



Parent update

11th October 2024

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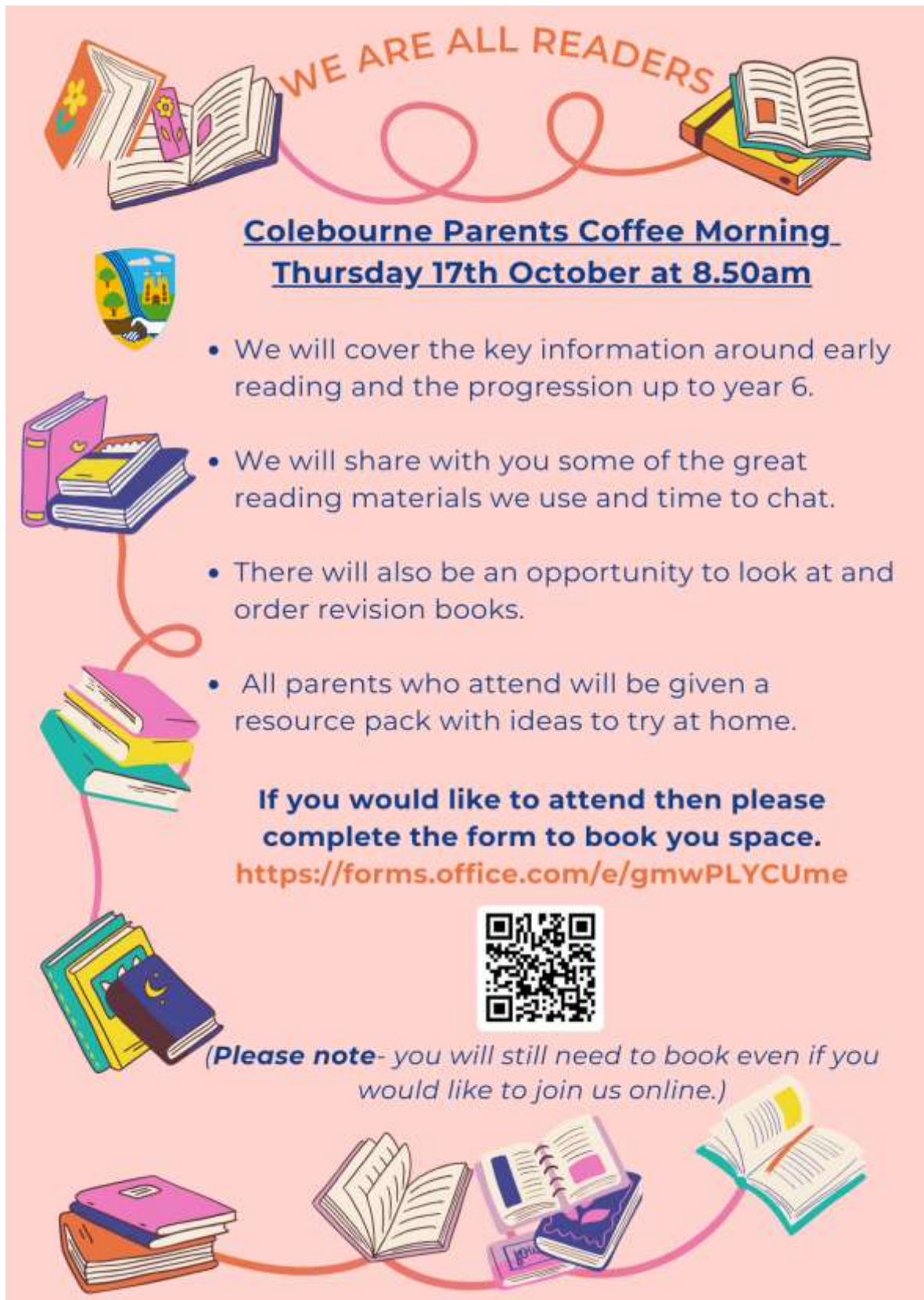
DIARY DATES

Summer Term 2024	
Tuesday 15th October	Reception eye tests in school
Wednesday 16th October	Parents' Evening <i>Please book your appointments via Arbor</i>
Thursday 17th October 9am – 10am (from 8.40am for drinks)	Parent Coffee morning <i>please book – see information later</i>
Thursday 17th October	Year 2 Victorian Day plus parents invited in at 2.30pm to join the fun
Monday 21st October, 8.50am	Celebration assembly – Years 4-6 Parents Welcome
Monday 21st October, 2.30pm	RT class - Reading with your child session
Tuesday 22nd October	Reception phonics workshop for Parents in the hall RN - 9am-9:45 RT - 10-10:45
Wednesday 23rd October, 2.30pm	RN class - Reading with your child session
Thursday 24th October, 8.50am	Celebration assembly – Years 1-3 Parents Welcome
Friday 25th October	Last day of the half term
Monday 4th November	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 5th November	Children return to school for Autumn 2nd Half term
Tuesday 5th November	Scarecrow Festival Week <i>see information later</i>
Tuesday 19th November	Children's Flu Vaccines
FULL TERM DATES CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHOOL TERM DATES SECTION – PLEASE AVOID BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME	

Parent Coffee morning and Reading Workshop

Our coffee morning will take place on Thursday 17th October, please come straight in after drop off for a cuppa.

