



Parent update

23rd May 2025

HAPPY HALF TERM – SEE YOU ALL ON MONDAY 2nd JUNE

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

DIARY DATES

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
Monday 9th June	Non-uniform / Eid Clothes <i>(There will also be an Eid Lunch for those who have a school dinner)</i>
Monday 9th June	3C visit to the Hindu Temple <i>(Please note – children can still wear their Eid clothes / Non-uniform and will be back before lunch!)</i>
Tuesday 10th June <i>9.00am-10.00am</i>	Parent Update Meeting – All welcome <i>Join Mr. Guest and other members of SLT who will share updates from Colebourne, plus time for chat, coffee, questions and feedback</i>
Wednesday 11th June	Parent Session – Social Media and Screen Time Ofcom Media Literacy project
Wednesday 11th June	Year 6 workshops (Loudmouth) re. social media
Thursday 12th June	3B visit to the Hindu Temple
Friday 13th June	Father's Day Activity morning
Monday 16th June	Class Photo Day
Tuesday 17th June	Year 6 Theme Park Trip
Tuesday 17th June <i>9.30am – 10am</i>	Nursery – September 2025 - Parent Welcome Meeting
Thursday 19th June	Sports Day Reception: 9.30am – 10.30pm Year 3, 4, 5 and 6: 11am – 12.30pm Year 1 and Year 2: 1.30pm – 2.45pm
Friday 20th June	M & M Productions – The Jungle Book Years 1-6 in school time
Monday 23rd June	RN Trip to Ash End House Children's Farm
Tuesday 24th June <i>9am – 9.30am</i>	Reception – September 2025 - Parent Welcome Meeting For families of children already at Colebourne.
Tuesday 24th June <i>2.30pm – 3.15pm</i>	Reception – September 2025 - Parent Welcome Meeting For families new to Colebourne
Wednesday 25th June	RT Trip to Ash End House Children's Farm
Friday 27th June <i>9am – 10am</i>	Parent workshop - How children learn <i>Delivered by Mrs. Wren and Mrs. Taylor</i>
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 Secondary Transition Day / Class swap day
Monday 7th July, 2pm	Year 6 Leavers performance to parents
Tuesday 8th July, 9am	Year 6 Leavers performance to parents
Wednesday 9th July, 2pm	Colebourne Summer Fair
Wednesday 16th July <i>(Please note this is a new date)</i>	Year 1-3 Celebration Assembly – all parents welcome
Tuesday 15th July	Year 4-6 Celebration Assembly – all parents welcome
Wednesday 16th July	Parent drop-in session after school
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers celebration day
Friday 18th July	Last day of the school year (No Friday afternoon club)

Reception Pirate Day

You may have noticed that we had some pirates in school on Thursday. The children had a brilliant time finishing off their theme unit by dressing up, decorating some cupcakes, completing some pirate crafts, finding treasure and enjoying a story from Mr Guest.

A massive 'thank you' to all the grown-ups for supporting pirate day, from talking to them about their day and supporting with costumes.





Parent update Meeting – Tuesday 10th June, 9am start

Join Mr. Guest and other members of the senior leadership team who will share updates from Colebourne, plus time for chat, coffee, questions and feedback. All welcome.

PARENT UPDATE MEETING

**Tuesday 10th June 2025,
From 8.30am for tea and biscuits**

9.00am start

In the main school hall

Parents are invited to attend our next Parent update meeting

(Remote attendance link will be available via Class Dojo on the morning)

Tea / Coffee and biscuits provided

School Updates will include:

**Changes for September | School Priorities | Attendance
School 3 Year Vision | Summer Events | Parent Voice
After school clubs | Trips and Residential
and more**

Plus time for parent questions and feedback



FREE PARENT SESSION ON ONLINE SAFETY AND MEDIA LITERACY –

Wednesday 11th June

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS

Loudmouth Education and Training is a reputable theatre in education company that has been creating and delivering safeguarding programmes in schools for over 30 years. Loudmouth have been working with Ofcom to create a new programme on online safety and media literacy, and will be delivering this to our Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 11th June



Keen to find out more? On the same day as the Year 6 session, Loudmouth will deliver a free, 45-minute, awareness raising session for parents and guardians, giving you the opportunity to see the drama that the children are going to watch - you'll also receive some great tips and ideas on online safety and how to spot unreliable content online. This will help if you want to learn more about media literacy – not only for yourself but also to help with any discussions you may have with your child about the programme and any of these issues.

