

9th September 2022

Dear parents/carers,

As technology now becomes an integral part of school life, we have individual class Twitter pages, alongside our school Twitter account. 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.

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. For this reason, each class will have a new Twitter account every new academic year.
- Only children whose parents/carers have consented for images and videos to be tweeted will be used in daily tweets.

You will receive a text message that will include a link to a google form. The google form will require:

- Your twitter handle (so the class teacher can identify parents accounts)
- If you consent to your child being included on the whole school twitter account (unlocked)
- If you consent to your child being included on the class twitter account (locked)

Once you have submitted the google form your child's class teacher will allow your twitter handle to follow the class account so that you can see everything your child's class is taking part in.

To create a Twitter account, you 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, type the class Twitter handle in the 'Search Twitter' box. For example: OPALG_6H2223. You will need to click '**Go to**' rather than search. Then click the 'follow' icon. This will send a request for your child's teacher to accept when you have returned your signed form.

@OPA_LG (school account – please all follow)
@OPA_LHG_PTFA - Parent, Teacher and Friends Association
@OPALG_N2223 - Nursery: Mrs Harrison and Miss Bowe
@OPALG_RC2223 - Reception: Miss Cowling
@OPALG_RHO2223 - Reception: Miss Hudson and Mrs O'Connor
@OPALG_IJH2223 - Year 1: Miss Johnson and Miss Hudson
@OPALG_IM2223 - Year 1: Mrs Mahmood
@OPALG_2C2223 - Year 2: Mrs Carr
@OPALG_2P2223 - Year 2: Miss Park
@OPALG_3JA2223 - Year 3: Mrs Jagger and Miss Austwick
@OPALG_3B2223 - Year 3: Mr Brickwood

Outwood Grange Academies Trust, a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales with company number 06995649.

Registered office address: Potovens Lane, Outwood, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2PF.

VAT number: 158 2720 04. Outwood Grange Academies Trust is an exempt charity.

A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

@OPALG_4C2223 - Year 4: Miss Clark
@OPALG_4H2223 - Year 4: Miss Hand
@OPALG_5B2223 - Year 5: Mrs Burnell
@OPALG_5T2223 - Year 5: Miss Holmes and Mrs Thornton
@OPALG_6D2223 - Year 6: Mr Denning
@OPALG_6H2223 - Year 6: Mrs Harlow

Once you have created your account, complete the google form so the class teacher can verify your Twitter identity.

Once the class teacher has received the consent form, and has verified that you have parental responsibility for 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_LG**. We would like the school account to be a tool to showcase how great our academy is and keep you up to date with what takes place in the academy.

If your child is new to school, please ask the office for a consent form to complete.

If you have previously completed a consent form, this follows your child through school until they leave Year 6. If you would like to make any changes, please speak with the staff at the office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Principal
Mrs R. Hewitt