

Tuesday 25th July 2023



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Academy News

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank all the children and staff for their hard work throughout the year.

We would also like to thank our community of parents and carers for their continued support.

We hope you have a restful summer break and we will see you back in September.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 25th July 2023	Last Day of Summer 2 (half day – 1:30pm finish)
Monday 4th September 2023	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Start of Autumn 1
Friday 27th October 2023	Last Day of Autumn 1
Monday 6th November 2023	Start of Autumn 2
Friday 22nd December 2023	Last Day of Autumn 2 (half day – 1:30pm finish)



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Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency have teamed up with Nike and Rebel Girls to give away half a million copies of their new book to children taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/rebel-girls>

This year's challenge is all about sport and play, and this is the perfect book to get started with. It's full of inspiring stories, real-life heroes and fun activities!

Go to your Tower Hill Library this summer to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and ask about your free Rebel Girls book.

Also, look out for art and crafts sessions/activities at your local library this summer.



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Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has begun in libraries across the UK.
Continue your reading journey over the summer and get active when you sign up at your local library or online.

This year's reading challenge is all about sports and games.

After you've read a book pop into your library for special stickers and when you complete the challenge you will receive a certificate and a medal.

It's fun, free, and easy to take part!

Our nearest library is Tower Hill Library, Tower Hill, Birmingham, B42 1LG
or sign up online at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Visit your local library and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!*

*Please check with your local library service which rewards they will be offering.

SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE
2023

Ready, Set, Read!

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New Uniform – Online or In-Shop

Dorrington Academy uniform can be purchased **online** from **Clive Mark School Wear** or **Uniform Plus**.

Online orders can be placed by going to the following websites:

<https://clivemark.co.uk/collections/dorrington-academy>

or

<https://www.uniformsplus.co.uk/category/school-uniforms/dorrington-academy/>

Dorrington Academy embroidered jumpers, cardigans and coloured P.E. T shirts as well as logoed book bags and the Academy tie can all be ordered and delivered to your door through these online platforms.

Exclusive to Clive Mark: Hooded embroidered sweatshirts in house colours can also be purchased for pupils to wear on their P.E. days.

Please note that plain black hooded sweatshirts and Dorrington Academy jumpers are still acceptable.



Alternatively, uniform is sold at:

Clive Mark School Wear, Saddlers Centre, Units 40-44 Saddlers Centre, 1 Park St,
Walsall WS1 1YS

or

Uniform Plus, 935 Walsall Rd, Birmingham B42 1TN

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Kids Club

Breakfast and After School Club

OUTDOOR PLAY
ARTS AND CRAFTS
ROLE PLAY
SOCIAL GAMES
SPORTS ACTIVITIES
AND MUCH MORE!

Come
JOIN US
at



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Kids Club is also open in the school holidays, including the first four weeks of the summer holidays!

Where your children can enjoy a wide range of social and physical activities, which is a great chance for them to meet new friends.

We also run two trips per week to various places, to find out more please come down to Kids Club or contact Clare or Marcia on the number below.

Breakfast Club 7.45am-8.55am

After School Club 3.25pm-6.00pm

Holiday Club 8.00am-6.00pm

07940 555263

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Kids Club



We are situated in the building at the end of the staff carpark.

Come along and join in the fun kids club is a safe and friendly setting,
with all staff having a level 3 qualification.

Look forward to
seeing you soon!

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Upcoming Term Dates

Tuesday 25th July 2023	Last Day of Summer 2 (half day)
Monday 4th September 2023	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Start of Autumn 1
Friday 27th October 2023	Last Day of Autumn 1
Monday 6th November 2023	Start of Autumn 2
Friday 22nd December 2023	Last Day of Autumn 2 (half day)
Monday 8th January 2024	Start of Spring 1
Friday 9th February 2024	Last Day of Spring 1
Monday 19th February 2024	Start of Spring 2
Thursday 2nd May 2024	Election Day
Friday 22nd March 2024	Last Day of Spring 2
Monday 8th April 2024	Start of Summer 1
Friday 24th May 2024	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 3rd June 2024	Start of Summer 2
Friday 19th July 2024	Last Day of Summer 2
Monday 22nd July 2024	Teacher Training Day



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Our Attendance Target

Our target for all children is to have attendance

above 96%

ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS

Why is attendance important?

