



# NEWSLETTER



**11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**



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- Use this for any queries about home learning and the website is there for any children self-isolating alongside our google classroom provision.

A Message from Clare, Roots to Fruits:

“Hello everyone.

I trust you have all been keeping safe and well.

Just to let you know that I have left some holly outside the gates to Pitts Wood in Overdale Road, so please help yourself if you can make use of it. I will be putting more out this weekend.

Wishing you all a good Christmas and New Year. Let's hope for a brighter 2021.

Clare”



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A big thank you to all of the wonderful children and families who made such generous donations towards our Christmas Jumper Day Food Bank appeal.

We have filled our school minibus with tins, packets, sachets and bags of all sorts of food that will be going to those who need it most.

Thank you so much for the kindness and generosity shown. We know that the local community will benefit greatly from this.

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you again for your continued support as we approach the end of term. Today we held our Christmas Jumper day and I was delighted by the food donation raised for the Foodbank. Thank you all for your generosity and support for those who are struggling at this difficult time. It is very much appreciated. A reminder that you can pass on thanks to any (and all) members of the Woodhouse staff team here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3546sbv>  
Please take a moment to click and let them know that they are appreciated.

A reminder please, that if your child is showing symptoms of Coronavirus, **they must not attend school**. For further details visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

The main symptoms of coronavirus in children are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- **Do not send them to school**. If they are in school, you will be asked to collect them urgently.
- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test. **Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.**

If in doubt, seek assistance. Call NHS 111 to speak to a medical professional.

Please **DO NOT** send a child to school if they, or any other person in your household is showing any symptoms of coronavirus or waiting for a test.

If any member of your household is awaiting a test result, **DO NOT send the child into school**.

This is particularly important during this week, as any bubble closure at this time could cause children to have to isolate over the Christmas period. Please be careful, please be considerate to other families and follow the guidance above. If in any doubt, keep your child at home and ring school to discuss what you should do. Please keep school informed of any test results as swiftly as possible so we can best keep our school community safe.

As move into our final week of a very challenging and exhausting term, I want to thank all our families for their continued support of our school. Please take care - keep yourselves and your families safe.

Yours sincerely

Oliver Wilson – Head Teacher



# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## Nursery

Teddy  
Aryan

## Reception

Evelyn  
Max  
Aluna Rose  
Samuel

## Year One

Violet C  
Ayaan  
Saihaan  
T'Kari

## Year Two

Rae'y  
Adam  
Helen  
Arthur

## Year Three

Aadam  
Joseph  
Ma-hawa  
Adam

## Year Four

Phoebe  
Aarush  
Ayat  
Mohammed

## Year Five

Naira  
Monique  
Sami  
Faisal

## Year Six

Aime C  
Noah  
Tinashe  
Rachel  
Avneet  
Ryan

## Rainbow Room

Ryan  
Mikhail

Congratulations to all of these children who have put in a fantastic effort this week. They have been nominated by their teachers. We are really impressed with the level of learning from all children. What can you do to be Star of the Week next week?

Here is a 12 days of kindness activity calendar that you could have a go at. It is taken from The Week Junior, a current affairs magazine for 8 – 14-year olds. [www.theweekjunior.co.uk](http://www.theweekjunior.co.uk)

# THE WEEK JUNIOR

## 12 DAYS OF Kindness



**1**  DONE!

**Donate** books, toys or clothes, or give to a food bank.



**2**  DONE!

**Bake** festive treats.



**3**  DONE!

**Make** and deliver a Christmas card.



**4**  DONE!

**Call** a relative just to say hello.



**5**  DONE!

**Become a Secret Santa for a vulnerable child** – give a virtual gift with Action for Children at [iamsanta.org.uk/kindness](http://iamsanta.org.uk/kindness).



**6**  DONE!

**Be nice to nature** – e.g. feed your garden wildlife.



**7**  DONE!

**Help** your parents by doing a household chore.



**8**  DONE!

**Sing** to a loved one to put a smile on their face in celebration of Action for Children's virtual family carol concert **Starry Night** – [actionforchildren.uk/starrynightweek](http://actionforchildren.uk/starrynightweek).



