



# Moorfield News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Welcome back to all of our school community after the summer break. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the sunshine when it appeared in between the showers. The weather this week has been somewhat different! We are all looking forward to this new school year and it has been a great first four days back.

## **YEARLY CALENDAR**

We hope to get an overview of the school year to you next week. We still have a few dates to agree with the MHSA before we share the calendar.

## **WEEKLY INFORMATION**

For the benefit of our new parents, you will see a page called 'Picture News' and a page from National Online Safety. Picture News is a weekly 'current news' programme we share with children both in the classroom and in a weekly assembly. The focus is always something that is currently happening in either the UK or around the world. You are welcome to engage in this with your child in preparation for their learning in the week ahead. There is also an e-safety information page with advice for parents and carers regarding a particular online game or social media site your child maybe using. We hope you find these additions useful.

## **COLLECTING YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF SCHOOL**

You will have received an email and Google form this week to inform us of any older siblings who will be picking your child up or if your child in Year 6, is allowed to walk home unaccompanied by an adult. If you have not completed this form yet can you please do so by Monday. For safeguarding purposes, it is also essential that if your child is due to be collected by an adult unknown to the teacher, or if the usual arrangements change, we ask that you let us know in the morning or by letting the Office know before the end of the day. Thank you.

## LEARN TO RIDE COURSE

TfGM in partnership with BikeRight! will be running FREE children's cycling courses at various venues across Greater Manchester From 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 until the end of March 2024.



The Learn to Ride course is aimed at primary school children (minimum age 6 years old) and aims to give them a good start on their cycling journey. They will need their own bike (with no stabilisers) and helmet. If you don't have your own bike, they may have a small selection to borrow (Please check details on each event). The sessions are in a small groups with two experienced Bikeability instructors. You can sign up for more than one session if you wish.

Important - Parents/carers must stay for the whole session. The training will go ahead whatever the weather (unless conditions are dangerous) so please dress children appropriately.

Places need to be booked and further details can be found here <https://bikeright.co.uk/courses/child-group/>

If you have any further questions, please email [active.travel@tfgm.com](mailto:active.travel@tfgm.com)

## END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Can we politely ask on the KS2 playground that parents and carers stand well back from the areas where the children are coming out of classes. It is a very difficult task releasing a class of children to those adults or siblings picking up. This is being made more difficult by adults standing very close to the pick up points. Please stand back towards the fence at the back of the playground. Thank you for your support.

## AND FINALLY..... ROAD SAFETY



**STOCKPORT**  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL



### Did You Know?



School Keep Clear markings outside School entrances must be kept clear of Stationary vehicles, even if picking up or dropping off Children. An upright sign will be nearby.

#### Highway Code Rule 238

You must not wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings.

H bar road markings are to deter parking over driveways and other vehicle access points. Obstruction can result in a fine by the police or Local Authority. Parking on or near a junction can also cause a safety obstruction.

#### Highway Code Rule 243

Do not park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space

Single and double yellow lines denote parking restrictions. A **single yellow line** means no waiting or parking during times shown on a sign nearby. A **double yellow line** means no waiting or parking at any time. Kerb markings mean no loading or unloading.

**Highway Code Rule 238** You must not wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation. Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs.



Where possible walk or cycle to School to help with creating a safer and healthier zone around School.



Parking fully or partially across a dropped kerb, such as a driveway, is classed as an obstruction and could result in a penalty notice from the Police or Local Authority.

Blocking a dropped kerb, pavement or parking on a [crossing causes problems](#) for pedestrians trying to use a safer place to cross. This particularly affects people with disabilities or Pushchairs.

#### Highway Code rule 243

Do not park where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles.

Please find above some information sent from the LA setting out parking issues and how these are covered in the Highway code. Inconsiderate parking around Schools causes congestion, inconvenience for residents and potential danger for everyone.

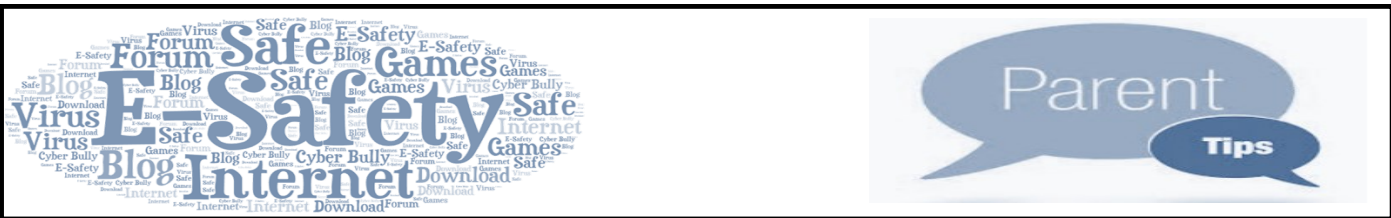
In the first four days of the new school year I have a complaint from a local resident who has had a white H bar painted on the road outside his house and still parents are parking across his drive. Mark, our crossing patrol person has had a parent drive past him (on more than one occasion) whilst he has been stood in the middle of the road helping families cross.

Thank you to the majority who are careful and respectful drivers. Can we all get on board please to ensure everyone is safe.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher



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 issues 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 LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

**AGE RESTRICTION**

13+ 16+ 18+

Age varies by platform

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

### DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

### ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

### UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 90 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

### ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

### DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

### MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

### GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

### TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

### CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

### Meet Our Expert

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Source: <https://www.itw.org.uk/media/23j3nc2/distribution-of-captures-of-live-streamed-child-sexual-abuse-final.pdf>



# Picture News

## TAKEHOME 11 - 17 Sept

## In the news this week



In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats. Parents, guardians, or other adults supervising children could be subject to a fine of up to \$200 (£130) if they do not comply. In the UK, currently, there is no legal requirement for anyone using rivers and seas for leisure purposes to wear a lifejacket/personal flotation device (PFD).

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of lifejackets. Have you ever been required to wear one? Where were you? Did everyone wear them?
- > Can you make a list of all the times you think lifejackets should be worn?
- > Do you feel there should be laws in place to ensure people wear lifejackets on boats at sea? If so, do you believe they should apply to everyone?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



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# Early Birds

*Every Friday during term time 8.45am-10.15am*

A volunteer run drop-in space for parents and carers, on your own, or with babies and toddlers

Join us for a coffee, a chat,  
and a safe place to play.



**@ Hazel Grove Methodist Church Wesley Street SK7 4JQ**  
*(entrance via the church car park at the rear of the building)*

## Early Birds

What do we offer?

- a safe, relaxed environment for you to be with little ones
- simple refreshments if you haven't had time for breakfast!
- toys and play space for toddlers and pre-school age children

Our volunteers have a DBS clearance. When you arrive we will ask you to sign in, for safety reasons. We do not charge but you are welcome to leave a donation if you wish. There is no need to book in. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information please contact [cathy.bird@methodist.org.uk](mailto:cathy.bird@methodist.org.uk)

**Stockport Poynton**

**Mum2mum Market**

**Poynton Civic Hall.**

**Park Lane. SK12 1RB**

**Sat. Sep. 9th 2-4pm**

**0-6 years age group.**

**Good as new items event**

**Stalls available to sell your children's  
outgrown items from potties to prams.**

**[www.mum2mummarket.co.uk](http://www.mum2mummarket.co.uk)**

**Help or advice email**

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