Children who attend school regularly have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work.



The Numbers

Missing school can have a significant impact on a child's access to education as shown in the table below.

Attendance during one school year	Number of days absent over a year	Number of weeks absent over a year	Number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

Missing School, Family Holidays and The Law

Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and **will not** be authorised.

Please note that where parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action, including penalty notices, may be considered.



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3rd - 21st July 2023			2022-23	
Nursery AM	80.3%	4	Nursery AM	86.7%
Nursery PM	80.2%	1	Nursery PM	78.8%
RB	88.1%	4	RB	90.5%
RS	90.8%	13	RS	90.0%
RW	86.5%	17	RW	88.7%
1B	94.7%	18	1B	91.5%
1D	91.7%	19	1D	91.2%
1W	92.8%	8	1W	93.0%
2A	89.5%	14	2A	92.7%
2C	93.7%	12	2C	92.6%
2F	92.3%	13	2F	93.5%
3E	89.2%	9	3E	90.3%
3G	86.0%	27	3G	89.2%
3H	92.3%	17	3H	93.2%
4B	90.2%	22	4B	92.2%
4C	92.2%	23	4C	91.8%
4S	92.7%	14	4S	94.0%
5B	93.6%	25	5B	93.7%
5J	87.2%	39	5J	92.0%
5K	91.4%	30	5K	93.5%
6R	84.7%	18	6R	94.7%
6S	80.0%	16	6S	93.6%
6W	85.2%	11	6W	92.1%

**EVERY
DAY
MATTERS**

SCHOOL + YOU = SUCCESS

Overall Attendance
Our attendance this week:

89.5%

Our attendance this year:

90.6%



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100% Club This Half Term

This half term, the following children had a 100% attendance record:

- Reception - Ivy, Teia, Chidinma, Tiareece, Tarun, Desire, Dakarai
- Year 1 - Luca-Andrei, Ritika, Viya, Nimrat, Gulraj Singh, Mosinmiloluwa, Joshan, Anaiya, Sharran, Tamara, Savannah
- Year 2 – Drew, Anthoinette, Gyan, Tiana, Amar, Daphney, Fransisco, Josephine, Kinza, Daniel, Chikamso, Nimrut, Devontae, Tia-Milan, Amber
- Year 3 – Karam, Tati, Sion, Tanveer, Amya, Nana Yaa, Jessica, Cleo, Paul, Nico, Priyan, Zayaan, Many, Anayah, Anaika, Cynthia
- Year 4 – Crystal, Anaya, Kiranpreet, Arielle, Anvayi, Mia, Amiyah, Jaheim, Filip, Je'Ziah
- Year 5 – Uzomaka, Sonia, Moyoninuoluwa, Aaron, Kiranpreet, Diamond, Harjeevan Singh, Destiny, Benedetta, Nishil Evan, Oscar, Daniela, Yashraaj, Krish, Renell, Gaby
- Year 6 - Antonio



100% Club This Year

This year, the following children have not missed a single day of school! Well done children!

- Year 2 – Nimrut
- Year 3 – Zayaan
- Year 4 – Kiranpreet
- Year 5 – Aaron & Kiranpreet



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Stars of the Week

Nursery AM	Dhiyaan
Nursery PM	Ayaz
RB	Ayaan
RS	Arshiya
RW	Martha
1B	Aarav
1D	Musa
1W	Chisom
2A	Farhaan
2C	Amelia S
2F	Naveah
3E	Anisa
3G	Eliza A
3H	Hasnain
4B	Eesa
4C	Kiranpreet
4S	Anvayi
5B	Olivia S
5J	Destiny
5K	Turyal
6R	Arisa
6S	Robyn
6W	Shayan

Computing Stars

At Dorrington, our Teachers recognise the importance of being digitally literate. We would like to give special mention to the following students for tremendous effort.

