

News on the Nineteenth

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

So far, children from Preschool, YN, YR and Y1 have returned to school - into their new 'bubbles'. We have been so impressed with the children's resilience - no tears or concerns - they have literally bounced back into school.

It is lovely to hear their voices in the classes and to see them at play in the playgrounds and at Forest School.

Our numbers of children from critical workers and vulnerable children has more than doubled and we will soon have 3 bubbles for these children (YR-Y6).

On 22nd June, we will welcome back our Y6 pupils too.

By then, we will have 17 bubbles in school - each in a different class/area of school, each with its own play area for break and lunch, each with its own set of toilets and wash sinks, each with its own member or members of staff.

This is why it is impossible to bring back other year groups whilst the government expectations for social distancing remain in place. We only have 15 classrooms. This is really sad for children in Y2-5. We have been able to ensure that the teachers of children in Y2-Y5 remain teaching and available to their classes each day through the **Google Classroom**.

I would like to thank over two thirds of our families who have managed to engage their children in continued learning despite many challenges with technology and their own work and family commitments. We are all humbled by your hard work and commitment to your children's learning. Some of our older children have shown themselves to be such fantastic, independent and motivated learners that I have little concern for their future. **SUPERSTARS**

I am very worried about a number of children who have not engaged in any learning that we know of or very little. We have struggled to contact some families despite attempts via phone, text, email, learning platforms and home visits. Over time, if children do not follow a routine similar to the one at school each day, if they do not read daily, practise writing and learn the maths set for them, it will be extremely difficult - if not impossible - for them to catch up with their peers. If a child has no routine or feels that they are not learning alongside classmates, this can lead to low self-esteem and poor mental health and well-being. Please protect your child against this.

Please contact us if your child is not engaged in daily learning and we will support you.

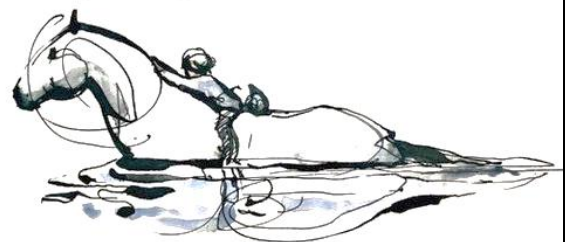
Contact us via telephone/email/Tapestry/Google Classroom

I will try to keep you as informed as I can about the future of schooling but you often hear what is happening on the news before the information is sent to schools.

We really miss the children and typical school life. Let's hope that we will find a way to resume to normality as soon as possible.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

"Everyone is a bit scared,"
said the horse



"But we are less scared
together."

STAYING ALERT AND RESPECTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

A polite reminder

When you choose to send your child back to school this term, please remember that there is an expectation that you and your family are abiding by the social distancing rules and all government guidance. Please check this guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing#:~:text=You%20should%20keep%20two%20metres,a%20private%20vehicle%20where%20possible.>

The general rule is to keep your distance from people outside of the family you live with. Children attending our school should not be having *play dates* and *sleep overs* with children outside of their bubble and families should not be attending family parties or *short holidays*.

Everyone is still at risk of catching the coronavirus.

If parents and carers are not following government advice and then sending their child to school, they are putting everyone at increased risk. If you have been in a situation where rules have been broken, please isolate your child for 7 days before returning to school.

If you or your child show any symptoms, please stay at home for 14 days and/or seek a test.

ILLNESS

If your child is ill and due in school - any kind of illness - you must notify the school in the morning. By law, we are required to keep a track of attendance each day

TRACK AND TRACE

If you are identified as someone who has had close, recent contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus, you will be notified that you must self-isolate in line with medical advice. You may be feeling well and not have any symptoms, but it is still essential for you to follow the advice that you are given. This is because, if you have been infected, you could be infectious to others at any point up to 14 days. Some people infected with the virus don't show any symptoms at all and it is therefore crucial to self-isolate to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus. If you do not have symptoms, you must not seek a test, as the scientific evidence shows that the test may not be able to detect whether you have the virus.

Please be considerate - we are a community and must look out for each other.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Our Y1 teachers wanted to share some ideas for preparing children to return to school.

Walk past the school and remind yourselves of the place	Use a calendar to count down the days together	Begin the school morning routine just as if you were in school	Start talking about <i>when</i> you will return not <i>if</i> you will return
Talk about the safe distance rules	Talk about any emotions that are being felt	Write a list of all the things children have missed at school	Talk about any worries and how to calm the worry

Even if your child may not be returning this term, please pass by and remain positive about when they return.

OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH IS CONSIDERATION

This value complements our previous focus on kindness.

There have been so many examples of considerate people in the recent months, such as Captain Tom, Dabirul Choudhury, Marcus Rashford, the Sikh chefs, NHS staff, key workers, volunteers etc.

It is good for us to challenge ourselves to show more consideration to others.

"To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarrelling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people." Titus 3:2

A little consideration, a little thought for others,
makes all the difference.