**9**  DONE!

**Write a thank you note to someone who needs it** (for example a health worker, postman, teacher, local shopkeeper, parent, neighbour or sibling).



**10**  DONE!

**Smile** and try to make others smile too.



**11**  DONE!

**Look after the environment** – pick up litter in your local area.



**12**  DONE!

**Be kind to yourself** – do something that makes you happy.

Go to [theweekjunior.co.uk/12daysofkindness](http://theweekjunior.co.uk/12daysofkindness) to get some great ideas on ways to complete your kindness activities as well as downloadable templates.

We love seeing everything you get up to, so remember to email in or tag us using [#12daysofkindness](https://twitter.com/12daysofkindness) @TheWeekJunior

# Christmas at Woodhouse

KS2 have followed in the footsteps of KS1 & EYFS in making Christmas decorations for their school entrance. If you have dropped or collected your children this week, we think you'll agree that they've done an amazing job.



This week, Nursery have learnt about the Nativity. The children then used their tremendous acting skills to recreate the story in class. We look forward to sharing a video of this performance with you next week.

In the lead up to Christmas, the children have also created some decorations to put up in our classroom, we would like to share some pictures with you all.



Year 2 have been making dragon pots in art, decorating class Christmas trees, making dragon calendars and following the antics of their class elf on the shelf!



2F have also been learning what languages each other can speak and learning how to say Merry Christmas in that language.



Children have been busy in school this week making festive cards.

Trees by: Jack and Lexi, 3A  
Winter scene: Lilli, 6LP  
Wreath: Avneet, 6W  
Snow scene: Anzoer, 6D

# The



# Corner





Year 6 have been learning how to weave this week. Some of them has found it easier than others but they have all persevered and produced some lovely patterns. Here are two examples by Noah, 6D (blue), Neave, 6LP (rainbow) and Klaudia, 6D (pink)



# The Nativity

By Tega & Tinashe, 6LP

A long time ago in Nazareth (the Middle East) the story of Nativity kicks off. The Virgin Mary was visited by Angel Gabriel, who pronounces the news that she would have a son. Not just any son, but the Son of God given to the world so that light may reign over darkness. Mary was very confused by the news, but God reassured her that it was going to be fine. The news was also revealed to Joseph meaning that both of them, engaged, were sainted. The news was given to Joseph in his dream. He was additionally told that he would have to marry Mary, and take care of her. But then, Joseph heard that Roman Empire was a holding a census (when they count how many people they have) at the place of your birth. Therefore, Joseph and Mary rode on a donkey to Bethlehem which was 90 miles from Nazareth. When they got there, they found that the inn was full. Fortunately, the innkeeper took pity on them and said that they could stay in the stable and that was all they had remaining. That very night, Jesus was born in a manger. The angel Gabriel informed the sheep that Jesus was born was born, with that they brought him a lamb. The three wise men that were following the bright star in the sky had arrived. Their names were Balthazar, Caspar and Melchior. They each bowed their heads and brought special gifts that were Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. They also brought him a warning, that King Herod, employed by the Roman Empire was to kill every baby boy. Jesus needed to flee Israel.



## Autumn Term 2020

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Christmas Dinner Day  
for Nursery B group.

Change to original dates:

Term Ends: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

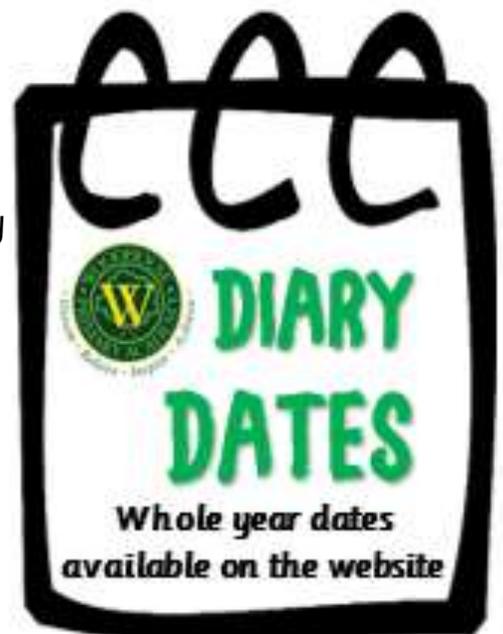
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – School Closed to all

Children

See letter from Mr Wilson for details:

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

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## Spring Term 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Inset day, school closed  
to children

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – First day school open  
for children.

**Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Term Ends: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

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## Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

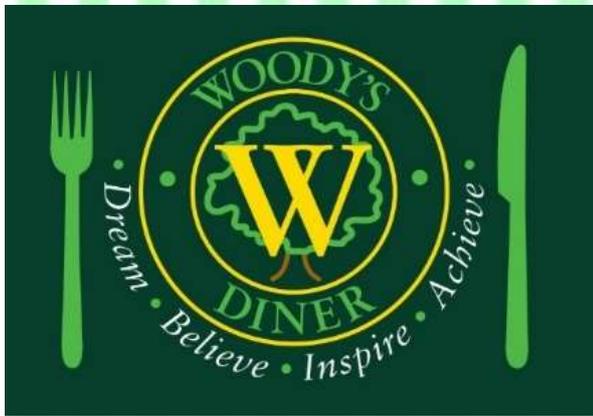
**Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 & 6 Bushcraft Residential

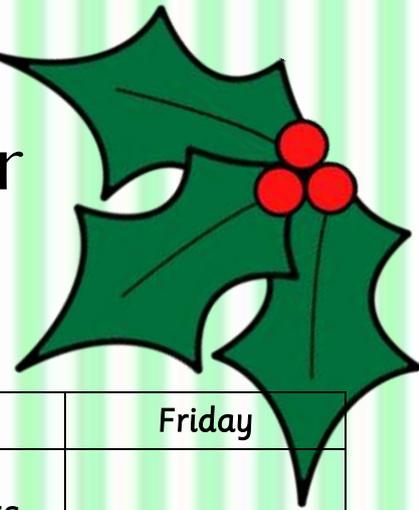
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of school year for children

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Inset day, school closed to children

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# School Dinner Menu 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December



**NB: We are currently running a limited menu to meet the restrictions necessary to combat coronavirus.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Christmas Dinner Party Food Day	Pork Sausages	Fish Stars	School Closed to Children
Vegetable Nuggets	Cheese Sandwich	Vegetable Sausage Roll	Vegetable Fingers	
Hash Browns	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Herby Diced Potatoes	Mini Waffles	
Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Vegan Sausage Roll	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	
Fruit	Crisps Christmas Tree Choc Ice	Raisins	Fruit	

**Christmas Dinner will also be served to Nursery B group on Thursday.**

## Food Allergies

We have been updating our records in school and ensuring our dietary and allergy information is up to date.

Please inform your child's class teacher if your child has any allergies or specific dietary requirements. In most cases this will confirm what information we hold already.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please let the class teacher know. In some cases we only have them recorded as vegetarian.

Please either contact the class teacher via Dojo 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.

# Book some time to Read



The total word count on Accelerated Reader for school this half term is 20,305,223 overall with A total of 2169 quizzes been passed.

Dilraj in 4W and Aime C in 6D have both reached their 250,000-word milestone.

229 brag tags have been awarded so far and 33 100% ribbons. A brag tag is awarded when a child passes 5 quizzes within their reading level and a 100% ribbon is awarded once they pass 10 quizzes at 100% within their reading level.

If you haven't already, pick up a book or logon to Myon and enjoy reading! There are now over 5000 books on Myon ready to start reading.