The Computing Star for KS1 is:

Inarah - Year 2

The Computing Star for KS2 is:

Kiranpreet - Year 4

Outdoor Education Stars

The children have been working extra hard in Outdoor Education. Mrs. Steventon and Mrs. King would like to give their outstanding award to the following pupils.

The Outdoor Education Star for KS1 is:

Tiareece - Reception

The Outdoor Education Star for KS2 is:

Hishaam - Year 3

Sports Stars

Miss Kenny has enjoyed her P.E. lessons with lots of classes across Dorrington. Her students always try their hardest and she would like to mention the following pupils.

The Sports Star for KS1 is:

Muiz - Year 2

The Sports Star for KS2 is:

Eiliyah - Year 4

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Year 6 Graduation

The children had a fantastic time celebrating at their graduation ceremony. It was wonderful to see all of the amazing achievements from our Year 6 children. Well done to all of the children who received an extra special award for their contributions to life at Dorrington Academy. We are very proud and wish all of Year 6 the best of luck for the future!



Reception's visit to Twycross Zoo

All the Reception children were so excited to visit the zoo on Wednesday 12th July. They saw lots of different animals and even had a tour from one of the zookeepers.



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Year 6 Condover Hall Residential Visit

The children had a brilliant time on their residential to Condover Hall. They took part in a variety of activities which tested their resilience, communication and team building skills. Some of the activities included: wall climbing, raft building and a sensory trail.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

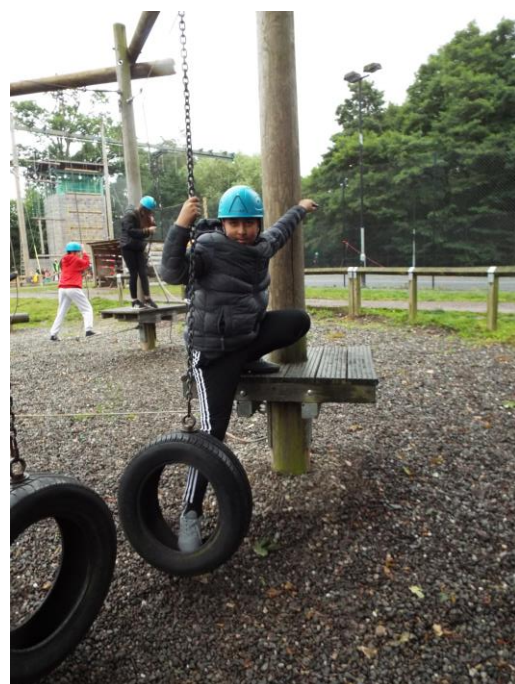
This year's theme for the leavers' assembly was 'The Apprentice.' The children did a wonderful job showcasing their talents, such as dancing, singing and acting. They should all be immensely proud of themselves.



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Photos from Our Week

Year 6 Condover Hall Residential Visit



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Year 6 Graduation




2023
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Year 6 Leavers Assembly



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Photos from Our Week

Reception's visit to Twycross Zoo



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Parent Book Day

Another great turnout this year for Parent Book Day! It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers throughly looking at their children's books whilst enjoying some refreshments.



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Photos from Our Week

Rocksteady Summer Concert

Our very own rock bands performed for Key Stage 2 and their parents. Over the year, they have improved their skills and the confidence on stage was brilliant. Well done children!



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Summer Intra Sports Event



Pupils in KS2 in their classes have been taking part in Athletics competitions in their houses during PE lessons this term. Well done to all pupils that competed!

Year 3 Intra Sports Results

3G	1st= Emerald 2nd = Ruby 3rd= Diamond and Sapphire.
3E	1st= Emerald 2nd= Ruby and Diamonds. 3rd= Sapphire.
3H	1st= Emerald. 2nd= Ruby. 3rd= Sapphire and Diamond.
Overall Year 3 Athletics Intra sport Results.	1st =Emerald. 2nd= Ruby. 3rd= Diamond. 4th = Sapphire.

