptions can only be made if you have contacted school in advance.



HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Why you should not take your child on holiday in term time.

Your child may:

- **Get behind in their school work.**
- **Feel excluded from their group of friends on their return.**
- **Not understand new work and lose self confidence.**
- **Get lower results in tests, assessments because of missed work.**
- **Miss tests or assessments.**

Any absence in term time destroys the continuity of your child's education and may reduce chances of success.

Is my child entitled to time off school for family holidays?

No.

Parents/carers do not have the right for their child to have leave of absence for a holiday.

Are parents responsible for their child's attendance at school?

Yes,

By law, parents whose children are registered at a school, are responsible for ensuring that their child attends school regularly. If they fail to do this they may be guilty of an offense and can be issued or prosecuted under section 444 of the Education Act 1996 with a penalty notice.

What are the penalties?

A Fixed Penalty Notice is a fine of £120 issued to each parent of each child absent on holiday.

Attendance Matters

Whole School Target: 97% - This week's Whole school attendance: 91.5%

Absence—if your child is absent from school you **MUST** contact the school before 9:00am each day of your child's absence. Failure to make any contact with the school will result in a home visit from staff and Head teacher.

Appointments—should be arranged outside of the school day and if this is not possible, medical evidence should be provided.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>	<u>Position</u>
China	97.5%	1st
Ladybirds	95.6%	2nd
Germany	94.9%	3rd
France	94.7%	4th
New Zealand	94%	5th
Chile	93.9%	6th
Australia	91.7%	7th
Caterpillars	91%	8th
Costa Rica	90.5%	9th
Morocco	90.3%	10th
Japan	90.1%	11th
Butterflies	90%	12th
India	88.5%	13th
Russia	86%	14th
Kenya	85.6%	15th

CONGRATULATIONS



To the **375** children who had **100%** attendance this week.

Congratulations

to Classes **LADYBIRDS** and **CHINA** who are our Attendance winners this week. The children will all receive a Golden time activity.
Well done!



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky

deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

[Use this link for information and advice.](#)

Perfect Attendance!




EYFS/ KS1 LADYBIRDS



KS2 CHINA



TEAM

Stars of the Week

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>
Caterpillars	Zach S
Butterflies	Junior H
Ladybird	Freya G
France	Isaac O
Germany	Eduard C
Australia	Thomas H
New Zealand	Buddy B
Kenya	Matilda B
Morocco	Monika R
Chile	Simon G
Costa Rica	Ben B
India	Eva G
Russia	Lola N
China	Adebayo S
Japan	Thomas R

Well done to our wonderful

TEAM

STARS OF THE WEEK

Your hard work and efforts have not gone

unnoticed.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO**

Rayan R
Amelia L
Rosie Mc
Olavo C
Luca G
Ava-Jean G

Coffee



Join us every
Wednesday from 2.30pm in
the
Breakfast room
for coffee, cake and a chat.
Everyone is welcome.



**Parent &
Toddler
Group**



Parent
and
Toddler
sessions are
held in
school
every
Wednesday
morning
9-10am

Please come
and join us

STARTING WELL FOR PARENTS

The Starting Well programme is for all parents with pre-school aged children. Starting Well aims to provide activities and classes to parents which promotes the importance of bonding and attachment. The programme gives parents space to play and information to help them bring up the next generation in a safe and loving way.

Our Groups and Classes

Stay and Play

The People's Hub, Spellow Lane, L4 4DF

Tuesday: 10-11.30am
Age group: 0-4 year olds

Wednesday: 1-2.30pm
Age group: 0-2 year olds



Scan here for more information or to sign up

Sing and Sign

The People's Place, Spellow Lane, L4 4EL

Thursday: 1-2pm
Age group: Five-18 months.

Dads Club

Clubmoor Children's Centre, Utting Ave East, L11 1DQ
Last Saturday of the Month: 10-11.30am

The People's Hub, Spellow Lane, L4 4DF
Second Saturday of the month: 10-11.30am

Age group: 0 - four year olds
(dads can bring any older siblings if they wish).



FREE YOGA SESSIONS

Wednesdays, 11am-12pm | The People's Place

Free to attend

Accessible to all ages and abilities in a friendly, relaxed environment.

To sign up or find out more, please contact neighbourhood@evertonfc.com



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Local Offer LIVE 2023

Wednesday 5th July

Are you a parent/carer of a child/young person with SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)? Are you a Professional working with families with SEND?

Come along and visit the Local Offer LIVE and see many services from Health, Local Authority, support groups, activity groups and 3rd Sector Organisations in one marketplace

Time: 12pm - 7pm

LOCATION:
Liverpool Guild of Students
The University of Liverpool
160 Mount Pleasant
Liverpool L3 5TR

FOR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL INFO@LIVPAC.ORG.UK

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 chat. When using this feature, users are connected to 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 information offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a webchat function – and anonymously – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, and to connect via 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 surprising that this has been filtered out completely – as young people should not 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 swap past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately. (User reports warnings or account termination, for example).

FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

OmeTV has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests that the app is not suitable for younger users. It's important to educate the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app to younger users. If you find it on an underage device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.

DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymous OmeTV chat function, which 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.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Elaine Hutchings is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and presented on a range of other safety projects for schools. She has written various reports and articles and is a member of the National Online Safety Advisory Group. You can contact her via elaine@elainehutchings.co.uk or <https://www.linkedin.com/company/elaine-hutchings/>



DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply teaching an app from their device isn't enough. Encourage and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.

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 listed in by others, feeling they've built up a following and being bought purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that they can always talk to you about anything online that worries them.

AGE VERIFICATION

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 put a location somewhere, 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 copied 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 blackmail 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. Even that explicit content isn't filtered out, while the site lists several risks and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

On this sheep-scale, how do you feel today?