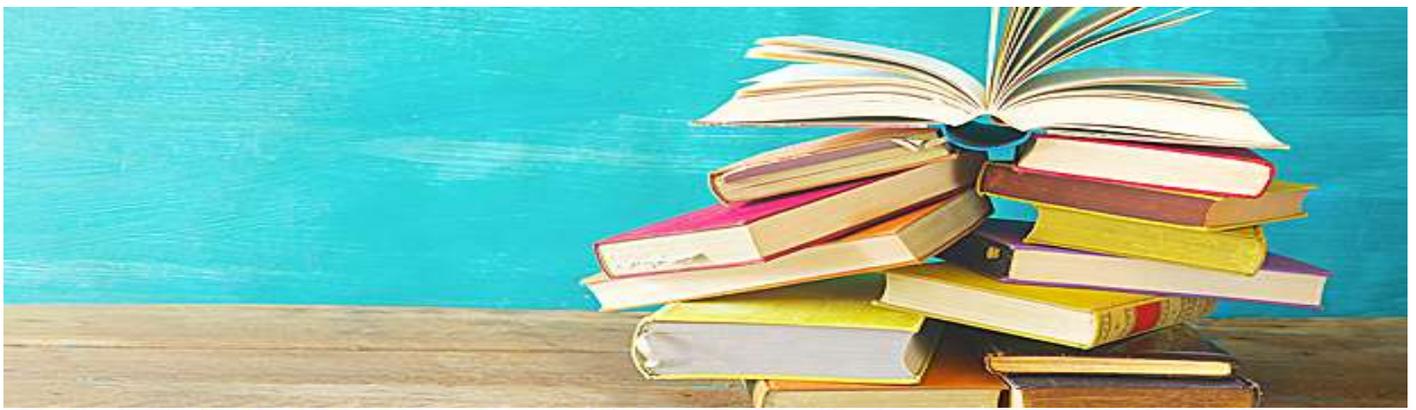
<https://www.myon.co.uk/login/>

## INTRIGUED BY THE FIRST LINE?

"On Thursday when Imogene woke up, she found she had grown antlers..."

Imogene's antlers by David Small

If you're intrigued by this first line, why not give the book a read?



# RECOMMENDED READS!

A brand new short story set in the world of *His Dark Materials* and *The Book of Dust* by master storyteller, Philip Pullman.

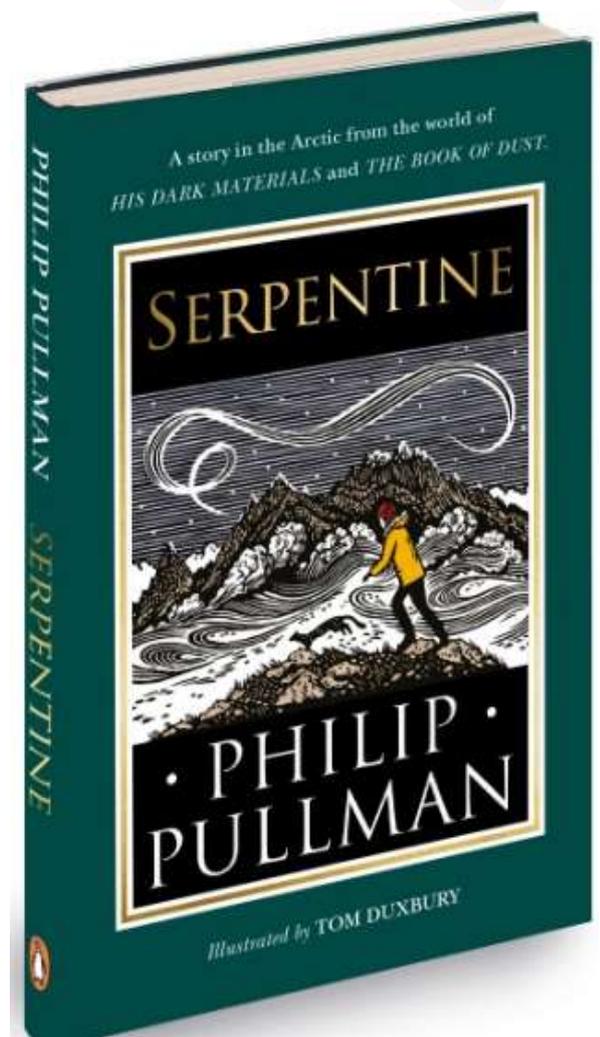
*Serpentine* is a perfect gift for every Pullman fan, new and old.

*'Lyra Silvertongue, you're very welcome . . .  
Yes, I know your new name. Serafina Pekkala told me everything about your exploits'*

Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon have left the events of *His Dark Materials* far behind.

