

# NEWSLETTER



**14<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

## **How to get in touch**



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[families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team
- You can also send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.



[sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

- Use this for any queries about any additional learning needs or concerns.

## **School Start Times**

*ALL children are welcome from 8:35am. The earlier the better!*

Year Group	Start Time	Pick up time
Nursery	Gates open at 8:35am Class starts at 9am	3pm
Reception Year 1 Year 2	Gates open at 8:35am Gates & Doors into school close at 8:55am  Registers close at 8:55am.	3:15pm
Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Any child arriving after 8:55am must go through the main office to be signed in and will be marked as late.	3:20pm

*Free toast will be served from the canteen between 8:35am and 8:50am.*

## **MORNING ACTIVITIES**

Sports and Fitness: Join us on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.20am on the KS2 playground for 15 minutes of fun and fitness games to start your day before heading off to class at 8.35am. We look forward to seeing you there!

Choir: Join us on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.15am for choir. Mrs Cooper and Mrs Shipstone will meet children at the front gate at 8:15am.



*The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> October.*

*Nursery*

*Kyra*

*Reception*

*Ella  
Amrita  
Trishandeep  
Ellie*

*Year One*

*Eleanor  
Lewis  
Amilah  
Cruz*

*Year Two*

*Brodie  
Lameesah  
Surayia  
ALL of 2W*

*Year Three*

*Ronel  
Reece  
Lina  
Anas  
Kenny*

*Year Four*

*Ajab  
Aaliyah  
Shanice  
Laura-Jane  
Nahom  
Kayden  
Kais*

*Year Five*

*Saffanah  
Aryas  
Sienna  
Sarah N*

*Year Six*

*Ayat  
Harry K  
Dallas  
Logan  
Alfie  
Mylee*





# School Dinner

## Menu

### 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October

**NOTE: We operate a 3-week rolling menu. Keep an eye on the menu each week for changes.**

**We use a range of suppliers, including local businesses so menus are subject to change if items are unavailable.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausages with Gravy	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Chicken and Stuffing	Jacket Day	Pizza Day
Vegetarian Sausages with Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Roast Quorn and Stuffing	Jacket Potato	Cheese and Tomato
Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Ravioli	Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	With Butter, Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo, Coleslaw or BBQ Beef	or
Ice Cream	Mac 'n' Cheese	Chocolate Cracknel	Jam Sponge with Custard	Pepperoni Pizza with Chips
	With Fresh Salad and Homemade Garlic Bread			Fresh Mixed Salad
	Rice Pudding with Jam or Sultanas			Selection of Fruit Desserts
Daily Fresh Salad Bar				

## Food Allergies

In order to keep our dietary records up to date, please inform the main office of any changes to your child's dietary requirements, allergies and intolerances. We are able to cater for most requirements but must know in advance.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please also let the main office know. We do not serve Halal meats.

Please either contact the main office on 0121 464 1769 or email the Inclusion Team on [families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.

# attendance ~~MATTERS~~

Week 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October

Whole School Attendance currently running at: 95.17%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: 97.24%    KS2: 95.93%    Whole School:  
96.35%

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	94%		3A	98.67%
RL	97.67%		3S	98.72%
RW	94.58%		4H	93.24%
1B	97%		4N	94.33%
1O	97.93%		5H	98.06%
2FP	98.33%		5W	98.75%
2W	96%		6D	97.50%
RR	88.67%		6W	99.01%
			6WO	92.73%



Congratulations to 6W who had the best class attendance last week.

Well done to 2FP had the best class attendance in EYFS & KS1 last week.

Will you help your class have the best class attendance next week?

