

Friday 6th October 2023



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Academy News

Mrs Khatun, our Librarian,
is running a very special
competition. Where you
could win £5 to spend at
the Book Fair.

Please see the form further on in the
Newsletter. You will need to print
this form or collect a form from the
Library.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th October 2023	Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
Monday 16th – Wednesday 25th October 2023	Book Fair
Friday 20th October 2023	Wear it Pink Day £1 Donation
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October	Black History Week
Friday 27th October 2023	Last Day of Autumn 1
Monday 6th November 2023	Start of Autumn 2
Tuesday 7th November 2023	Reception Open Evening 4pm–5pm
Friday 22nd December 2023	Last Day of Autumn 2 (half day)
Monday 8th January 2024	Start of Spring 1

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DORRINGTON BOOKSHOP



EVERY TUESDAY



9 – 10.40 AM

Join us for tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes and a friendly chat with other parents and our librarian, Mrs Khatun. Browse our collection of books, available to buy in a relaxing environment.

Fiction books £2

Non-fiction books £3

50p off your next purchase if the book is returned.



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Reception
September 2024
Open Evening
Tuesday 7th November 2023
4pm - 5pm

Please telephone the school office to confirm
your attendance on 0121 464 5330



Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

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Nursery Places 2023-2024

We have a small number of Nursery places available for this academic year. We offer morning or afternoon sessions 5 days a week from Monday to Friday.

Morning Sessions: 08:45-11:45

Afternoon Sessions: 12:30-15:25

If your child is born between **1st September 2019-31st August 2020** and you are interested in a place, please contact the school office immediately.

0121 464 5330

enquiry@dorrington.bham.sch.uk

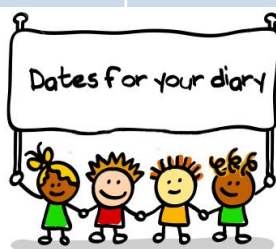
<https://dorringtonacademy.co.uk/contact-us/>



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Upcoming Term Dates

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 (Academy closed)
Friday 3rd May 2024	Teacher Training Day
Monday 6th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday (Academy closed)
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
Thursday 27th June 2024	Teacher Training Day
Friday 28th June 2024	Teacher Training Day
Friday 19th July 2024	Last Day of Summer 2 (half day)
Monday 22nd July 2024	Teacher Training Day



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Song Requests & Birthday Shoutout Requests for Parents and Siblings

Song Request: <https://forms.office.com/e/x4txCfzC7f>

Birthday Shoutout: <https://forms.office.com/e/aysUGMK7x0>

School Radio Song Request

Instructions:

Please complete this form if you would like to request a song on our School Radio.
Before requesting a song, please make sure it is appropriate for children. This means that there is no swearing or inappropriate topics.



School Radio Shoutout Request

Instructions

Please complete this form if you would like to have your shoutout announced on our School Radio. This could be a family birthday, special occasion or good news.



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Radio Competitions

<https://forms.office.com/e/kVgnZvrDm1>

Calling all parents/carers! If you would like to be on the Dorrington Radio, please complete the form linked here.

Please note: all shows would be pre-recorded.

School Radio Competition Sign Up

Instructions

If you would like to sign up to be on the radio please complete this form. If you are chosen at random, you will be asked to answer quiz questions on a pre-recorded show for the radio.



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IMPORTANT REMINDER: Food in School

A reminder for all parents/carers:

Dorrington Academy is a nut-free school.



Children with nut allergies can develop a severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reactions if they are in contact with nuts.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or opening a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

If your child brings a snack or home packed lunch to school, please check the ingredients list to ensure there are no nuts present.

Some examples of common foods that contain nuts are:

- Peanut butter
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars
- Ferrero rocher
- Snickers bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Some Asian food, including satay
- Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, please check the packaging of products carefully.

If you have any questions, please call the school office. Your continued support to help us minimise risks within school is appreciated.



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School Photographs

Monday 20th & Tuesday

21st November 2023

This year's individual and sibling school photographs will commence on the 20th November.

