







Parent update

4th April 2025

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

At Colebourne, we work together to be...		
	Compassionate	<i>We care for and help ourselves and others. We accept people for who they are.</i>
	Ambitious	<i>We do the best we can and work hard to reach our goals.</i>
	Respectful	<i>We are polite and considerate to others. We respect differences and welcome everyone. We follow rules.</i>
	Engaged	<i>We concentrate, and contribute to learning and school life.</i>

...because at Colebourne, we C.A.R.E.

DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2 nd Half Term 2025	
Monday 7th April 9am	Celebration Assembly – Year 1-3 All Parents Welcome
Tuesday 8th April <i>After school</i>	Easter Egg Hunt <i>Buy you hunt tickets now!</i>
Thursday 10th April 9am	Celebration Assembly – Year 4-6 All Parents Welcome
Friday 11th April	Last day of the term
Sunday 27th April	Nursery Applications for September 2025 Last day for first round applications Visit: https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/ for full details
Monday 28th April	Start of the Summer Term – all pupils return
Monday 28th April	Colebourne’s Week of Play
Wednesday 30th April <i>8.50am – 9.30am</i>	Eid al-Adha planning meeting
Thursday 1st May <i>9.00am-10.00am</i>	Coffee morning with the Occupational Therapy Team <i>(suitable for parents with concerns about eating, sleeping, physical/sensory difficulties)</i>
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 8th May	Year 3 Greek Day
Thursday 8th May	Professor McGinty History workshops with Year 3 and Year 4
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 23rd May	Last day of the half term
Monday 2nd June	Start of the Summer 2nd Half Term – all pupils return
Thursday 5th June <i>9.00am-10.00am</i>	Communication and Autism Team (CAT) workshop for parents <i>Developing independence skills at home and at school</i>
Saturday 7th June	Eid al-Adha
Tuesday 10th June <i>9.00am-10.00am</i>	Parent Update Meeting
Wednesday 11th June	Year 6 workshops (Loudmouth) re. social media
Friday 13th June	Father’s Day Activity morning
Monday 16th June	Class Photo Day
Thursday 19th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 Secondary Transition Day / Class swap day
Friday 18th July	Last day of the school year <i>(No Friday afternoon club)</i>

Professor McGinty – History Workshops

We once again welcomed Professor McGinty into Colebourne this week. He did workshops for Year 5 and 6.

Take a look at the photos – can you guess which period of History the workshops were about?



Year 3 and Year 4 have their workshops next term!

5P visit to the Gurdwara

5P had an incredible morning at the Sikh Gurdwara learning all about how Sikhs worship and their beliefs. It was so interesting and the children were very respectful. They had a lovely time. 5G get to go on Monday!



URGENT - outstanding payments

We are now at the end of the financial year and need to ensure our accounts are up to date.

This means that any outstanding payments for trips, dinner money, funtime club or breakfast club must be cleared by the end of next week.

The office have been in contact with parents with outstanding balances – please pay as soon as possible.

If you are having difficulties in paying – please contact us to discuss.

PLEASE NOTE – IF WE DO NOT GET PAYMENTS FOR TRIPS WE MAY HAVE TO CANCEL AS SCHOOL CANNOT AFFORD TO SUBSIDISE ANY FURTHER THAN WE ALREADY DO.

Changes to charges for Summer Term

As you will know, the changes in costs for goods and services have steadily been going up, and now with the increases in National Insurance, many of our suppliers have increased charges.

This has had a significant impact on our school meals provision and as such, from the **summer term Dinner money** will now be **£2.70 per meal**.

We have been able to maintain the same charges for breakfast club, after school club and snacks for the Summer Term.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place after school on Tuesday 8th April. You can purchase a Hunt cards via the Arbor Shop – 1 card per child; Please purchase these by 10am on Tuesday 8th April and then children will bring these out with them at home time, ready to do the hunt. There will be various prizes as part of the hunt plus every hunt card given in at the end will also get a small chocolate treat.

PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS A PARENT AND CHILD ACTIVITY



School Clubs – Summer Term 2025

These are the school clubs that will be running during the summer term. The after school clubs will start from **Tuesday 6th May**. You **do not** need to return a form - just pay online **through 'Arbor'** to book a place for your child. Please note, all clubs will now be non-refundable. You must book your child's place by **Wednesday 30th April at 1pm**. **Clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis**. Payments will open on **Friday 4th April at 7pm**.

Every child should be able to access clubs regardless of their family’s financial situation. If your child would like to attend but you may struggle to fund it or you need help paying through Arbor, please contact us to discuss this further. Please do this before the bookings open to avoid disappointment.

Children need to be collected promptly at 4.15pm from outside Year 2. Please use the pedestrian entrance only - not the car park.

Year 5 & 6 who normally walk home alone will be dismissed at 4.15pm unless you tell us otherwise.

Tuesday	Y4,5 & 6	Athletics	Spark Active	£18.00 for 9 sessions
Tuesday	Y3,4,5 &6	Dance Club	Miss Blake	£18.00 for 9 sessions
Wednesday	Y2 & 3	Athletics	Spark Active	£18.00 for 9 sessions
Thursday	Y1 & Reception	Athletics	Spark Active	£18.00 for 9 sessions

Other Clubs available during lunchtime in school
(No charge to attend – no need to book!)
Starting from week beginning 28th April 2025

Monday	Year 4,5 & 6	Reading For Pleasure Club	Mrs Wren	Bring your own book and read
Tuesday	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Chess Club	Mrs Haigh	Turn up and play chess
Thursday	Y3, 4,5 & 6	Crochet Club	Mr Guest	Bring your own equipment or a starter kit can be purchased from school shop (Arbor) £3

Your child will need to arrive in school in their PE kit the day they are in a sports-based club.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PAY ONLINE AS THIS WILL BE YOUR BOOKING FOR THE CLUB

Colebourne Competes

28.04.2025



We all know how important healthy activity and play is for children.

At Colebourne we are having a **special week of play** and launching **Colebourne Competes** - some challenges and competitions for the children to take part in.

Colebourne Competes

Each half term, we'll have exciting new challenges waiting for the children! There will be a mix of opportunities for children to get involved if they would like to including personal challenges, working with a team, plus whole school challenges - there's something for everyone.

Plus

Every day during the first week back, the children will have an extended morning break where they will be able to try out new games and play activities.

This is being launched by Mr. Michael on Monday 28th April in Assembly.





Colebourne KS2 Crochet Club

Summer Term

Thursdays

12.30pm - 1pm

Pastoral Room (Studio)

Learn to crochet or bring your own crochet projects.

This is a drop in club. There is no charge for the club but children need to bring their own crochet equipment.

Starter kits available for £3
(1 x hook; 1 x yarn; 1 plastic needle)

- purchase via the Arbor Shop
(Limited Availability)