## 2022 – 2023 Academic Year

### Autumn Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – 6WO Class Assembly 9am – Parents invited

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Visit to Tamworth Castle

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening – 3:30pm – 5:50pm

Please make an appointment with the class teacher

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Harvest Assemblies – Parents Invited

9am – Years 3 – 6 and Rainbow Room

2pm – Years Nursery – 2

### Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – First day school open for children

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Influenza Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6

Please return the form if you wish for your child to receive the vaccination

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – KS2 Halloween Disco – Details to follow

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire & Diwali Day

Children can wear brightly coloured clothes and donate a bottle of something for our Christmas Fayre.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – 5W Class Assembly 9am – Parents invited

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 4H Class Assembly 9am – Parents invited

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 5H Class Assembly 9am – Parents invited

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Nativity – AM & PM Performance. (Times tbc)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Choir Candlelit Parent Concert (Afterschool. Time tbc)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre (details tbc)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity – AM & PM Performance. (Times tbc)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day – Wear a Christmas Jumper to school and bring a £1 donation for Save the Children

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Nativity – AM & PM Performance. (Times tbc)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Cadbury World Visit

Term Ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Inset day, school closed to children

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - First day school open for children

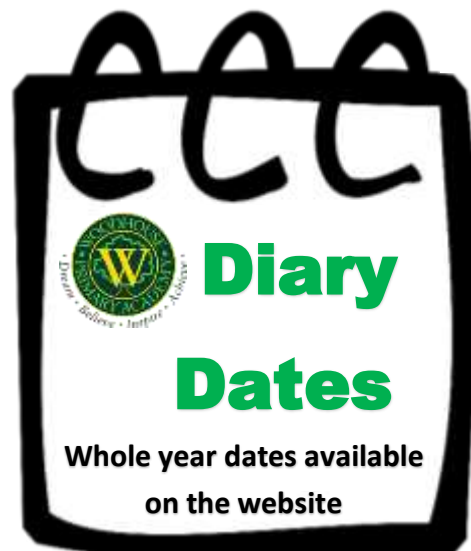
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices Concert

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 4N Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 3S Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 3A Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 2FP Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited





Half Term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - First day school open for children

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Parents Evening (Details to follow)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 2W Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (Details to follow)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 1B Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 1O Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Assemblies and EYFS & KS1 Bonnet Parade (times tbc)

Term Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - First day school open for children

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 6 Bell Heath Residential

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Graduation AM & PM

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day at Woodhouse

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Ks2 Sports Day at Woodhouse

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production (times tbc)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Concerts

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Parent drop in sessions to discuss reports if needed

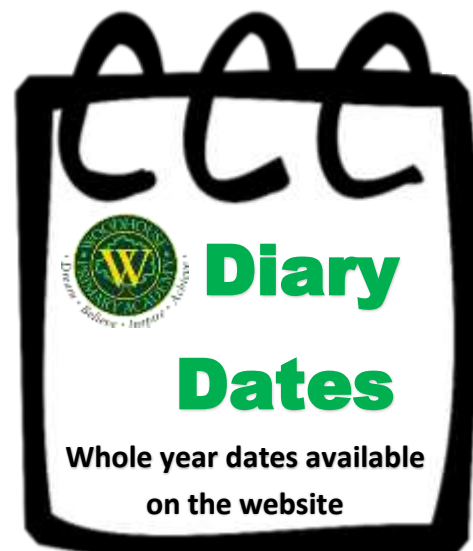
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last day of school year for children

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Inset day, school closed to children

Further dates here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-events>



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## Outdoor Area Revamps

You may have seen recently that we have revamped the Rainbow Room outdoor area with help from some fantastic fundraising. See photos below.

We are now planning on doing a similar thing with our Early Years outdoor areas. We are part of the Tesco Community Scheme, which you may have seen in stores. They are going to help us raise funds towards our project.

This starts in the following stores on Monday:

5325 Quinton Superstore B32 1EG

5506 Hagley Road Express B17 8DJ

6388 Bristal Express B68 9TX

*Vaccinations taking place November 1st*



# flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



## 1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

## 2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

## 3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

## 4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

## 5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Flu **i**mmunisation

Helping to protect children, every winter

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# Christmas Fayre



*Details will soon follow about this year's Christmas Fayre.*

*In the meantime we are starting to collect any donations towards the fayre.*

*The items we are looking for are any unwanted, good quality books and toys that can be re-used. We **won't** be collecting soft toys.*

*On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> we are having a Bonfire & Diwali Day where children can wear brightly coloured clothing and bring in a bottle of something for one of our stalls. Please do not send children in with bottles of alcohol.*

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*This year we are inviting you to help us out and in return, you will gain from it.*