~ Winnie the Pooh



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SPORTS DAY

Miss Dunn, our PE Lead, was extremely pleased with the great number of children and families who took part in our Lockdown Sports Day! Over 100 families took part in the sports activities and submitted their scores. Others may have taken part but not submitted their scores. The day began well with a 'Mr Bruce' workout in the style of Joe Wicks! (I hope you were able to do better!)



Well
done

The house which was the overall winner was

ENNIS HOUSE

- 1st place: **Ennis** with 1130 points
- 2nd place: **Whitlock** with 1110 points
- 3rd place: **Trott** with 940 points
- 4th place: **Farrah** with 716 points

Well done to everyone for taking part and trying their best.

WELL-BEING

The link takes you to a tailored well-being programme for yourselves and your family

<https://10daysofhappiness.org/>

MESSY CHURCH

While we're unable to meet up we're continuing to post regular activities and children's services on our Messy Church Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/bwmessychurch/?modal=admin_todo_tour

UPDATE ON PGL

About 30 schools in Hertfordshire were due to attend PGL centres this term. Unable to do so as a result of the pandemic, schools sought a refund. PGL refused to refund. Schools have looked to their insurances to help them refund monies to parents but have been told this will not be possible.

Please see below ...

It seems that HCC's insurers may decide that a claim by a maintained school or those that choose to buy into HCC's Annual Travel Insurance, to recoup any money lost as a result of a provider, particularly PGL, refusing to refund monies paid for an educational visit originally scheduled to take place this summer term, is not covered by the policy. This is likely to be as a result of a particular exclusion clause on p.23 under "What is not covered under Section B4"

*"In addition to "What is not covered", shown on page 32, this group policy does not provide cover if the **trip** is cancelled, cut short or altered as the result of: 7. regulations made by any Public Authority or Government (not applicable if the claim relates to a **natural catastrophe**) ;"*

As a result, whilst within the time limits to give notice of cancellation, we decided to try to cancel our trip in the Autumn Term. We knew that we might lose our initial deposit. At first PGL refused to refund any money paid, including that above the initial deposit.

Here is their response,

Occasionally we have to make changes and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most changes will be minor and will be advised at the earliest possible date. In the unlikely event of it proving necessary to alter significantly or cancel your course, we will offer a suitable alternative if available or 100% refund (within 14 clear days) if we are not able, in our opinion, to offer an alternative that is sufficiently comparable. Our Pestalozzi site is no longer available but we have offered a suitable alternative which in our opinion is sufficiently comparable therefore you will not be entitled to a refund.

With regards to your question about social distancing please see the link to our Covid19 risk assessment that is updated regularly: <https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/coronavirus-information>

The risk assessment did not explain how they would accommodate children at their centre in the event of social distancing rules being extended. With advice from the Competitions and Markets Authority, I pursued a refund, stating that the trip booked was no longer available. I am pleased to say that we will now receive a refund. I am hoping this will be a full refund and will confirm this with parents as soon as I know for definite.

SLEEP CLINIC SESSION BY ZOOM
with Vicki Dawson, CEO of the
Children's Sleep Charity - Sleep Q & A



Vicki Dawson leads the Sleep Charity, an award-winning organisation that reaches thousands of families with sleep needs, and offers accredited training to individuals and health professionals to further support the needs of the community.

This will be held on
Tuesday 9th July at 10am - 12pm.

To book your place contact
- bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk



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The Children's Sleep Charity

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Taking place via Zoom. Spaces limited, so book early.
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Parent Support Online Courses 2020 Autumn Half-Term 1



TALKING FAMILIES

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 will cover

- Manage challenging behaviour with consistency
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Build your child's self esteem
- Set and maintain boundaries
- Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children
- Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future



Tuesdays 10-11.15am
15th, 22nd, 29th Sept 6th,
13th, 20th Oct 2020

Course ID 389

Thursdays 8-9.15pm
17th, 24th Sept 1st, 8th,
15th 22nd Oct 2020

Course ID 390

TALKING TEENS

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12-19 will cover

- The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



Tuesdays 8-9.15pm
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13th, 20th Oct 2020

Course ID 394

Pre-booking essential
To check eligibility and
book a place, please
contact Supporting
Links on:

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Quoting the Course ID

TALKING DADS

Dads play an important role in a child's life. This FREE course will help you be the Dad you want to be! Over 6 weekly sessions, fathers and male carers of children aged 0-19 will be supported to:

- Increase confidence in your parenting.
- Develop your dad/child relationship, now and for the future.
- Improve listening and communication skills.
- Develop strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- Learn how to enforce boundaries.



Dads,
Step-Dads,
Stay at
home Dads,
Working
Dads...

Wednesday 8-9.15pm
**16th, 23rd, 30th Sept 7th,
14th, 21 Oct 2020**
Course ID 396

UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILD WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with a recognised additional need. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Find strategies that really work.
- Understand conflict : why it happens
• and how to handle it.
- Manage anger effectively.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.
- Manage the different needs within your family.



Diagnosis
not
essential!