In this snapshot of their forever-changed lives they return to the North to visit an old friend, where we will learn that things are not exactly as they seem . . .

NEW RELEASE



**1. A Partridge in a Pear Tree:** Read a story set in the countryside, the forest or the jungle.

**2. Turtle Doves:** Turtle doves symbolise love. Read a book where there is a strong relationship between the characters. This does not have to be romantic love!

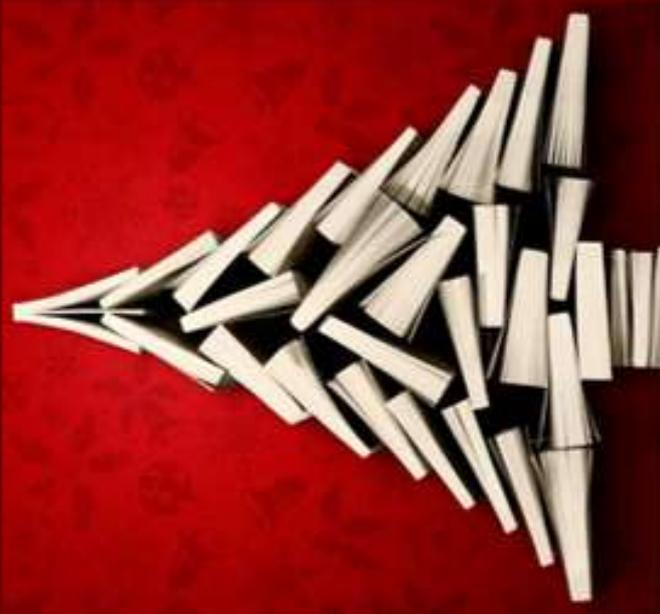
**3. Three French Hens:** Read a book set somewhere other than the UK.

**4. Four Calling Birds:** Read a book where one of the main characters is an animal.

**5. Five Golden Rings:** Read a book where there is a treasure or something precious the main character seeks.

**6. Six Geese a Laying:** Snuggle down! Make a cosy reading den with lights and decorations. Enjoy your choice of book with a family member.

**7. Seven Swans a Swimming:** Read a book where there is a link to water in some way. This could be a river, lake, sea, the rain, snow etc.



12 Days of Christmas Reading Challenge

**8. Eight Maids a Milking:** Read a book where the main character is a female lead.

**9. Nine Ladies Dancing:** Read a book that brings you joy and happiness.

**10. Ten Lords a Leaping:** Read a book where one character has a lot of power (e.g. king, queen, pharaoh, headteacher...!)

**11. Eleven Pipers Piping:** Read and perform a winter-themed poem.

**12. Twelve Drummers Drumming:** Read a book from an author you have not come across before.

MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] is a portal enabling parents to make online payments and to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser, or an app.

Initially the focus of the app at Woodhouse will be on online payments, to enable parents/carers to easily make payments for school dinners. You will also be able to see announcements, school letters and newsletters to help you to keep up to date with news and events. Some of the other features will be following shortly - look out for further announcements.

You will or may have already received an invitation to access the app. Please sign up and familiarise yourselves with it. Staff will be available to assist if necessary.

Login here: <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

## The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse



Miss Mason  
SENCo  
Assistant  
Head



Mr Parslow  
Deputy  
Head  
Behaviour  
Lead



Mr Kennedy  
Learning  
Mentor



Mrs  
Kennedy  
Pastoral  
Lead

The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse work together with children and families to offer and provide support and opportunities to ensure that all have the chance to achieve and succeed.

If you'd like to get in touch with the Inclusion Team you can call or text us on [families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

If you'd like to get in touch with us regarding Special Educational Needs, you can do this by emailing us at [sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

The Inclusion Team will also be on the front and rear gates at the start and end of the day and will be more than happy to talk.

Zoom or Phone appointments can be made at any point during the school week.

M e r r y C h r i s t m a s



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Christmas Concert  
for  
Human Rights

Our Christmas festival to celebrate our rights and  
support others in struggle

Inspiring music & words and dance from around the world

Watch and enjoy online at

<https://bit.ly/2VKw9io>

Please donate to support our work

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M e r r y C h r i s t m a s

# 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.