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Academy News

Thank you to the parents and carers for another excellent half term at Dorrington. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 19th February 2024.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9th February 2024	Last Day of Spring 1
Monday 19th February 2024	Start of Spring 2
Friday 1st March 2024	Secondary School Offer Day
Monday 4th March 2024	Living Eggs Arrive at School
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March 2024	Author Alex Falase-Koya Visiting
Thursday 19th March 2024	Rocksteady Concert
Monday 18th March 2024	Parents' Evening
Friday 22nd March 2024	Last Day of Spring 2
Monday 8th April 2024	Start of Summer 1
Tuesday 16th April 2024	Reception Offer Day

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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](tel:01214645330)

enquiry@dorrington.bham.sch.uk

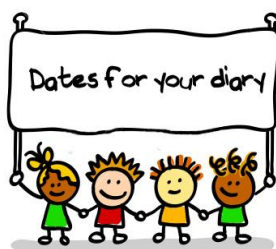
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Upcoming Term Dates

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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School Radio

<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.



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.



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

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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 Term			Spring 1 Term		
Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
RF	91.6%	28	RF	91.0%	12
RS	88.2%	33	RS	89.3%	11
RW	92.7%	85	RW	90.2%	52
1B	93.3%	14	1B	93.0%	15
1E	92.9%	66	1E	92.5%	21
1W	93.7%	102	1W	91.6%	25
2A 	93.8%	81	2A	93.1%	33
2C 	93.8%	91	2C 	93.4%	20
2W	91.9%	40	2W	91.5%	7
3C	93.7%	99	3C	92.8%	34
3D	94.0%	74	3D	93.9%	30
3F	93.3%	131	3F	89.9%	30
4D	92.7%	66	4D	86.4%	26
4H	95.5%	36	4H	93.1%	16
4K	92.7%	153	4K	92.9%	45
5B	91.4%	127	5B	90.4%	53
5M 	96.5%	59	5M	92.5%	25
5W	92.9%	81	5W	92.5%	40
6R	94.3%	98	6R	90.0%	37
6S	93.7%	52	6S	92.2%	30
6V	95.0%	83	6V 	95.0%	18

Overall Attendance

Our attendance this half term:

91.35%

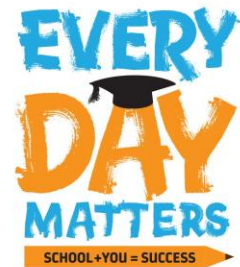
Our attendance this year:

92.35%

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS



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Stars of the Term

RF	Yaseen
RS	Jaiyana
RW	Amaya
1B	Nikolas
1E	khadija
1W	Mikael A
2A	Anayah
2C	Sienna
2W	Joshan
3C	Emanuel
3D	Eisa
3F	Zahra
4D	Eliza
4H	Talha
4K	Sameer
5B	Darrion
5M	Anvayi
5W	Nusayr
6R	Benedetta
6S	Mustafaa
6V	Krish

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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Indoor Athletics School Games Competition

Well done to the following pupils who were selected to represent Dorrington in an Indoor athletics school games competition. They competed against 7 different primary schools in throwing, jumping and running events. They all did amazing!

5B

Crystal, Shayah, Safiya, Rekario, Francis, Tashfin

5W

Zabreyn, Safa, Omar

5M

Miruna, Jeziah, Josiah, Diego, Mia, Maab



Young Voices 2024

24 excited and amazing children attended the Young Voices concert at Resorts World. The children were part of choir made up of 6,000 children from schools all around the West Midlands. The children sang beautifully and enjoyed themselves. They had a wonderful evening singing all the songs and waving the Dorrington Academy banner. The songs from the musical Matilda were the outstanding favourites! Mrs. Cash, Miss O'Donoghue and Miss Witter were super proud of them all!



The City Music Festival 2024

Well done to the following children for their drumming piece for The City Music Festival: Y6 Hana, Abidul, Saibah Y5 Anvayi, Haleema. Find a clip of their performance on the Dorrington Twitter page.

@DorringtonB42



SCHOOL GAMES

YV YOUNG VOICES

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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
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

Sessions W.B.	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
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 (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

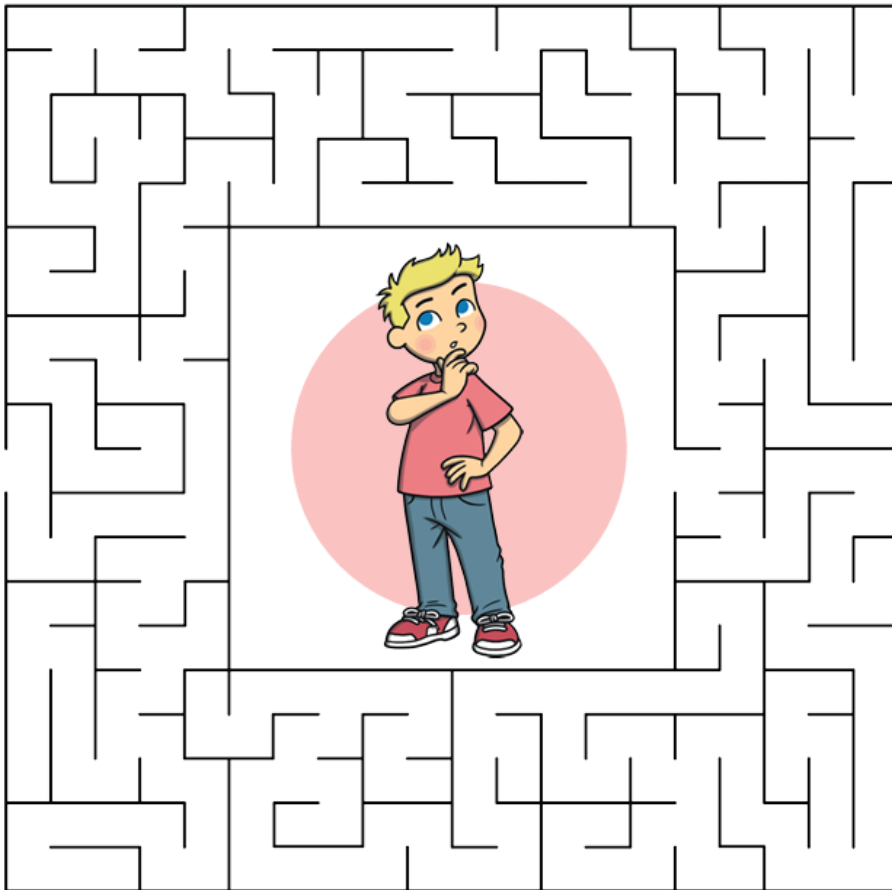
or

Uniform Plus, 935 Walsall Rd, Birmingham B42 1TN

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Just for Fun

Can you escape the maze?
Help the child find their way to the exit!



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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Young Voice Concert



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School Games



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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 [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.