The move to secondary school can be a tricky time, not just for children but for parents too! It can be a challenge trying to work out when is the right time to allow children to have access to a smartphone, how to manage screen time (something we're sure many parents battle with on a daily basis!) and how to protect and support them as they spend more time online.

This 45-minute session will show you the drama element and run through some key info and tips that are taught, including:

- **Online Safety**
- **Spotting Dis and Misinformation**
- **Impact of Online Comments on Wellbeing (including Misogyny)**
- **Communication with Parents about Screen Time**
- **Where to get Help and Support**

The free parent session will take place in the Main Hall at 9am – 9.45am on Wednesday 11th June. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fathers Day Breakfast and Activity – Friday 13th June

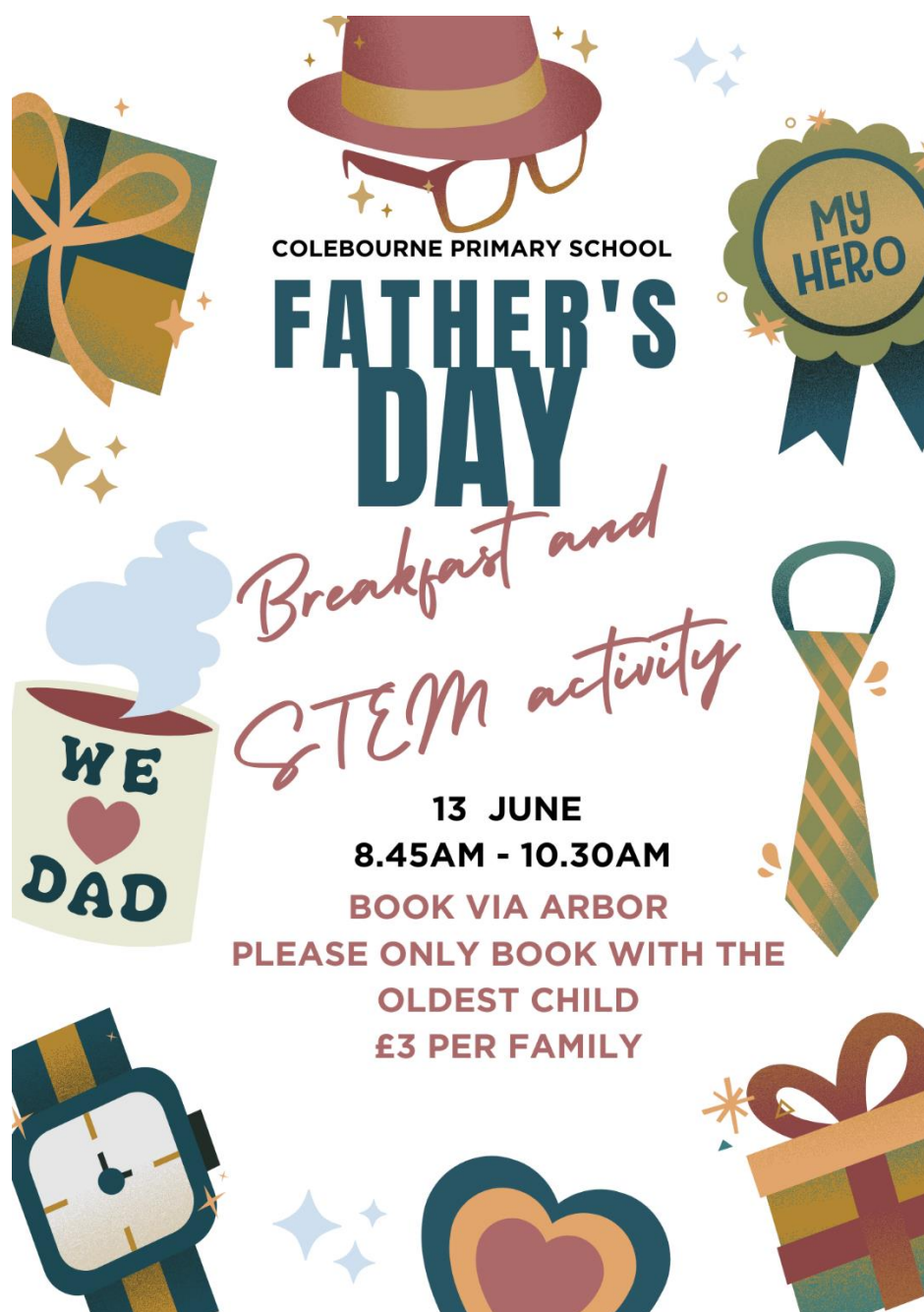
The Fathers' Day breakfast event takes place on **Friday 13th June 8.45am – 10.30am**. Children are invited to attend and bring along an important male figure in their lives e.g. Dads, Uncles, Grandads, Family friend.