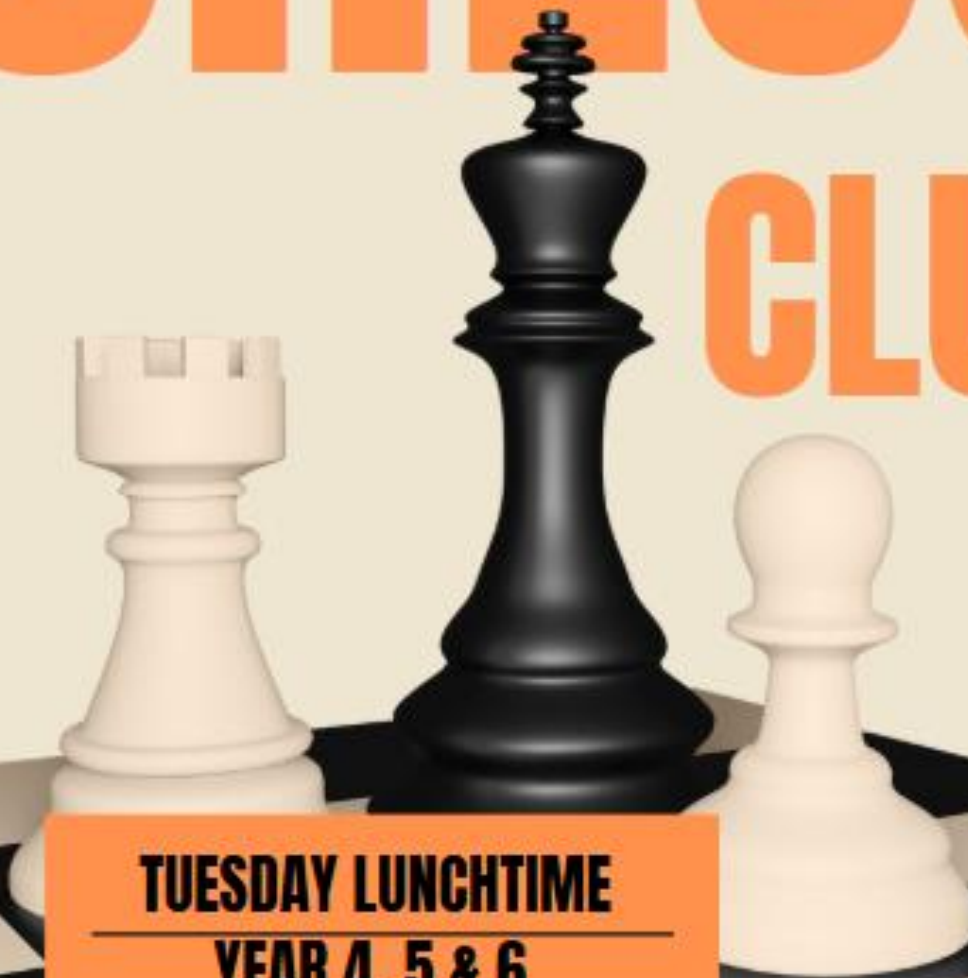
See Mr. Guest for further details.



Come and join

CHESS

CLUB



TUESDAY LUNCHTIME

YEAR 4, 5 & 6

FROM 12.30 IN 6H

So many books, never enough time....



Reading for Pleasure Club Year 4, 5 and 6

Why not bring in a reading book of your choice and join Mrs Wren to enjoy some relaxing reading time.

**In the library on a Monday lunchtime,
12.30pm- 1.30pm.**



Colebourne Science Fair

We are excited to announce a return to Colebourne's Science Fair. The children are **all** invited to participate by investigating and recording their own science project, either by themselves or with a family member.

The project can be;

- an experiment to answer a question,
- a problem and solution
- a research project.

It can be on any area of science that interests your child.

Questions could be something like;

- 'What mixture makes the biggest bubbles?'
- 'Which is the best make of bubble gum?'
- 'Which tastes best: supermarket 'home brand' biscuits/cereals or branded ones?'
- 'What colour bird feeder do birds prefer?'