Year 5 Intra Sports Results

5K	1st= Diamond. 2nd = Ruby. 3rd= Sapphire. 4th= Emerald.
5B	1st= Ruby . 2nd= Diamond. 3rd= Sapphire. 4th =Emerald.
5J	1st= Sapphire . 2nd= Diamond. 3rd= Ruby. 4th= Emerald.
Overall Year 5 Athletics Intra sport Results.	1st= Diamond. 2nd= Ruby. 3rd= Sapphire. 4th= Emerald.

Year 4 Intra Sports Results

4C	1st= Sapphire. 2nd = Diamonds. 3rd= Emerald. 4th= Ruby.
4S	1st= Sapphire. 2nd= Ruby. 3rd= Diamonds. 4th= Emerald.
4B	1st= Diamond. 2nd= Ruby and Sapphire. 3rd=Emerald.
Overall Year 4 Athletics Intra sport Results.	1st =Diamond. 2nd= Sapphire. 3rd= Ruby. 4th = Emerald.

Year 6 Intra Sports Results

6S	1st= Diamond. 2nd = Ruby. 3rd= Sapphire and Emerald.
6W	1st= Ruby, Emerald, Sapphire. 2nd= Diamond.
6R	1st= Ruby. 2nd= Emerald. 3rd= Sapphire. 4th= Diamond.
Overall Year 6 Athletics Intra sport Results.	1st= Ruby. 2nd= Emerald. 3rd= Sapphire. 4th= Diamond.

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Playground Equipment

- Each week, weather permitting, children will be able to use the new outdoor play equipment.
- Please ensure you have logged into Arbor and completed the consent form. Until consent is given, your child **will not** be allowed to use the play equipment.
- On days when your child's class are timetabled to use the playground, please send your child with trainers in a bag to put on when it is their turn. **Children should still come to school in the correct school uniform.**
- Children **will not** be allowed on the play equipment in school shoes.
- On the next page is a timetable for when your child's class will go onto the play equipment each week. These are split into two sessions.
- Session times are as follows:
 - Key Stage 1
 - Session 1 – 12:25 to 12:45
 - Session 2 – 12:45 to 1:05
 - Key Stage 2
 - Session 1 – 12:30 to 12:55
 - Session 2 – 12:55 to 1:20



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EYFS & KS1 Timetable

Sessions W.B.	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
04-09-23		1E	2A		1B	2C		1W	2W	
11-09-23	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E
18-09-23	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A
25-09-23	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS
02-10-23	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B
09-10-23	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C
16-10-23	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW
23-10-23	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W
30-10-23										
06-11-23	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W
13-11-23	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF
20-11-23	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E
27-11-23	2A	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A
04-11-23	RS	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS
11-11-23	1B	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B
18-11-23	2C	RW	1W	2W	RF	1E	2A	RS	1B	2C

Session Times

KS1- Session 1 – 12:25 to 12:45, Session 2 – 12:45 to 1:05

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KS2 Timetable

Sessions W.B.	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
04-09-23		6V	3D	4K	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R
11-09-23	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S	3F	4C
18-09-23	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S
25-09-23	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K
02-10-23	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V
09-10-23	3D	4K	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D
16-10-23	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R
23-10-23	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S	3F	4C
30-10-23										
06-11-23	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S
13-11-23	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K
20-11-23	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V
27-11-23	3D	4K	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R	3H	4D
04-11-23	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S	3F	4C	5W	6R
11-11-23	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S	3F	4C
18-11-23	5W	6R	3H	4D	5B	6V	3D	4K	5M	6S

Session Times

KS2 - Session 1 – 12:30 to 12:55, Session 2 – 12:55 to 1:20

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Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots

Currently, there are a number of Battle of the Bands Tournaments happening on TT Rockstars. A new tournament begins every Monday.



The battle are as follows:

- 2A vs 2C vs 2F
- 3H vs 3G vs 3E
- 4C vs 4S vs 4B
- 5B vs 5K vs 5J
- 6W vs 6S vs 6R



Numbots - Here the children can practise their addition and subtraction skills amongst others.