*If you have a small business or enterprise that you could transport to school, for a £5 contribution to school fund, we are offering you a space or stall to come and sell / provide your products or services.*

*Some examples could be if your make crafts, draw or paint and have made Christmas cards, if you cook or bake and would like to sell your products, if you paint nails, style hair etc. you could come and provide that service.*

*All we ask in advance is that you let us know via email to [enquiries@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk) or speak with a member of the office staff or an assistant head so we can plan the space you will need.*

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*Please bring any donations to the main office.*



# School Admissions

## Secondary School

*If your child is currently in Year 6 (born between 01/09/2011 & 31/08/2012) then they will be due to move on to secondary school in September 2023.*

*The application window is now OPEN and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. You will need to follow the link below to apply online.*

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

*Most secondary schools will have open sessions for you to go and look around before applying. Details of these will be available on their websites or by contacting them directly.*

*National offer day is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. You will be notified by email.*

## Reception 2023

*If your child is currently in Nursery and/or is born between 01/09/2018 & 31/08/2019 then they will be due to start Reception from September 2023.*

*The application window opens on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.*

*NOTE: Attending our Nursery does not guarantee a place. An application will still need to be made.*

*Follow the link below for further information and to apply when the window opens:*

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

*Speak to someone in the main office if you have any questions or need support with this.*



# Woodhouse Clothing Bank

We have a clothing bank in school where we are able to take donations of **children's** clothing and re-disperse them to families and children who need them.

*Please bring any donations, in a clean and re-usable condition, to the main office.*

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*Items we can accept include:*

*School shoes, School uniform, non-school uniform (t-shirts, hoodies, trousers etc.), non-school shoes (trainers, pumps etc.), coats, hats, gloves and scarves.*

*Items we cannot accept: Underwear, jewellery, accessories, adults clothing.*

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*All clothing will be laid at parents evening on Tuesday. We have a wide range of school uniform and non-school clothing in sizes from toddlers to end of primary age. We also have coats, shoes, hats etc.*

*Please come along and help yourselves.*

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*In the meantime, if you have any queries at all or would like any more information, please speak with the main office or email [families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)*

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# Author of the Week

## TOM PALMER



Tom is known for his writing about sports and history, notably WW1 and WW2.



Tom writes a range of books which have two main themes: sport and history! Sometimes, he even combines the two.

He has books about the RAF, Navy and Army, which give us an insight into what the wars may have been like from these perspectives.

He has also written about football, rugby and running, creating thrilling stories about the sport while still including friendships and adventure among the pages, too!

If you like Emma Carroll or Marcus Rashford, you'll love these books!

*I like reading because it makes me happy. Though it has to be something I want to read!*

*Tom Palmer says:*



B32 @ Faraday  
1 Faraday Avenue  
Quinton  
B32 1JP

*You may have seen on Midlands Today recently that B32 CommUNITY have acquired the space where the old butchers was on Faraday Avenue as their new hub.*

*The new hub will extend the local Quinton pantry and offer a community café/kitchen and budget cooking advice along with other community and youth activities.*

*They are looking for support to get the hub up and running as soon as possible. They are looking for the following trades and volunteers:*

*Electricians  
Plumbers  
Carpenters  
Kitchen-Bathroom fitters  
Tilers  
Painters and decorators  
Tea/coffee makers.*

*They can be contacted via their Facebook page [B32 Community C.I.C / Facebook](#) or at the address above.*



*Many of you are already using our My Child At School platform to pay for visits, lunches and wrap around care and to receive messages from school.*

*We are in the process of becoming a cashless school so this will be the only way to pay for visits, lunches and wrap around care going forward.*

*The platform is simple to use and is available on all smart mobile devices via their app stores.*

*If you haven't set this up already, please come and see the main office or email us on [families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)*

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*If you have an invitation code already, you can redeem this by visiting <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin> and selecting 'redeem invitation code'.*

*To do this, you need your username and invitation code from your invitation email and the school ID which is 12013.*

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*The main office will be your first port of call for any assistance with this.*





# Boloh Helpline

## Barnardo's Online English Conversation Club 2022-2023

Have you tried to talk to locals but are finding it hard to make conversation? Have you experienced that you started your conversation with "How are you?" and then it ended with "I am fine, thank you?" In the coming session, we will discuss how to engage in small talk.