How to enter

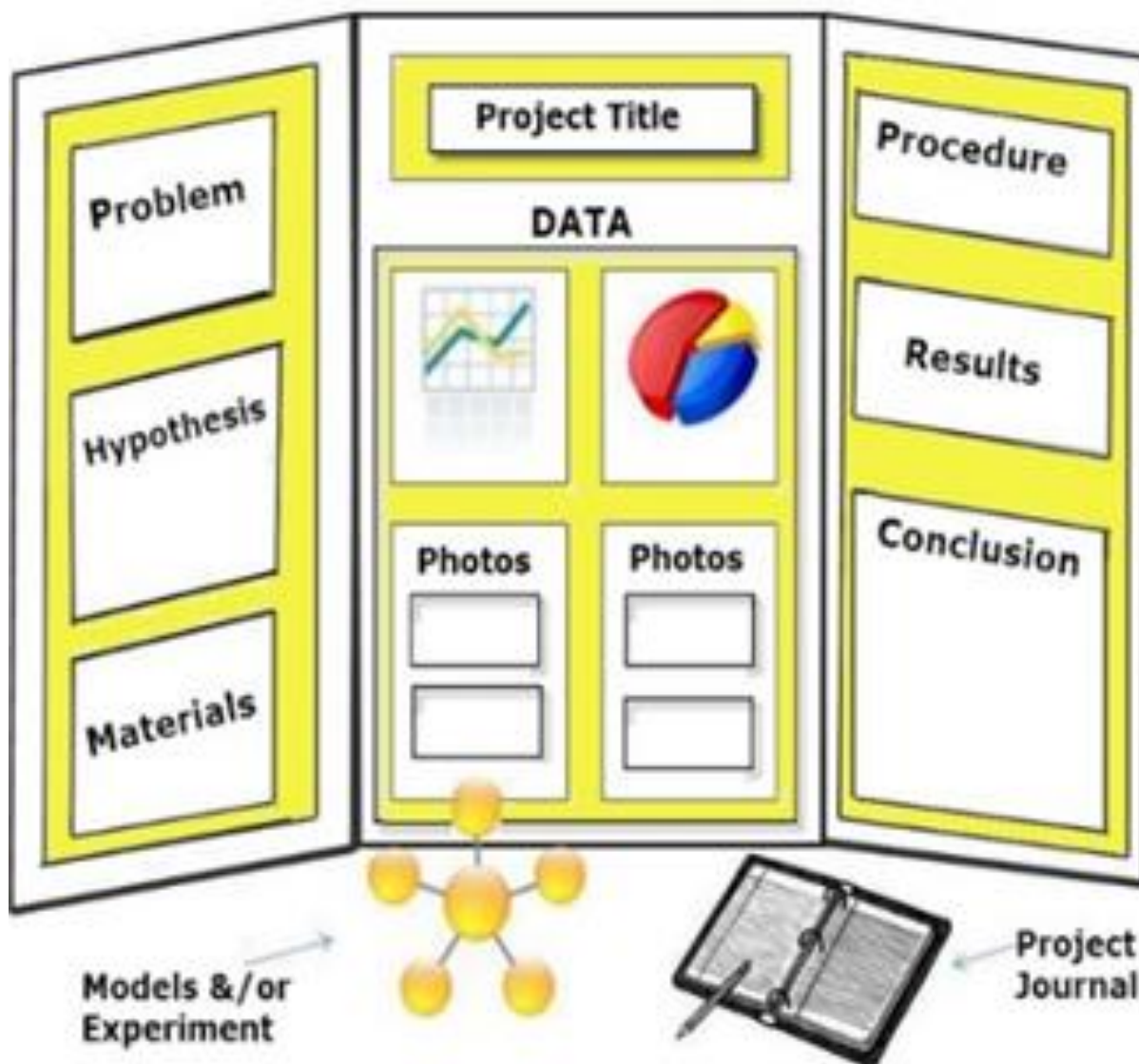
When your child has carried out their investigation or research, they need to make a display board to communicate their learning to others. This needs to have 3 panels of information (as shown) which can be made from a large cardboard box or even a cereal box, opened out, painted or covered in wrapping paper and held together with tape.

The display board should follow the format we use for Science Investigations in school and clearly show;

the project title

- the question or problem
- what your child thinks the answer is (prediction/hypothesis)
- what they did (method/procedure)
- what they observed/what happened (results).
- what they found out (conclusion)

Here is an example of what a board could look like:



They can also include a small model or experiment and/or project notes.

The children need to bring their completed projects to school on the morning of **Thursday 1st May**.

All children's entries will be displayed in their classrooms and shared with their class and year group. If you wish to come and see the entries for yourself, they will be on display in the Hall from 3.00pm on **Thursday 1st May 2025**.

We can't wait to see all the exciting ideas the children come up with this year!