Monday 8-9.15pm
**14th, 21st, 28th Sept 5th,
12th, 19th Oct 2020**
Course ID 388

Wednesday 10-11.15am
**16th, 23rd, 30th Sept 7th,
14th, 21 Oct 2020**
Course ID 386



Sessions will be run over Zoom so you will need access to a device such as a phone, tablet or computer with a webcam and microphone. We will help you get set up if you haven't used Zoom before. No special skills are needed.

Courses are open to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire
Pre-booking essential

**To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting
Links on:**

07512 709556 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Quoting the Course ID



www.supportinglinks.co.uk

This course is provided free to parents
by Hertfordshire County Council

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IF HOME ISN'T SAFE, SEEK HELP

No one should suffer abuse from another person.

No child should witness abuse of a parent.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic abuse, call **0300 7906772** for advice and support,

In an emergency, always call **999**. If you are afraid to speak, call **999** from a mobile and press **5, 5**.

For more information, go to hertssunflower.org



**Herts
Sunflower**

This number operates 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
Calls outside of these hours may be diverted to a national helpdesk.

STAYING SAFE ON LINE - LIVE STREAMING WITH TIK TOK

No doubt over the past few months you've heard children (and maybe a few adults) talk about the latest **Tik Tok** challenges or their favourite celebrity's lockdown live stream. There is a lot of fun to be had but there are dangers with live streaming too.



Primary aged children are not old enough to have their own account and should share an adult account so it can be checked regularly.

Below are links to activity packs for parents and carers to share with their children exploring how children and young people can stay safe whilst live streaming:

Ages 4-5: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/early-years/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

Ages 5-7: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/5-7s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

Ages 8-10: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/8-10s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

Ages 11-13: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/11-13s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969



Handling Anger in Your Family

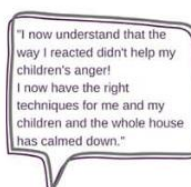
Funded by HCC and FREE this 6 session CANparent Quality Award evidence based course is for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children from 5 to 11 years.

Facilitated by Lesley and Francine who are trained, qualified and experienced facilitators and parents too with 20+ years personal and professional experience.

This course will enable you and your family to:



- ✓ Gain greater understanding of anger dynamics in your family
- ✓ Understand more about Autism and ADHD
- ✓ Understand the root causes or triggers of anger in your family
- ✓ Learn proven and effective strategies that will reduce anger in your family
- ✓ Discover new ways to communicate to calm and prevent anger... before it occurs!
- ✓ Learn safe and creative ways for children to 'let go' of pent up emotions safely
- ✓ Create a calm family environment so all can talk about their emotions safely
- ✓ Gain skills to manage your family's emotional regulation
- ✓ Meet other parents in a calm, judgement-free group



HANDLING ANGER IN YOUR FAMILY

A **FREE** 6 session course for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children from 5-11.

The sessions will be via **Zoom** on Tuesdays 12:15-2:15

Dates: September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and October 6th, 13th

Experienced facilitators and parents who can support you to reduce angry outbursts

PRESCHOOL/NURSEY PLACES

There are still some limited places in **Preschool** and **Nursery** afternoons for September 2020.

Please email admin@wormleyprimary.co.uk if you are interested in a place here at Wormley.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (BASC)

Due to significant debt accrued by our BASC due to no income, we have had to suspend this service and furlough staff in order to protect its future. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Childcare Choices

The Government has introduced some changes to the Childcare Voucher scheme.

If you are currently working for an employer that offers childcare vouchers then you can use them to pay for Breakfast & Afterschool Club.

However the government has now introduced an alternative option called Tax-Free Childcare which is the new government scheme to help parents with the cost of childcare. It gives eligible families up to £2,000 free per child towards childcare costs and is designed to eventually replace the childcare vouchers. You can now use either scheme to pay for Breakfast & Afterschool Club.

To find out more about both schemes and to work out which may be better for you please visit the links below. Please note that you can only be a member of one scheme not both, if you and your partner currently have childcare vouchers then you need to make a joint decision as you cannot have one parent on the government scheme and another on the employer support childcare voucher scheme.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Tax free childcare	Childcare vouchers
Eligibility	
Anyone can apply  Employed & Self employed	Only available if employer offers them 
£120/wk min earnings If a couple, both parents must work 	No min earnings One parent needs to work 
Child's max age 11 (16 if disabled) 	Child's max age 15 (16 if disabled) 
Max income limit Less than £100,000 per parent 	No income limit 
Which wins if you're eligible for both?	
Max gain of £2,000 gain per child (£4,000 if disabled)	Max gain of £930/yr per parent (basic-rate taxpayer) £624/yr per parent (higher-rate taxpayer) £590/yr per parent (top-rate taxpayer)
20% off childcare costs	No tax & NI to pay on childcare costs, equivalent to 32% for basic-rate tax payer (42% higher-rate, 47% top-rate)
Best option for more kids & higher childcare cost 	Best option for fewer kids and lower childcare cost 
Source: Moneysavingexpert.com, HMRC, HM Treasury	MoneySavingExpert.com

Term will finish on **Friday 17th July at 1:30**