You are invited to join our virtual English conversation club to practice English speaking, and to share your experience in building interpersonal relationships with local people.

**Date:** Thursday 20th October 2022

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams meeting

**Topic:** Small talk with local people

**Registration:** <https://forms.office.com/r/DQD8v3Uwve>



Registration is on a first come first served basis. A confirmation email will be sent to your email address. Please email ([boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk)) if you have any further enquiries.



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# Boloh Helpline

## Barnardo's 網上英語會話小組 2022-2023

想主動與本地人聊天溝通，卻又不知道如何打開話匣子？向對方問候一句 How are you，對方回答 I am fine, thank you，接著便結束對話，這會是你的經歷嗎？這次我們一起討論如何與本地人聊天，打開話題，延續對話。

我們邀請你一起參與網上英語會話小組，一方面練習英語會話，另一方面分享你與本地人建立人際關係經驗。

**日期：**2022 年 10 月 20 日(星期四)

**時間：**下午 1 時至 2 時

**地點：**Microsoft Teams 線上會議

**題目：**與本地人溝通

**登記：**<https://forms.office.com/r/DQD8v3Uwve>



活動名額先到先得。參加者將於 10 月中旬獲電郵通知確認參加活動資格。如有查詢，請電郵與我們聯絡 ([boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk))。



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# ParentWise – A helping hand for parents and carers

As children get older and more independent, issues that affect them can be harder to spot and deal with.

Learning about potential dangers can give you the knowledge and skills to act if there is a problem. It could also help keep your child safe by preventing problems before they happen.

You know your child best, so if you've got a feeling something's up – you're right not to ignore it.

<https://parentwise.campaign.gov.uk/>

# READY TO FIGHT FOOD WASTE?



## RESCUE MAGIC BAGS OF SURPLUS, UNSOLD FOOD

FROM YOUR FAVOURITE SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS

Every day, delicious, fresh food goes to waste at cafes, restaurants, hotels, shops and manufacturers - just because it hasn't sold in time. The Too Good To Go app lets you buy and collect this food - at a great price - so it gets eaten instead of wasted. You won't know exactly what's in your order until you pick it up - it's all part of the surprise. Download the app to get started.

Download the app from the App Store or the Play Store, enter your postcode and see what is available near you.





## Welcome to Quinton Pantry!

The Quinton Food pantry is collaboration between the Haven Community Project and B32 community. In response to the covid-19 pandemic we have both been involved with distributing food due to ongoing issues of Food Justice. We want to see a longer term solution to these issues of food injustice available for the people of Quinton and hope that the food pantry will form a part of this.

For a small weekly subscription of **£4**, members of this Pantry will be able to purchase a weekly food shop including fresh fruit and vegetables and family favourites to stock up the cupboard and fridge.


### The address is:

Haven Centre  
54 Rilstone Road  
Quinton  
Birmingham  
B32 2NR

### Opening times:

Friday: 12pm - 1.30pm

We are always looking for new volunteers so please get in touch if you would like to help us to run the pantry or support any of the other projects that we currently offer.

If you have any queries, please email [rachel@havencommunityproject.com](mailto:rachel@havencommunityproject.com) 



*The Quinton and Oldbury Foodbank is located at St Boniface Church and is open every Tuesday from 10am – 12pm and every Wednesday from 11am – 1pm.*

*The Foodbank at The Coffee Shop has now closed due to not being a suitable size for the foodbank but is re-opening as The Brandhall Community Hub and will be offering a wide range of support to the community. This includes a Food Pantry; a food membership club giving access to low-cost food, including fresh goods, in a shop format. The Pantry is a similar setup to the one in Quinton at the Haven Centre.*

*Food Banks within the Trussell Trust:*

- 1. Quinton and Oldbury Foodbank, St Boniface Church, B32 2QD*
- 2. Smethwick, Holy Trinity Church B67 7AH*
- 3. Handsworth, New Wesleyan Church, B21 0LA*
- 4. Birmingham Central, Birmingham City Church, B1 3QQ*

*Please speak to a member of staff in school in you require support from the Food Bank. We are able to refer families.*





# STITCH & CRAFT WITH US! AT QUINTON LIBRARY



**Free**

Join us at Quinton Library for a monthly day of craft, creativity and good company! Bring your own stitching or craft projects to do whilst you meet and enjoy a chat with like-minded people.