Mrs Taylor

Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum

Easter Menu

If any sandwich children would like a dinner on any of our special lunch days, please contact the main school office by end of the week before.



Easter Menu

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL

MAINS

Roast Chicken
Quorn Roast
Sausages

SIDES

Roast Potatoes / Mashed
Potatoes
Carrots/ sweetcorn/peas
Yorkshire Pudding
gravy

DESSERT

Chocolate Chip Cookies
Jelly and Ice Cream

Eid al-Adha

We are now looking ahead to Eid al-Adha and would like to have a small working party of parents to work with Mrs Rizwan, Mrs. Ahmed and Mr. Guest to discuss what celebrations to do in school.

If you are interested in joining the conversation – please attend a planning meeting on Wednesday 30th April 8.50am – 9.30am at school.

Low income? Save money on your water bill!



You could get up to 70% off the average Severn Trent bill.

The Big Difference Scheme can offer a reduction of water bills to any Severn Trent customer with a household income below £23,492.

Households with child dependants may be eligible for an additional income allowance in excess of this amount.

The Scheme will assess your household income when you apply, and that assessment will determine how big a reduction you're eligible for.

If your application is successful, you'll get a brand new payment plan. The Big Difference Scheme will design a payment plan especially for you which will include payments towards any outstanding debt on your account.

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/big-difference-scheme/>

ADHD support

FREE ADHD online parent course

A Nurturing ADHD Kids courses for parents/carers of children with ADHD are starting after the Easter holiday. Registration is now open.

These courses are free for families in Birmingham.

Children do not need to have already received the diagnosis - they work with families who are on the assessment pathway as well.

The courses are online, 90 minutes a week for six weeks.

They can join for a daytime session or an evening one.

They will be running on:

Tuesdays 7pm - 8.30pm Starting Tuesday 29th April	Register <u>HERE</u>
Wednesdays 10am - 11.30am Starting Wednesday 30th April.	Register <u>HERE</u>

Register now
for next courses

Nurturing ADHD kids

Free online courses for parents and carers of
children and young people with ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

**Does your child have ADHD or
suspected ADHD?**

Join our friendly six week
course
to learn how to understand
and support them

You can join the day time
session or the evening one.

It is online so you join from
your own home.

You can register using the
QR codes or email

contactus@brewseducation.org

Registration closes at
5 pm on Monday 28th April

**Tuesdays
7 - 8.30pm**

starting
Tuesday 29th April



**Wednesdays
10- 11.30am**

starting
Wednesday 30th
April



**forward
carers**



Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC

CIC Business Registration: 13240865



Looking for support and guidance on ADHD? *Think ADHD* is offering free 60-minute webinars covering key topics like Making Sense of ADHD and Navigating the Diagnostic Process. Each session includes expert advice and an open discussion space.

Book your free place or explore more dates here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/relate-birmingham-and-black-country-10569301121>

Relate
Birmingham & Black Country

Items from previous updates:

Nursery applications are now open for September 2025

Applications for **Nursery for September 2025** are now open for children born between: **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**.

Applications are NOT a first come first served; any applications received by the deadline for applications will be considered using the published admissions criteria.

Visit the school admissions webpage for more details and to book onto an information meeting:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/#nursery-information-and-admissions>

Term dates and staff training days for the year

The updated term dates and the staff training days are on the school website: <https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/>

Remaining Staff Training Days:

- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 5: Monday 21st July 2025*

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary>

Extreme Weather Response

At Colebourne we have an extreme weather policy which supports us in ensuring the safety of pupils, staff, and families.

You can see the full policy via the **policies link** on the new school website parents section: <https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents/>

District Football Trials

This information is relevant to...

- Boys currently in Years 3, 4 and 5
- Girls currently in Years 4 and 5

...who either plays for a team outside of school or is a talented footballer.



Erdington and Saltley

Primary Schools FA

www.espsfa.com

District Football Nominations 2025/26

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your son/daughter has been identified by their school as a talented footballer and nominated for the 2025/26 Erdington and Saltley district football trials. This letter contains key information about district football.

