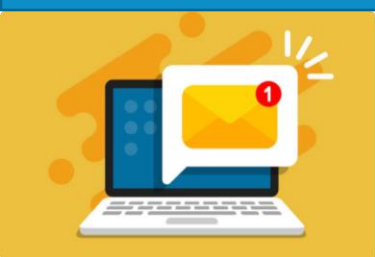


Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023



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## Academy News



We would like to wish you  
a very Merry Christmas  
break and a Happy New  
Year.

We will see you all back in  
January!

### Dates for your Diary

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023   | Last Day of Autumn 2 (half day)                                |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024     | Start of Spring 1  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024  | Theatre trip for the winners of the Book Character competition |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024    | Reception Height and Weight Checks                             |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024   | Year 6 Height and Weight Checks                                |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 | Young Voices   |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024    | Last Day of Spring 1   |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024   | Start of Spring 2  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024       | Election Day (Academy closed)                                  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024         | Teacher Training Day   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024         | May Day Bank Holiday (Academy closed)                          |

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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](mailto:enquiry@dorrington.bham.sch.uk)

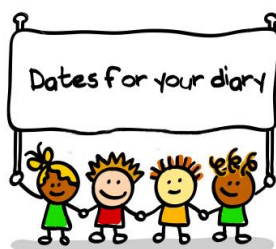
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### Upcoming Term Dates

|                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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

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

## 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.





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## Birthday Shoutout Requests for Parents and Siblings

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

### 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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## 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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### 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              |



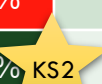

### Missing School, Family Holidays and The Law

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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| Autumn 1 Term |   |       | Autumn 2 Term |   |       |
|---------------|---|-------|---------------|---|-------|
| Class         | Attendance  | Lates | Class         | Attendance  | Lates |
| RF            | 93.9%   | 13    | RF            | 91.9%   | 29    |
| RS            | 89.2%   | 13    | RS            | 88.7%   | 34    |
| RW            | 93.7%   | 40    | RW            | 92.8%   | 85    |
| 1B            | 95.6%   | 5     | 1B            | 93.5%   | 14    |
| 1E            | 96.3%  KS1   | 25    | 1E            | 93.0%   | 66    |
| 1W            | 95.4%   | 46    | 1W            | 93.8%   | 102   |
| 2A            | 94.5%   | 26    | 2A            | 93.9%   | 81    |
| 2C            | 94.7%   | 37    | 2C            | 94.0%  KS1   | 91    |
| 2W            | 93.5%   | 22    | 2W            | 92.2%   | 40    |
| 3C            | 94.6%   | 47    | 3C            | 93.9%   | 101   |
| 3D            | 95.6%   | 29    | 3D            | 94.1%   | 74    |
| 3F            | 93.6%   | 61    | 3F            | 93.5%   | 131   |
| 4D            | 92.7%   | 34    | 4D            | 92.8%   | 66    |
| 4H            | 95.6%   | 18    | 4H            | 95.6%   | 36    |
| 4K            | 93.5%   | 66    | 4K            | 92.8%   | 153   |
| 5B            | 93.7%   | 56    | 5B            | 91.5%   | 127   |
| 5M            | 97.8%  KS2 | 27    | 5M            | 96.5%  KS2 | 59    |
| 5W            | 95.6%   | 35    | 5W            | 92.9%   | 81    |
| 6R            | 95.7%   | 44    | 6R            | 94.3%   | 98    |
| 6S            | 93.1%   | 23    | 6S            | 94.1%   | 52    |
| 6V            | 96.5%   | 43    | 6V            | 95.2%   | 83    |

### Overall Attendance

Our attendance this half term:

**91.88%**

Our attendance this year:

**93.11%**

ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS





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#### Stars of the Term

|    |           |
|----|-----------|
| RF | Zyrell    |
| RS | Ali       |
| RW | Shyam     |
| 1B | Twana     |
| 1E | Zeliha    |
| 1W | Mysha     |
| 2A | Azeemah   |
| 2C | Ali       |
| 2W | Savannah  |
| 3C | Laraib    |
| 3D | Josephine |
| 3F | Harris    |
| 4D | Tati      |
| 4H | Eliza     |
| 4K | Saara     |
| 5B | Eiliyah   |
| 5M | Bilal     |
| 5W | Nusayr    |
| 6R | Eisa      |
| 6S | Eliza     |
| 6V | Minh      |

#### 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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### Christmas Market

Well... what an amazing time we all had. The biggest Christmas market yet, children (and adults!) were able to enjoy a new addition this year... The

Arcade. We had rodeos, car simulators, reindeer racers, prize grabber machines and much more.