Drop in either **10.30am-12.30pm** or **2-4pm** on the following Tuesdays: 17 May, 28 June, 19 July (no date in August), 20 September, 18 October, 15 November and 20 December 2022.



Just turn up or call  
Quinton Library for  
more information.  
**0121 464 7400.**

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**Birmingham City Council**

# Rhyme Time

**At Quinton Library**  
**Ridgacre Road, Quinton,**  
**B32 2TW**

**Suitable for ages 0-5 Years**

**Every Friday 10:00-11:00**  
**(Term Time Only)**

**Join us for stories, rhymes and fun craft**  
**activities that help support and develop your**  
**child's language and communication skills**



For more information on what's  
going on in your area please call:  
Doddington Green Children's Centre on  
0121 4776440

 @bfsedgbaston





# Where's Wendy?

Wendy can be found working with pupils. She can support pupils with their emotional well being.

Wendy can be found working with staff.

She is trained to help staff with a variety of issues that are affecting their life.



**Did you know Wendy is a qualified therapist?**

**She is qualified in Counselling and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy.**

**If you'd like to speak to Wendy ask at Reception.**

**Wendy is in school on Thursdays.**

# Pause.

**Need someone to talk to?  
Struggling to cope with feelings?  
We're here for you.**

**Pause can help, we listen and help you find solutions – no referrals or long waits, you choose when and how to use our service. Pause supports anyone under the age of 25 with a Birmingham GP via phone, video call or face to face session.**

**To find out more and register for support, visit:  
<https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause>  
or call our Registration Line **0207 841 4470**  
(please note local call charges do apply).**

**Drop-in sessions will be offered around the Birmingham area, not just in City Centre. For up to date locations, visit our website for more information.**

**Pause can offer:**

- **A non-judgemental listening ear.**
- **Self-help strategies, skills for managing difficult situations and feelings.**
- **Detail of other support services that can help.**

**Each session last around 20-30 minutes which focuses on ways forward.**

**Our Service Operates:**

- **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Fridays - 10am-6pm**
- **Tuesdays 12pm-8pm**
- **Saturdays 10am-5pm**
- **We are Closed Sundays & Bank Holidays.**





# Help for all families in Birmingham



Food  
& Energy



Youth  
Support



Domestic  
Abuse



Emergency  
Funding



Money &  
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's  
Support



School Uniforms  
& Clothing



Parenting



Special Needs  
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual  
Health



Mental  
Health



Play

**Birmingham**  
Children's Partnership





# Birmingham

## Children's Partnership



### Edgbaston

EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org  
0121 456 7821

### Erdington

ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk  
0121 748 8199

### Hall Green

Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk  
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

### Hodge Hill

EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk  
07976 199894

### Ladywood

childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk  
07764 977636

### Northfield

NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org  
07516 918 133

### Perry Barr

PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1900

### Selly Oak

EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com  
0121 441 4556

### Sutton Coldfield

SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1860

### Yardley

EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk  
0121 289 4875





**Healthy Start  
paper vouchers  
will soon be  
replaced with a  
prepaid card**

**Apply online [NOW](https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/)**

The Healthy Start scheme is changing, with a new online application process and prepaid card, to replace the paper vouchers. Paper vouchers will no longer be issued after **31<sup>st</sup> March 2022** so it is very important that you apply for a prepaid card as you will no longer receive vouchers after the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. **You will not automatically be transferred onto the new scheme.**

**To apply for the first time or get your new prepaid card, go to the Healthy Start website [www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/](https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/) and follow the steps for applying.**

Pregnant women and families with children under the age of 4 may be eligible for help to buy healthy food and milk if they are on certain benefits. Healthy Start vouchers are currently worth **£4.25** per week per child under the age of four – but if you have a child under one year, you could get two vouchers a week giving you **£8.50**

**Sign up online today – [www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/](https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/)**

*(If you do not have access to a computer or phone, ask your health visitor, midwife, Children Centre, or another organisation that you receive support from)*