What is district football?

District football is the highest level of youth football for primary aged pupils outside of academy football. As a city, Birmingham has over 300 primary schools. These schools are divided into seven geographical districts, with each district having its own representative football team.

What is Erdington and Saltley district?

Erdington and Saltley have 49 primary schools across Erdington, Saltley, Nechells, Hodge Hill, Washwood Heath, Bromford and Shard End.

My child already plays for a football team. Is this a problem?

No. District footballers also play for a second team - either a grassroots team or an academy team. Boys' district matches are played on Saturday mornings, while girls' games are played on Friday evenings. They do not clash with grassroots football.

My child plays for a professional academy. Is this a problem?

Scan here to learn more about district football's partnership with Aston Villa:



No. Children who play for academy teams (e.g. Birmingham City, Walsall, Wolves) are allowed to play district football.

Why should my child play district football?

Best facilities in the city: All district games are played from a central location - Aston Villa's training ground.

High standard: District football is the highest standard of youth football outside of academy football.

Player Pathway: District football offers players a direct route into an academy such as Aston Villa, Birmingham City or Wolves. Each year, many Erdington and Saltley players are signed by professional clubs. We currently have former players playing professionally for Manchester City, Manchester United, Leeds United, Aston Villa, Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and others.

What do I need to do if I want my son / daughter to attend the trials?

Register now at www.espsfa.com/trials.

Where can I learn more about district football?

www.espsfa.com

www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com

Instagram: @esps.fa or @bhampsfa

Twitter: @espsfa or @bpsfa

Scan here to register for district football trials:



Register for district football trials now:

www.espsfa.com/trials

Trials will take place throughout April and May 2025 – REGISTER NOW!



**BOYS
AND
GIRLS**

DISTRICT FOOTBALL

TRIALS

2025/26 SEASON



REGISTER NOW!



OFFICIAL PARTNER

APRIL AND MAY 2025




**HUGE HONOUR WORLD CLASS FACILITIES
ACADEMY FOOTBALL PATHWAY**

HIGHEST STANDARD OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL



REGISTER NOW: WWW.BIRMINGHAMPRIMARYSCHOOLSFA.COM/TRIALS

Home Learning Links

Here are our core links for any home learning you would like to do.

	<p>Home learning grids</p> <p>These are for each half term for each year group and enable additional learning around the work the children do in class:</p> <p>Home learning grids</p>
	<p>BBC Bitesize</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/</p>
	<p>Oak National Academy</p> <p>Oak National Academy</p>

We also have some of our subscription services such as

	<p>Doodle</p> <p>A great platform to learn and practise key skills for maths and English</p> <p>https://www.doodlemaths.com/</p>
	<p>Times Tables Rockstars</p> <p>Practice your times tables and quick maths recall skills</p> <p>https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student</p>

Core useful links for parents

Year group expectation sheets:

[Key expectation sheets](#)

Email address for parents:

parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

Term Dates:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/>

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary>

Free school meals checker:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/oefe/birmingham/provider>

School information for parents:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents/>

School policies:

[School policies](#)

Useful Links for Parents



Better Health
Start for Life

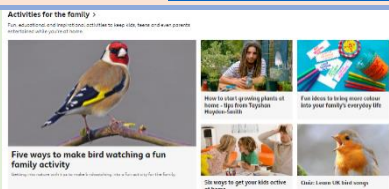
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/early-learning-development/>



BBC Wellbeing site – video and help for parents own mental health and that of their children

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cw9v6l8d0q6t>



BBC bitesize parents
Tips, advice and activity ideas for being a parent

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/parents>



Birmingham School Health Support Service
Lots of health related links and support for children and families including the school nurse
Community paediatric and child development centres
Forward thinking Birmingham
And much more

[Birmingham School Health Support Service](#) | [Home education](#) | [Birmingham City Council](#)