



Birmingham City Council

Hollywood Primary School Newsletter

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"Working together, realizing potential."

"A Rights Respecting School"

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HEADTEACHER COMMENT

Last week I sent out a survey to parents to try to understand how the community was managing the current situation. I was particularly interested in how the work that has been sent out to families is being taken on by families.

The response was very positive and gave us, at school, a good idea of how we have managed this unusual situation. The feedback was positive and was appreciated by the staff are working so hard at home and in the school.

We will be working to solve the individual issues that parents highlighted. If you do have any issues with the process of home schooling please get in touch with me at s.dix@hollywood.bham.sch.uk.

I will endeavor to solve the problem and support families in any way that Hollywood can.

NEXT WEEK FAMILY TASK

The end of the coming week marks VE Day. In many streets and houses in Britain on the 8th May 1945 there were parties to mark VE day. Parents and children could have a go at making some union jack bunting or other decorations using some different materials in your house. You could even sew if you're feeling brave! Perhaps for Science you could investigate which materials are best to block out light like they would have had to do in the war. For an art activity you might like to design a VE day medal that would have been given to soldiers after the war - try to make it symbolic e.g. rainbow colours to show the calm after the storm.

VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOL MEALS

I have had several enquiries about the school meal voucher scheme. The new provider is "Edenred" who have been contracted directly by the government. The same rules apply to these vouchers. If, however, your circumstances change during this period, please flag this up with us at school. We will do our best to action any changes and put the wheels in motion to get the support to where it is needed.

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER

Some parents will have received news about places for September 2020. Obviously, we will not be operating the same induction programme that normally occurs. However, we are working on a new plan, but we will have to develop a few scenarios depending on how the lockdown pans out.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Please find a list of useful numbers below:

Child line: 0800 1111

Women's Aid-Help line for immediate support: 0808 800 0028

Samaritans 116 123

FRANK- friendly confidential drugs advice: 0300 123 6600 Text: 8211

Young Minds: Parent help line: 0808 802 5544

Children's Services- if you are worried about a child's safety: Birmingham MASH: 0121 303 1888
NSPCC 0808 800 5000

KEY PRINCIPLES

Please, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“You don't possess the stars; still you can enjoy them. Or do you first have to possess them, and only then will you be able to enjoy them? You don't possess the birds in the sky, but you can enjoy them. What you need is not more possessions. What you need is more sensitiveness, more aesthetic sensibility, more musical ears, more artistic eyes. What you need is a vision that transforms everything into something significant and meaningful.”

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