

Twitter

In the current technologically minded society, social media – such as Twitter – is becoming a more integral part of daily life. At The Saints Federation, we utilise Twitter as a way of connecting the children with the rest of the world, through posting their work on Twitter; enhancing a sense of purpose in the work they create.

Twitter is an online social media tool which can be used to post photos and comments. Accounts can be closed or open. A closed account only allows those who follow the account to see content. An open account means all content is public. At The Saints Federation, we have an open account.

The Saints Federation will not use Twitter to engage with individual parents directly however it may be used to communicate important announcements and notices.

Only the Executive Headteacher and the Deputy Headteacher will have access to the official school Twitter account. Personal staff accounts will not be linked to the official school Twitter account.

In order to safeguard pupils, pictures of pupils will only be posted with consent from parents. Any child who has work posted on Twitter will only be identified by their first name only or class name. Parents will be encouraged to follow the official school account which will also be linked to The Saints Federation website. The Saints Federation will not follow any users. Daily checks will be made by the Deputy Headteacher to ensure content is appropriate. Any content deemed unsuitable will be removed and the user blocked.

The Saints Federation welcomes comments on posts and positive interaction with the children through Twitter. However, inappropriate/unsuitable content will not be tolerated. The Saints Federation deems any of the following as inappropriate/unsuitable:

- Offensive language or comments aimed at the school, staff, pupils, parents, governors or any others linked with the school;
- Unsuitable images or content posted onto the feed;
- Images or text which infringe upon copyright;
- Comments that aim to undermine the school, staff, pupils, parents, governors or any other linked with the school.

Once a user is blocked through posting unsuitable content, they will not be unblocked. All inappropriate content will be reported to Twitter.

Reviewed: September 2019

Next review: September 2020