If you require a log-in, please ask your Class Teacher.

www.ttrockstars.com www.numbots.com

TTRS Tournament Winners

Year 2

Class: 2C MVP: Zakariyya

Year 3

Class: 3G MVP: Yusuf

Year 4

Class: 4C MVP: Rayyan

Year 5

Class: 5B MVP: Aaron

Year 6

Class: 6R MVP: Avneet



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Reminders

Please log into Arbor to access your child's data and consent options.

Here you can update meal choices, change contact details and update various consents such as playground use, school trips and food tasting.



Uniform

Dorrington Academy expect all children to be in the Academy's uniform as listed below. School ties, jumpers, cardigans and book bags may be ordered from Uniform Plus located on Walsall Road or [Clive Marks Online](#).

	Boys	Girls	P.E.
Winter (from Sept)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey trousers. White shirt. School tie. Royal blue V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey skirt or trousers. White shirt. School tie. Royal blue cardigan or V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes (no heels). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For indoor activities - Navy blue/Black shorts, house coloured t-shirt and black pumps. For outdoor activities - navy blue/black jogging bottoms, house coloured t-shirt, royal blue cardigan or jumper with school logo and trainers.
Summer (from April)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey shorts or trousers. White shirt. School tie. Royal blue V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue and white summer dress. Royal blue cardigan or V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes (no heels or open toe shoes). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All watches, rings, chains and bracelets must be removed <p>House Colours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerald – Green Ruby – Red Sapphire – Blue Diamond – Yellow

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Just for Fun

W S U N S H I N E N Y U E L A
M G A G W C S L A D N A S S M
A N T A A I X F X A D L X T H
E I K K T E L C I S P O P D N
R M H L E H O L I D A Y S G B
C M T A R Z G B V Q C P M T L
M I M I M M O S Q U I T O S R
T W R Q E U C I N C I P P G Y
Z S A T L V A C A T I O N O M
I U W T O B G Z O B J O Q M B
L B F M N P O H F I P U F Z S
H O T V W T Q Q G N I Y A L P
L S U M M E R D E S C L A V I
V A E C I R E W O L F N U S Z
J U J O F D Y Y B E A C H W R

BEACH
CREAM
HOLIDAYS
HOT
ICE
MOSQUITOS
PICNIC
PLAYING
POPSICLE
SANDALS
SUMMER
SUNFLOWER
SUNSHINE
SWIMMING
VACATION

WARMTH
WATERMELON



Useful Information

If you ever need any help or advice, please click on the link below and it will take you the correct service you require.

www.the-waitingroom.org

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Parking & Seat Belt Reminder

As you are aware, traffic enforcement cameras, similar to the one in the picture below, have been in the area of late.

Please remember, you should not park or stop on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park or stop. It states that drivers **must not** park or stop near a school entrance or anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services. The rule will often — but not always — be made obvious with yellow zig-zags on the road.

Children must also always wear a seat belt when in a moving vehicle.

Parking outside a school specifically may obstruct visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road and is thus highly dangerous.

Please be considerate of our local community and do not park across the driveway of local residents.

You can remind yourself of the highway code [here](#).



From Birmingham With Love



We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and repeated lockdowns. For many families it has just been getting harder, 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. **Emergency food & fuel assistance** up to £100. Birmingham has announced an emergency food package —please contact one of our [local team](#) who will be able to help directly with a grant, often within 48 hours. There are also [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



3. **Mental health support.** For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available completely free at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with [Pause](#) or by calling 0207 841 4470. Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099. And remember to stay [active](#).



4. **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.



5. **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 [Re-spect](#). Also [Ask for ANI](#) and the [Safe Spaces](#) scheme where victims can access help through pharmacies.



6. **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](#) or contact [Aquarius](#) for young people.



7. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#) or [Edward's Trust](#)

8. **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. For any other help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local team](#). There are ten area hubs across the city which can connect you to support.