Please ensure that children attends school in their full school uniform including their jumper/cardigan and tie.



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Parents' Evening

Monday 16th October

4pm-7pm

Appointments will be held both in person at the Academy and virtually through the Academy's easy to use online Parents' Evening system.

The Academy will be open for in person appointments with your child's class teacher between 4pm and 6pm. Online virtual appointments will be held between 6pm and 7pm.

Please visit <https://dorrington.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to make and participate in appointments.



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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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18th – 6th 2023

RF	94.0%	2 Lates
RS	92.9%	3 Lates
RW	95.9%	11 Lates
1B	97.4%	0 Late
1E	94.4%	4 Lates
1W	96.7%	19 Lates
2A	93.5%	5 Lates
2C	93.3%	8 Lates
2W	94.4%	5 Lates
3D	95.2%	7 Lates
3F	92.8%	13 Lates
3H	94.4%	10 Lates
4C	94.4%	2 Lates
4D	93.3%	9 Lates
4K	93.3%	15 Lates
5B	94.1%	17 Lates
5M	94.8%	9 Lates
5W	93.0%	9 Lates
6R	96.6%	12 Lates
6S	92.4%	9 Lates
6V	97.8%	20 Lates

KS1

KS1

KS2

KS2

Overall Attendance

Our attendance this week:

94.5%

Our attendance this year:

94.7%



ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS



4 School days missed in an academic year

7 School days missed in an academic year

10 School days missed in an academic year

11 School days missed in an academic year

20 School days missed in an academic year

29 School days missed in an academic year

100%

OUTSTANDING

98%

VERY GOOD

96%

GOOD

95%

ALMOST THERE

94%

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

90%

CONCERNED
ATTENDANCE OFFICE
WILL BE IN TOUCH

85%

VERY CONCERNED

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Stars of the Week

RF	Dhiyaan
RS	Jaiyana
RW	Roshni
1B	Dakarai
1E	Ali
1W	Mikael R
2A	Zakariya
2C	Aisha P
2W	Sharran
3D	Maryam
3F	Abidah
3H	Eesah
4C	Jaskirat
4D	Manjot
4K	Amya
5B	Muzammil
5M	Matab
5W	Reyhan
6R	Khadeeja
6S	Ojinae
6V	Eeshal

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:

Azarai - Year 2

The Computing Star for KS2 is:

Abidal - Year 5

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:

Raka - Year 1

The Outdoor Education Star for KS2 is:

Anaika - Year 4

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:

Younis - Year 1

The Sports Star for KS2 is:

Isla - Year 3

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Headteacher Award

This year will see the return of the Headteacher Award Badge.

To be in with a chance to receive one of these badges, you must create a bold, brave mascot to represent your house.

Whether you are in Rubies, Emeralds, Sapphires or Diamonds, we would like you to use items from around your homes to model a winning mascot for your team.

Mascots should not be any taller/wider than 1m and should represent one of the following colours:

Ruby Red
Emerald Green
Sapphire Blue
Diamond Yellow

Deadline Monday 16th October.



Badge Awards

At Dorrington, our Teachers recognise the importance of being on time, every day and looking smart whilst also being kind to others.

To reward this, we will be launching our badge assemblies at the end of every half term to recognise the achievements of the children.

The badges children could win are:

Attendance Award

Punctuality Award

RESPECT Award

Reading Award

Headteacher's Award



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last Thursday, we saw the return of our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning run by Mrs Steventon and Mrs King.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended this year's coffee morning. Please see our photo pages for some snaps on the day.



Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for all your kind donations.

The children looked wonderful sporting denim. This charity help to support those living with genetic disorders.



Parent Book Shop Opening

Wow! What a brilliant turn out for the first Parent Bookshop morning. It was wonderful to see so many eager parents and carers.

Remember that the bookshop is open every Tuesday morning between 9 and 10:40am.

Returning books also receive a 50p discount.