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BRIGHTER  
BIRMINGHAM**



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## **Healthy Eating/Recipes**

- [Startwell 2020 \(startwellbirmingham.co.uk\)](http://startwell2020.startwellbirmingham.co.uk)
- [www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes)
- <https://my.whisk.com/feed>
- [Healthy eating on a budget | BHF](#)
- [Diabetes-UK-African Caribbean-Guide.pdf \(nhsforthevalley.com\)](#)
- [FINAL A5\\_Healthyeating\\_SAasian7.qxd \(diabetes.org.uk\)](#)
- [www.tomkerridge.com/full-time-meals/](http://www.tomkerridge.com/full-time-meals/)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-2gPJUOiqM&list=PLb1P0NWdnLLMAWayc9Iblm-8abQ8oHcG8> - healthy eating webinars

## **Keeping Active**

- [Disney Shake Up Games | 10 Minute Shake Up | Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Startwell being active - [180 Katie - Startwell 2020 \(startwellbirmingham.co.uk\)](#)
- [PE With Joe | 2021 - YouTube](#)

## **Useful sites**

- **Pregnancy start4life:** [www.nhs.uk/start4life/](http://www.nhs.uk/start4life/)
- **Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership:** [Home - Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership \(lscpbirmingham.org.uk\)](#)
- **Birmingham Forward Steps:** [Birmingham Forward Steps – The best start for our children \(bhamforwardsteps.co.uk\)](#)
- **Supporting children's mental health:** [Coronavirus: wellbeing activity ideas for families \(place2be.org.uk\)](#)
- **Mental wellbeing:** [Home - Kooth](#)
- **ICON:** [ICON - Babies cry you can cope - Advice and Support | ICON \(iconcope.org\)](#)
- **Food Banks:** [All Food Banks | Find FoodBanks Brum](#)
- **Healthy Start webinar:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko3TPO7EurE>





**We've all been through a tough time recently.**

*The following organisations have partnered to provide services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...*

Birmingham Children's Partnership includes: Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust, West Midlands Police and Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council.

*There is support available for domestic abuse, parenting courses, mental health support, financial help, alcohol and drug problems, bereavement support and more.*

*Follow these links to find out more:*

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/love>

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham\\_children\\_s\\_partnership/2156/birmingham\\_children\\_s\\_partnership\\_-\\_resources](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham_children_s_partnership/2156/birmingham_children_s_partnership_-_resources)

*Alternatively, speak to a member of the Inclusion Team for more advice / support.*

*In most cases, you can self-refer for support.*

*One example of support they can offer is with emergency food and supplies grants of up to £100.*



# From Birmingham with Love



We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and repeated lockdowns. For many families it can get harder over Winter, which is why we're here to help. Here are some of our partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...

1. **Online parenting course.** We've pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a [parenting course](#). Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops, and get tips to manage their behaviour.
2. **Mental health support.** In these difficult times we have to look after our mental health. For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with Pause by calling 0207 841 4470 or [email](#). Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099.
3. **Financial help.** If you've lost your job, or are struggling for food or rent there are services that can help. [Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent. And there are [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.
4. **Domestic abuse.** For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see [guidance](#) or confidentially contact [Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid](#). For Men, please contact [Respect](#).
5. **Problems with drugs or alcohol.** A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "birmingham11" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call [Change Grow Live](#).
6. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#).
7. **Early help for families.** If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local leads](#). We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also [chat](#) to the Police.





# SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

October 2022



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

[Developing joint Attention](#) – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 11-11:30am

[Supporting Language Development Through Play](#) - Tuesday 18th October 11-11:30

[Using a Now and Next board](#) - Tuesday 1st November - 11-11:30

[Using Objects and sensory Cues](#) - Tuesday 8th November - 11-11:30

[Offering Choices](#) - Tuesday 15th November - 11-11:30

[Using a communication board](#) - Tuesday 22nd November - 11-11:30

[Creating opportunities](#) - Tuesday 29th November - 11-11:30

[Using a Song Bag](#) - Tuesday 6th December - 11-11:30

## Speakers:

*Speech and Language Therapists from the Outreach and SEND Therapy Team*

These sessions are suitable for parents of children who have difficulties with their early communication development in the areas of attention, social interaction, understanding of simple language and use of words/other means to convey their wants and needs".