All attendees will be provided with a hot breakfast baguette and take part in a STEM related activity. Booking is required for this event to ensure that we have the correct amount of resources and food.

Bookings open on Monday 26th May in the Arbor school shop.

Closing date for booking is Monday 9th June, 9am.

YOU ONLY NEED TO BOOK AND PAY FOR ONE PLACE USING YOUR OLDEST COLEBOURNE CHILD



Sports Day – Thursday 19th June

We warmly invite parents to join us for our annual Sports Day.



Parent Workshop – Friday 27th June, 9am – 10am

Join Mrs. Wren and Mrs. Taylor as they take you through information about the science behind 'how children learn' and what this looks like here at Colebourne. You will also get ideas about how you can incorporate these ideas into everyday life and learning at home.



- *Meet other parents*
- *Get your questions answered*
- *Discuss important information*

Join Us for Our Next

PARENT WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

9AM - 10AM



Find out how children learn and our approach here at Colebourne.



*Thank
you for supporting your
child's success*



Summer Fair – Wednesday 9th July

More details will follow.

Children finish at 2pm – childcare available for those unable to collect until the end of day. After school funtime club still available.



STALL HOLDER BOOKINGS

→ [BOOK A STALL HERE](#) ←

Get Free Entry to loads of attractions with a Blue Peter Badge

Mrs. Wren's reading group are working towards getting the book badge – here is the information in case any other children want to apply for one.



Do you love books and reading? If you do, this is the badge for you! To earn this badge all you need to do is tell us about a book you've enjoyed reading recently and draw a character or scene from the book. We'd also love to hear about any books that have sparked your imagination. So, what are you waiting for? Pick up a book, explore your school library, or become a member of your local library and you could be on your way to earning your very own Book badge!

Blue Peter Book badge application

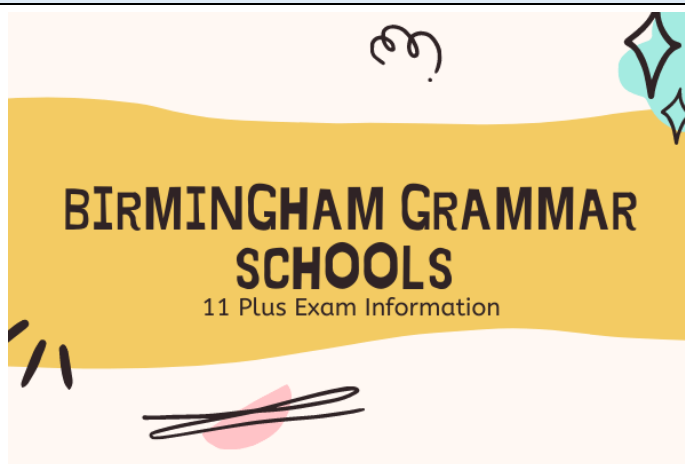
To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- [Apply for your Book badge online using My Blue Peter.](#)
- Ask your parent or guardian to [set up a BBC child account so you can use My Blue Peter.](#) Please remember your username and password, as you'll need these to log in and request your ID card, once your badge has been issued. *Please note: Each child applying for a badge via My Blue Peter need their own individual log in, for example a family with two children, will need two BBC child accounts for each child, so we can log their badges individually.*
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to [read the Privacy Notice.](#)

- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

Year 5 parents – Grammar School applications

Please see below details regarding Grammar school applications that we have been asked to pass on to parents of children in Year 5.



*We write to advise that registration is now open for parents of **current Year 5 pupils** who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham/West Midlands (**entry to Year 7 in September 2026**).*

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 27th June 2025.

The test will take place on 13th September 2025.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

Thank you

Admissions Officer

Grammar Schools in Birmingham

Reception intake – September 2025

Parent meeting for existing parents

Colebourne Primary School Reception Admissions- Intake September 2025



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted you have accepted a place at Colebourne Primary School. At Colebourne, we strive to provide a rich environment and learning opportunities for children to thrive and develop. We want school to be a happy place for your child and we will work hard to ensure we do all we can to achieve this.