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Year 2 Ambassadors

Makkah 2C
Ali Hasan 2W



Year 6 Headteachers Personal Assistant

Eeshal 6V



Year 6 Head Boy & Head Girl

Head Boy: Oscar 6R
Deputy Head Boy: Musa 6S

Head Girl: Mariyah 6R
Deputy Head Girl: Kiranpreet 6S



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House Captains

Each year, Key Stage 2 votes for their House Captain and Vice House Captain. Many children this year showed courage and bravery when they delivered their speeches for the role to the house teams. Congratulations to the following pupils.

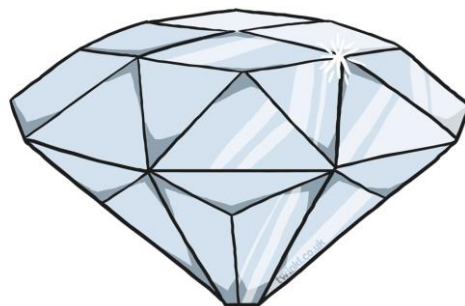
Emeralds

House Captain: Keenan 6V
Vice Captain: Nishil 6R



Diamonds

House Captain: Ayanna 3H
Vice Captain: Je'Ziah 5M



Rubies

House Captain: Moyo 6S
Vice Captain: Maab 5M



Sapphires

House Captain: Rebecca 5B
Vice Captain: Ritaj 6V



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Swimming Timetable

KS1

	9:10 – 9:40	9:40 – 10:10	10:10 – 10:40	11:00 – 11:30	11:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 13:10	13:10 – 13:40	13:40 – 14:10	14:10 – 14:40	14:40 – 15:10
Wednesday	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	LUNCH	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2

KS2

	9:10 – 9:40	9:40 – 10:10	10:10 – 10:40	11:00 – 11:30	11:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 12:30	12:30 – 13:30	13:30 – 14:00	14:00 – 14:30	14:30 – 15:00
Monday	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	LUNCH	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	LUNCH	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3
Thursday	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	LUNCH	Year 5	Commu nity	Commu nity
Friday	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	LUNCH	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4

P.E. Timetable

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		RECEPTION
Tuesday	NURSERY AM	YEAR 2
Wednesday	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Thursday		YEAR 1
Friday	YEAR 6	YEAR 5 NURSERY PM

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Playground Equipment

- From next 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
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
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

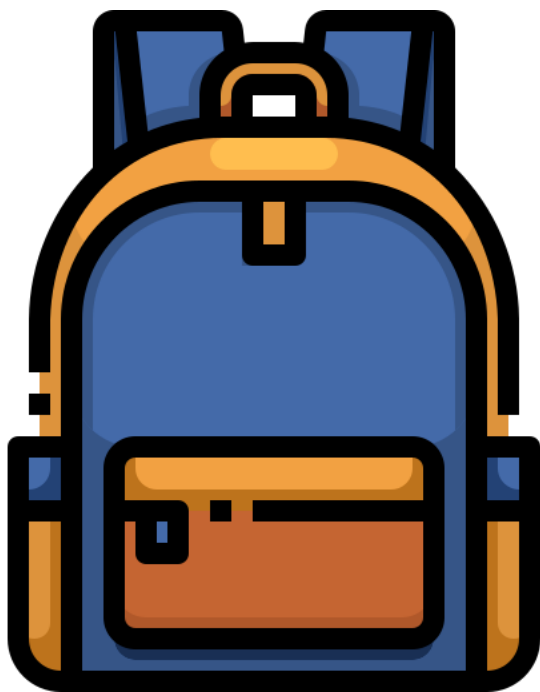
Session Times

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

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Outdoor Playground

*Do not forget to bring your
trainers in a bag on your class
day!*



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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.

Children have started swimming lessons. Please make sure you provide your child with the necessary swimming kit to take part.



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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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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Just for Fun

Name your cupcake _____

Flavour _____

Cost _____



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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Photos from Our Week

Year 2



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Photos from Our Week

Macmillan Coffee Morning



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Parent Bookshop Opening



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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.