

# Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



*Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve*

Date 22nd September 2023

It has been such a positive start to the year for our children and seeing them thrive in their friendships and learning has been a pleasure. I have spent a lot of time at Lydford since the beginning of term and it has been an absolute pleasure to speak, play and learn with the children. I also appreciate that settled start hasn't been felt more widely in the family community and that some of the challenges around Class One have unsettled the notable progress we have made over recent years.

We have a robust plan to address this – one which I am convinced will see the school grow in strength and commitment. I will take the responsibility of teaching Class One next week and invite you to meet with myself and Trust leaders on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm where we will share plans and both reassure and renew the importance of our shared work together.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your continued support that is so appreciated. This is a truly special school at the heart of and belonging to its community and together we will ensure it thrives.

Mr Hill  
Principal

## **Meet our SENDCO**



Hello, my name is Bev Pickett-Jones and I am the new Hub SENDCO for Ruby and Moorland Schools. I will be working closely with all the staff across the schools to support the children. I will split my time across the schools spending time in each one. Chloe Collacott is the Assistant SENDCO for Milton Abbott School, Emma Winter is the assistant SENDCO for Ruby Schools and Becky Drew-Hill will be Assistant SENDCO for Moorland Schools when she returns from maternity leave in January, I will be covering her schools until that time. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children in the coming months and am excited to be working with the schools of Ruby and Moorland Hubs.

To contact me please use [bpickettjones@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:bpickettjones@dmatschools.org.uk) or 07938482542 which is a school mobile and available between 8.30am and 5pm term time only.

## **Lunches**

If you haven't already booked lunches for next week you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch. Lunches need to be booked by midnight Thursday for the following week. Thank you.

## **Defibrillator**

We now have a defibrillator in school. This is available during school hours.

## **Breakfast club**

Booking for breakfast club will be back up and running next week. Thank you for your patience.

## Class 2 Snack

Please can all class 2 children bring a fresh fruit or vegetable snack in to have at breaktime. With the earlier start and longer morning session they are getting hungry before lunch time.

## Time to Talk

As part of our school focus on getting children talking and improving their Oracy, we have a topical, weekly question and picture for you to discuss as a family: -

This week the children have had a visit from Devon Waste Management and enjoyed a workshop about recycling.

**Why is recycling important for the future of our planet?**



## Gallery

Class 2 working together to tidy the Forest School area





Children enjoyed exploring our concrete resources and manipulatives in Maths Club and played number based board games together.



Class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed immersing in their reading during our book club sessions.



## **Community News and Information**

### **Meal-Time Assistant – 2 Positions**

South Tawton Primary School  
Closing date: 24th September 2023



Work Pattern: 6.25 hours per week/38 weeks per year  
Salary: £20,967 (Full-Time Equivalent)  
Job Term: Part-Time/Permanent



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# Okehampton College OPEN EVENING

*Wednesday  
4th October 2023*

An opportunity for Students and Families in Years 4,5,6 to visit the College and meet existing students who will be on hand to give guided tours. There will also be an opportunity to attend a presentation by the Principal. Full details can be found on the College Website and promoted through the Primary Schools.

If you are unable to attend on the 4th October alternative visits can be arranged on either Thursday 5th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 18th October. For further information please contact the College.

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to Meeting you!*



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# Holsworthy Community College

*Small enough to know you, big enough to make a difference*

## Open Evening

**Wednesday 27 September 5-7pm**

**Open morning on Monday 2 October**

Email the school to book a place for that day or other dates



*Ofsted said:*

*Behaviour is calm and orderly*

*Subject leaders have defined the essential knowledge for pupils to learn*

*Leaders have created a strong culture of safeguarding*

*Leaders have created a creative and ambitious curriculum for all pupils*

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## GIRLS PDC'S EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON OPEN TRIALS

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Monday term time  
18:00-19:00 Years 3 & 4  
19:00-20:00 years 5 & 6

### LAUNCESTON COLLEGE

Monday term time  
18:00-19:00 Years 1-6  
19:00-20:00 years 7+

### ASHBURY GOLF HOTEL

Thursday term time  
18:00-19:00 Years 1-4  
19:00-20:00 Years 5+

### CALLYWITH COLLEGE

Tuesday term time  
18:15-19:15 Years 3-7+

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# Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

## PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

## ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

## AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

## DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary; emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

## Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 16 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.

Source: <https://hipal.app/about/privacy.html>

## FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

## ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Pro Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

## TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

## BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.



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