Please email [bchc.sendtherapy@nhs.net](mailto:bchc.sendtherapy@nhs.net) if you are unsure whether these webinars would be suitable.

Each webinar will last approximately **30 minutes** and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product-category/speech-and-language-therapy/>

**All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the webinar.**

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## Occupational Therapy Sensory Smart for primary

**Speakers**  
**Ellie Steer & Sarah Gallagher**  
SEND Occupational Therapists

This family webinar will look at the 8 sensory systems. You will explore the impact of sensory difficulties on your child and learn strategies to support your child

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**9:30am – 10:30am**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/sensory-smart-primary-age-9th-november-2022-930am-1030am/>

**Sensory Smart for secondary**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**1:30pm -2:30pm**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/sensory-smart-for-secondary-10th-november-2022-130pm-230pm/>

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## Occupational Therapy

### DIY: Encouraging Independence in self-care

**Speakers**  
**Sarah Gallagher**  
SEND Occupational Therapists

This Family Webinar will look at strategies to support your child to become independent in their self-care activities such as dressing, washing, toileting and feeding.

**Wednesday 7th December 2022**

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/ot-diy-encouraging-independence-in-self-care-early-years-age-7th-december-2022-130pm-230pm/>

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## Occupational Therapy

### Managing Sensory outside the home for primary

**Speakers**  
**Katie Green**  
SEND Occupational Therapists

This family webinar will look at the impact of sensory difficulties on your child whilst away from the home. You will learn strategies to support your child's sensory needs whilst away from the home.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**9:30am –10:30am**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/managing-sensory-outside-the-home-primary-school-age-wed-8th-march-2023/>

### Managing Sensory outside the home for secondary

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/managing-sensory-outside-the-home-secondary-school-age-9th-march-2023-130pm-230pm/>

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## Occupational Therapy Toileting with OT

**Speakers**  
**Gordon Heath**  
SEND Occupational Therapists

This Family Webinar will look at strategies to support independent toileting. You will learn how to create an effective toilet time routine and how to adapt the bathroom environment to promote independent toileting.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**9:30am – 10:30am**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/toileting-with-ot-thursday-9th-february-2023-930am-1030am/>

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## **Useful links**

<https://homelearning.woodhouse.academy>

*Additional learning resources and activities.*

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/parental-assistance>

*Our parental assistance page with plenty of avenues of support.*

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-news>

*Up to date school news.*

<https://your-local-pantry.force.com/s/member-sign-up>

*The Food Pantry – Quinton*

<https://www.theprojectbirmingham.org/housing-advice/>

*Support with housing*

<https://www.cicadasports.co.uk/index.php?route=product/search&search=woodhouse>

*To purchase school uniform and PE kits.*

[School uniform also available from Somal Fashions at 11 Faraday Avenue, Quinton, B32 1JP – 0121 423 2969](#)

[https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/images/image\\_gallery/large/1664897398.pdf](https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/images/image_gallery/large/1664897398.pdf)

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# DEVELOPING LOCAL PROVISION

## NEWSLETTER



### WHAT IS DLP?

Developing Local Provision (DLP) is a key part of the SEND improvement programme in Birmingham. It is a two year project which aims to, track, monitor and improve progress and outcomes for children and young people with additional needs or Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in mainstream schools across the city.

Additional funding over 2 years, has been provided to enable schools to work together to proactively identify the needs of children and young people across partnerships of schools and provide resources and support required to meet those needs earlier.

Schools can share or buy in resources which help to meet the needs of children with additional needs in their school.

For example, speech and language therapists support groups of children, train staff in speech therapy and supply speech and language programmes across the partnership of schools.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BIRMINGHAM?

DLP has been running for over a year in Birmingham and the projects already in place are increasingly showing a positive impact on the progress and outcomes for children and young people.





# WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BIRMINGHAM?



## Primary School outcomes



- **29% increase** in SEND pupils achieving the expected standard - Year 1 Phonics screening
- **12% increase** in SEND pupils on track to reach a 'Good Level of Development (GLD)'
- **16.5% increase** in SEND pupils reaching early learning goals in Communication and Language
- **18.6% increase** in SEND pupils reaching early learning goals in Reading

\*An assessment made for each Early Years Foundation Stage child at the end of the Reception year. It is a measure of attainment, not progress. Achieving a good level of development will help a child to make a good start in Year 1.

## Secondary School outcomes



- **14% improvement** in social thinking and problem solving (57% - 71%)
- **1 Year 8 month increase** in reading age and comprehension age (Accelerated Reader)
- **37% increase** in receptive and expressive language scores (16-53%)
- **0.9 grade increase** in parental satisfaction for SEND provision





## Developing Local Provision in Early Years

This project replicates that of schools, with Early Years providers working together in their districts to improve the outcomes for early years children with needs.

### STAY AND PLAY GROUPS

Stay and play groups is one initiative which has already received some very positive feedback. Parents can socialise and share ideas whilst their children experience play and learning opportunities with others of similar ages.

*'This has been an amazing opportunity for my son to socialise with other children, do other activities and be in a nursery setting. The staff were very helpful and welcoming, and I will highly recommend this group to other parents.'*

*'We had no access for our daughter to meet other children. We're also getting support to get access to other places we didn't know existed. We're getting lots of information we otherwise would not have.'*



*'I was observing the group of children enjoying the singing activity, which included children with a range of strengths and challenges. It was a really lovely demonstration of inclusivity. I thought it was so great to see children, at an early age, exposed to the idea of difference and how other children might be different from them, but they can all be together in one place and joining in and sharing an activity - and having fun!' - a community speech and language therapist*

Find out more here about DLP — Birmingham Early Years Networks






## Developing Local Provision for POST 16 Year Olds

Post 16 DLP is an innovative project involving Aston University, schools and colleges. As part of the project a Birmingham Directory of Good Post 16 Practice has been produced and a Post 16 SEND quality mark initiative developed. These will enable young people and families to identify the provision that best meets their needs.



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- Only 1.12% of young people with SEND in Year 11 are without employment, education or apprenticeships (sustained destinations) from September (reduced from 6.0%)
  - Only 1.69% of young people with SEND in Years 12 & 13 are **NEET** (not in education, employment or training). NOT Known young people with SEND in years 12 & 13 is 1.68% (reduced from 7.40%).)

## Other DLP Projects

### Special School Outreach Service

The DLP has also funded the Special Schools Outreach Service which enables schools to 'buy in' specialist SEND support from other schools. It can be accessed by all schools through a jointly managed referral system run by the special schools and the Local Authority.

*'This needs to be the normal mode of working. The link between mainstream and special schools is vital It has greatly improved the provision we provide and the confidence of staff.'* - Primary Headteacher



## Other DLP Projects

### The DLP 'Fair Access' project

The Fair Access project is designed to help schools understand the requirement for them to take a child who is currently out of school. The results have shown a significant improvement in children and young people finding places far more quickly in schools.

### Project Results

- 17.9 ➡ 9.4 = the average number of days between Fair Access referral and placement
- 37.8 ➡ 12.45 = the average number of days between placement and starting the school place
- 10 ➡ 0 = the number of challenging cases waiting for more than half a term to be successfully place



*'This project needs to continue it has made such a difference to a very vulnerable child and the care and level of support was excellent!'*  
-Headteacher

*'This project has helped us to understand the process and see that children are understood fairly.'*  
-Headteacher





## Other DLP Projects

### Improving Progress and Outcomes

Alongside the DLP, a new initiative across Birmingham is being implemented to improve the progress of children with additional needs.

'Improving Progress and Outcomes' will provide all schools (special and mainstream) with data that looks at the progress of children and young people accessing SEND Support and those with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

This data shows performance

- in their schools
- compared with other schools in their locality
- and across Birmingham

This will enable schools to work together to:

- share what works
- support each other with expertise and resources
- identify gaps they may find in their provision or in the performance of their pupils



Already a third of all Birmingham Special Schools have returned their progress data committing to this development which is a very positive response and a step forward for monitoring and improving the performance of children and young people with additional needs.

From October you will be able to find out more about what is going on near to you on the SEND Local Offer website.