Welcome Meeting

There will be a welcome meeting on Tuesday 24th June 2025, 9am-9:30 in the school hall. Attendance at this meeting is important as information regarding staffing, start arrangements for September, and dates for you and your child to attend our stay and play sessions before the summer break will be shared.

Admission Forms

As your child attends our Nursery we already have the relevant information we require.

Important note- If you wish to make any changes to your contact details, your child's medical conditions, pick up lists or any other circumstances please let the school office know so they can make the necessary changes.



If you have any further enquiries please contact our school office.

Email
admissions@colebourne.bham.sch.uk



Tel: 0121 675 8500

Parents of children with SEND

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an opportunity to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves, as well as to connect with other parents to help them to build additional connections and support networks in a positive way.

TO BOOK – Please email: BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk by Tuesday
3rd June 2025

For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770762056
or Nathalie Messanvi on 07943364833



Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

Be Empowered Workshops

<p>(10.9) Online Friday 06/06 – 11/07 10:00-13:00 Joining instructions will be sent when space is confirmed</p>	<p>(10.10) Face-to-Face/Online Saturday 07/06 – 12/07 12:30-15:30 Oasis Academy Hobmoor, Wash Lane, Birmingham, B25 8FD.</p>
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Are you a parent of
a child with special
or additional
needs?

Do you want to meet with other
parents and learn more about
local and national services and
what they can offer?

Do you want to feel more
confident about working with
practitioners and making
decisions about your child's
journey?

We warmly invite you to a series of workshops that have been written by and are led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

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Yardley and Hodge Hill Early Help Newsletter for Families

Here is a huge list of activities and resources that we hope you will find useful over the May Half Term Holidays. This includes activities and food provision, as well as information on Early Help and how to access support over the holidays if you should need it.

There really is a huge amount of links and information for events and activities including some SEND specific activities

CLICK HERE TO VIEW: [Yardley and Hodge Hill Early Help for Families](#)

Author Event at Waterstones Birmingham City Council

Calling all pet fans! You're invited to Join *Pia's Pet Club* with Serena Patel, author of the multi-award-winning *Anisha, Accidental Detective* series.

Serena will introduce you to Pia, a girl who loves pets, but isn't allowed one of her own (maybe like you)! But Pia doesn't give up easily and decides to help her friend Hari train his troublesome puppy, Luna. CHAOS ensues but Pet Club is formed along with Pia and Hari's other friends from the block of flats where Pia lives with her mum.

Serena will test your pet-based knowledge with a PAWesome quiz (do you know what percentage of the time cats spend sleeping?) and give you some top tips for starting your own Pet Club just like Pia! She'll tell you how a very long PowerPoint presentation from her son persuaded her family to get kittens Arlo and Bean and inspired the *Pia's Pet Club* series. And you'll get to create your own dream pet!

Book & Ticket includes a copy of *Pia's Pet Club: Puppy Problem* to be collected at the event.

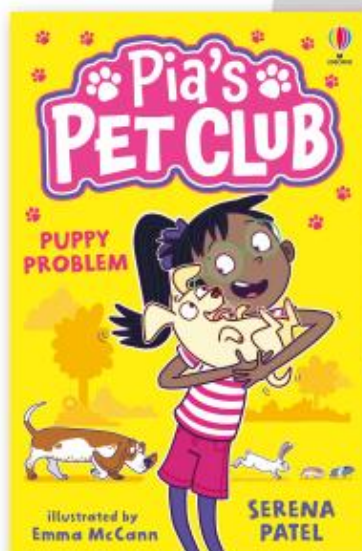
Visit: <https://www.waterstones.com/events/an-afternoon-with-serena-patel/birmingham> for details

SERENA PATEL

AN AFTERNOON OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday 29 May, 2pm

Calling all pet fans! You're invited to Join *Pia's Pet Club* with Serena Patel, author of the multi-award-winning *Anisha, Accidental Detective* series.



For tickets and details, please ask a bookseller or visit [waterstones.com/events](https://www.waterstones.com/events).

Items from previous updates:

Annual Calendar for next school year

To help parents with arrangements, here is an overview of the main school dates for next school year.

Please remember we are unable to authorise holidays in term time; please book any of these in the school holidays.