### Reception and KS1 Nativity

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have demonstrated their acting and singing talents during their Nativities this term. The children and staff have worked hard to produce their Nativities for parents/carers to see. We have included some photographs at the end of the newsletter of the Nativities. Well done, Reception and KS1.



### Christmas Class Parties and Christmas Disco

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their parties this year. The children played games, listened to music and ate their party goodies!

After their classroom activities, the children headed down the Christmas Disco. DJ Harrison played the children's favourite song and we saw some excellent dance moves from the children and Miss Stringer!



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### Autumn Intra Sports Event



Pupils in KS1 and KS2 in their classes have been taking part in Sports tournaments in their houses during PE lessons this term. Year 1 and 2 have competed in Multiskills Festivals. Year 3 have competed in Endball tournaments and Year 4 have competed in Multisports/Athletics competition. Well done to all pupils that competed!

#### Year 1 Intra Sports Results

1W  
1<sup>st</sup>= Sapphire.  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Diamond.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Ruby and Emerald.

1B  
1<sup>st</sup>= Emerald.  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Ruby.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Sapphire.  
4<sup>th</sup>= Diamond.

1E  
1<sup>st</sup>= Emerald.  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Diamond.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Sapphire and Ruby.

Overall Year  
1 multiskills  
Intra sport  
Results.  
1<sup>st</sup>= Emerald.  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Sapphire.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Diamond.  
4<sup>th</sup>=Ruby.

#### Year 2 Intra Sports Results

2A  
1<sup>st</sup>= Ruby  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Emerald  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Sapphire  
4<sup>th</sup> = Diamond

2C  
1<sup>st</sup>= Emerald  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Diamond and Sapphire.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Ruby.

2W  
1<sup>st</sup>= Sapphire.  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Diamond.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Ruby and Emerald.

Overall Year  
2 Multiskills  
Intra sport  
Results.  
1<sup>st</sup>= Sapphire.  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Ruby and Emerald.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Diamond.



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#### Year 3 Intra Sports Results

3D

1<sup>st</sup>= Emerald.  
2<sup>nd</sup> = Sapphire,  
Diamonds and Ruby.

3C

1<sup>st</sup>= Ruby.  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Emerald and  
Sapphire.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Diamond.

3F

1<sup>st</sup>= Emerald and  
Sapphire.  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Diamond.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Ruby.

Overall Year  
3 End Ball  
Intra sport  
Results.

1<sup>st</sup> =Emerald.  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Sapphire.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Diamond and  
Ruby.

#### Year 4 Intra Sports Results

4H

1<sup>st</sup> = Emerald  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Sapphire  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Diamond and  
Ruby.

4D

1<sup>st</sup>= Ruby  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Sapphire  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Emerald  
4<sup>th</sup>= Diamond

4K

1<sup>st</sup>= Emerald and  
Sapphire.  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Ruby.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Diamond.

Overall Year  
4 Multisport  
Athletics Intra  
sport Results.

1<sup>st</sup> =Ruby  
2<sup>nd</sup>= Sapphire.  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Emerald  
4<sup>th</sup> = diamond



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### P.E. Trips this Term

Well done to the following children who:

Participated in a football tournament at Villa Park against a number of schools:

Moyo (6S)  
Charlie V (6S)  
Haris (6V)  
Huzaifa (5W)  
Samir (5B)  
Benedetta (6R)  
Mustafaa (6S)  
Bareera (6S)  
Haaris (6S)  
Summayya (6R)



Participated in a girls football competition against Cherry Orchard School

Amayah (3H)  
Isla (3H)  
Naina (3H)  
Haniya (3D)  
Bobbi lou (3F)  
Nusaiba (3D)  
Roopreet (3D)  
Fatima K (3H)  
Zaynah (4D)  
Fatima (4K)  
Desrene (4K)  
Limar (4K)  
Jaskirat (4C)  
Amaya-Rae (4D)  
Zaynah (4C)  
Hafsah (4D)



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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 |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 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 |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Monday</b>   | Year 6      | Year 6       | Year 6        | Year 6        | Year 6        | Year 6        | LUNCH         | Year 6        | Year 6        | Year 6        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | Year 3      | Year 3       | Year 3        | Year 3        | Year 3        | Year 3        | LUNCH         | Year 3        | Year 3        | Year 3        |
| <b>Thursday</b> | Year 5      | Year 5       | Year 5        | Year 5        | Year 5        | Year 5        | LUNCH         | Year 5        | Comm<br>nity  | Comm<br>nity  |
| <b>Friday</b>   | Year 4      | Year 4       | Year 4        | Year 4        | Year 4        | Year 4        | LUNCH         | Year 4        | Year 4        | Year 4        |