Annual Calendar

2025- 2026

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Key						
School closed- Holidays						
School closed- Bank holiday						
Staff training days (school closed for children)						
Voting day (School closed for children)						



A vibrant, colorful poster for the Ward End Fire Station Open Day. The top features logos for 'The Community Grounds', 'Junior's', 'MEAT & EAT', and 'TESCO'. The main title 'Ward End Fire Station OPEN DAY' is in large, bold, blue letters with a yellow outline, set against a background of a rainbow and stars. Below the title, the date and time '22nd June 2025 11 am – 3 pm' are written in blue, followed by the invitation 'Come and join in the fun!'. The middle section shows a fire engine and a fire truck on a road, with several balloons floating above them. The balloons are red and yellow and contain the text: 'Cakes', 'Friends', 'Groups', 'Fun', 'Face Painting & DJ', 'Games & Demo's', 'Rides', and 'VR headsets'. Below the balloons, five people are shown from the chest up: a woman in a blue shirt, a firefighter in a yellow helmet, a man in a white shirt, another firefighter in a yellow helmet, and a woman in a grey shirt with a headset. Above each person is a speech bubble containing text: 'Refreshments', 'Stalls', 'Fun activities', 'Safety advice', and 'Community stands'. At the bottom, a red banner with white text reads 'Come and meet your local firefighters and see our fire engines!'. The footer contains logos for 'WMFS West Midlands Fire Service', 'Unity Hubb', and 'West Midlands Police', along with the address 'Ward End Fire Station, Washwood Heath Road, B8 2HF' and the website 'www.wmfs.net @WestMidsFire'.

Ward End Fire Station
OPEN DAY
22nd June 2025 11 am – 3 pm
Come and join in the fun!

Cakes Friends Groups Fun Face Painting & DJ Games & Demo's Rides VR headsets

Refreshments Stalls Fun activities Safety advice Community stands

Come and meet your local firefighters and see our fire engines!

WMFS West Midlands Fire Service
Unity Hubb
West Midlands Police
Ward End Fire Station, Washwood Heath Road, B8 2HF
www.wmfs.net @WestMidsFire

Summer Term Uniform, Heat and Hay Fever

Summer uniform

Please remember that children can wear black or grey plain shorts or summer dresses (navy gingham or plain grey/black) for school. This is particularly useful as the weather heats up.

Please remember to label your child's clothes with their name as this helps us reunite items with their owners.

Summer heat

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day.

For hot sunny days please also ensure they have a hat and have applied sun cream before school.

Hay Fever

As the Hay Fever season kicks in, please ensure your child has taken any precautionary medication before school and that we have additional medication in school.

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.

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/>

Free ADHD Webinars for Parents & Carers

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>





Useful Links for Parents

Home Learning Links

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Home learning grids</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional learning opportunities each half term</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Home learning grids</u></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BBC Bitesize</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lots of links to learning and skills</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/</u></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Oak National Academy</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A huge range of lessons, resources and subjects</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Oak National Academy</u></p>

We also have some of our subscription services such as

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

School information links for parents

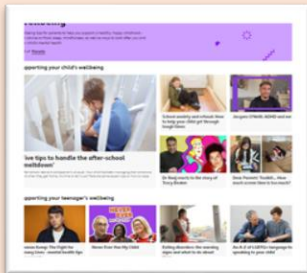
Year group expectation sheets: <u>Key expectation sheets</u>	Email address for parents: <u>parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk</u>
School information for parents: <u>https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents/</u>	
Term Dates: <u>https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/</u>	
Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop: <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary</u>	
Free school meals checker: <u>https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/oefe/birmingham/provider</u>	
School policies: <u>School policies</u>	

PARENTING AND HEALTH SUPPORT



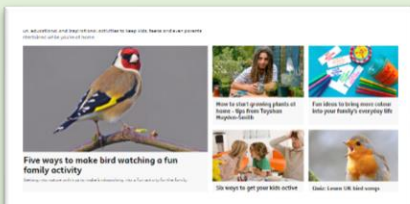
NHS Advice and guidance
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Water Bill Support

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.

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



Broadband - Social tariffs

Most broadband providers have **Social tariffs** broadband is an option for people in lower-income households. If you're receiving Universal Credit, Pension Credit or certain other government benefits, you could be eligible.

<https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/low-income-families>
<https://www.bt.com/broadband/home-essentials>