### P.E. Timetable

|                  | Morning    | Afternoon            |
|------------------|------------|----------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    |            | RECEPTION            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | NURSERY AM | YEAR 2               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | YEAR 3     | YEAR 4               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |            | YEAR 1               |
| <b>Friday</b>    | YEAR 6     | YEAR 5<br>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<br>W.B. | Monday |    | Tuesday |    | Wednesday |    | Thursday |    | Friday |    |
|------------------|--------|----|---------|----|-----------|----|----------|----|--------|----|
|                  | 1      | 2  | 1       | 2  | 1         | 2  | 1        | 2  | 1      | 2  |
| 08-01-24         | 2A     | RS | 1B      | 2C | RW        | 1W | 2W       | RF | 1E     | 2A |
| 15-01-24         | RS     | 1B | 2C      | RW | 1W        | 2W | RF       | 1E | 2A     | RS |
| 22-01-24         | 1B     | 2C | RW      | 1W | 2W        | RF | 1E       | 2A | RS     | 1B |
| 29-01-24         | 2C     | RW | 1W      | 2W | RF        | 1E | 2A       | RS | 1B     | 2C |
| 05-02-24         | RW     | 1W | 2W      | RF | 1E        | 2A | RS       | 1B | 2C     | RW |
| 12-02-24         |        |    |         |    |           |    |          |    |        |    |
| 19-02-24         | 1W     | 2W | RF      | 1E | 2A        | RS | 1B       | 2C | RW     | 1W |
| 26-02-24         | 2W     | RF | 1E      | 2A | RS        | 1B | 2C       | RW | 1W     | 2W |
| 04-03-24         | RF     | 1E | 2A      | RS | 1B        | 2C | RW       | 1W | 2W     | RF |
| 11-03-24         | 1E     | 2A | RS      | 1B | 2C        | RW | 1W       | 2W | RF     | 1E |
| 18-03-24         | 2A     | RS | 1B      | 2C | RW        | 1W | 2W       | RF | 1E     | 2A |

### Session Times

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



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### KS2 Timetable

|               | Monday |    | Tuesday |    | Wednesday |    | Thursday |    | Friday |    |
|---------------|--------|----|---------|----|-----------|----|----------|----|--------|----|
| Sessions W.B. | 1      | 2  | 1       | 2  | 1         | 2  | 1        | 2  | 1      | 2  |
| 08-01-24      | 5W     | 6R | 3H      | 4D | 5B        | 6V | 3D       | 4K | 5M     | 6S |
| 15-01-24      | 3F     | 4C | 5W      | 6R | 3H        | 4D | 5B       | 6V | 3D     | 4K |
| 22-01-24      | 5M     | 6S | 3F      | 4C | 5W        | 6R | 3H       | 4D | 5B     | 6V |
| 29-01-24      | 3D     | 4K | 5M      | 6S | 3F        | 4C | 5W       | 6R | 3H     | 4D |
| 05-02-24      | 5B     | 6V | 3D      | 4K | 5M        | 6S | 3F       | 4C | 5W     | 6R |
| 12-02-24      |        |    |         |    |           |    |          |    |        |    |
| 19-02-24      | 3H     | 4D | 5B      | 6V | 3D        | 4K | 5M       | 6S | 3F     | 4C |
| 26-02-24      | 5W     | 6R | 3H      | 4D | 5B        | 6V | 3D       | 4K | 5M     | 6S |
| 04-03-24      | 3F     | 4C | 5W      | 6R | 3H        | 4D | 5B       | 6V | 3D     | 4K |
| 11-03-24      | 5M     | 6S | 3F      | 4C | 5W        | 6R | 3H       | 4D | 5B     | 6V |
| 18-03-24      | 3D     | 4K | 5M      | 6S | 3F        | 4C | 5W       | 6R | 3H     | 4D |

### Session Times

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

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

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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

## CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



Can you find some of Santa's favorite words hidden below?

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



CHRISTMAS  
STOCKINGS  
BELLS  
CANDY CANE  
SNOW

WREATHS  
NUTCRACKER  
FROSTY  
GINGERBREAD  
HOLLY

PRESENTS  
SANTA  
REINDEER  
TREE  
ORNAMENTS



### 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.

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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-respect](#). 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.