Please register to attend (in person or online) so we can prepare your resources pack: <https://forms.office.com/e/gmwPLYCUme>




WE ARE ALL READERS

Colebourne Parents Coffee Morning
Thursday 17th October at 8.50am

- We will cover the key information around early reading and the progression up to year 6.
- We will share with you some of the great reading materials we use and time to chat.
- There will also be an opportunity to look at and order revision books.
- All parents who attend will be given a resource pack with ideas to try at home.

If you would like to attend then please complete the form to book you space.
<https://forms.office.com/e/gmwPLYCUme>



(Please note- you will still need to book even if you would like to join us online.)

Parents evening Wednesday 16th October 2024 - booking and arrangements

Slightly earlier pick up (where possible)

As we are starting at 3.20pm, we will be dismissing the children from 3.10pm on Wednesday. If you are able to collect at 3.10pm we would appreciate it.

How do I book?

Please log onto Arbor to make your booking. Please ensure that you leave a 10 minute gap between appointments to allow you to move around school to reach other classrooms. This will appear near the top of the log in page under the Attendance section in the Guardian Consultations box.

Please contact the office if you have any problems with the booking system.

Where do I go?

If you have a 3.20pm or 3.30pm slot, please come straight into school after picking up your child:

Reception	Wait on the playground for the other children to be dismissed and you will be invited in.
Years 1- 2	Via the Main office doors (pedestrian side)
Years 3-6	Through the top doors by the tree.

If you have a 3.40pm slot or later, please walk down the vehicle entrance and come to the Main office (car park side)

What else will be happening on the evening?

There will be CGP books for sale / to order

We will be conducting our annual parents survey

You will also receive a copy of the year group specific expectations for Reading, Writing and Maths



Reception admissions for Sept 2025

Applications are now open for Reception class entry for September 2025. The closing date is 15th January 2025.

If you would like your child to get a place in our reception, you need to make an application directly to the local authority where you live – for most people this will be Birmingham.

Apply via the local authority website

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

You must apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. Applications received after the closing date will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places which usually take place in mid April

- attendance at a nursery class **does not** give a child automatic priority for a place – you **MUST** still apply via the Local Authority
- do not wait until your child is 5 years old, or your preferred school may already be full

You can list up to 3 preferred schools when you apply.

Visit <http://birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions> for more details.

Attendance update

Just a reminder that if your child is unable to attend school, parents must inform school of the reason. This can be done by calling the office or completing the online attendance form:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/reporting-a-pupil-absence/>



Colebourne Primary School

Stechford Road – Hodge Hill

0121 675 8500 option 1

www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk

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Reception Admissions for September 2025

Parent information meetings

(in person or via Teams)

Thursday 21st November 2024, 9.30am

Thursday 9th January 2025, 9.30am



Scan here for more information and to book on to one of the meetings.

Our School Aim

Providing children with a secure, happy and stimulating environment, inspiring them to become confident, life-long learners, and responsible members of society.

Match Reports – Boys' Football Team

Colebourne Primary School's Year 5 and 6 Boys football team kicked off their season with an impressive two first games. Making a massive improvement on last season's campaign; Colebourne dominated the first half against Rosary Primary hitting the post and crossbar three times! Despite their best efforts, the first half finished 0-0. Rosary came out strong and put away their chances, beating Colebourne 3-0. An unlucky game that Colebourne felt they could gotten a better result from.

Putting the result behind them, Colebourne strode proudly on to the pitch for their next match (against St Bernadettes) knowing they could end the day with a victory. Throughout the first half, both teams fought hard; but it was Colebourne that ended the half strongest, with goals from Ahmad and Abdulqudoos, Colebourne led 2-1 at half time. A quick equaliser from St Bernadettes set up an anxious second half battle. With ten seconds to go, St Bernadettes were 3-2 up and it seemed as if all hope was lost. However, an incredible piece of skill from Abdulqudoos created some space which allowed him to cross the ball. Waiting in the box was the prolific goal-scoring machine, Eesa M. Scoring a historic goal for Colebourne in his first-ever match, Eesa gave Colebourne their first point in over two years!

Bring on the next match!

Report written by Alyssia and Mariam (6H)



Updated refunds policy:

There has been a slight update of our refunds policy to include after school clubs – please see policy here for details: [refunds_policy v10.24.pdf](#)

Updated Menus

There have been some slight changes to the school dinner menus. Please see below. Please note – we are awaiting a delivery of a new machine which will enable up to produce an increasing range of ‘chopping’ for fresh vegetables – including potatoes. This means that we will be able to serve an increasing variety of freshly made potato styles – e.g. chipped, diced, wedges, mash rather than relying on pre prepared / frozen products. While we wait for delivery, the potato options on the menus below may have alternatives for a few more weeks.

- WB 14th October – Week 1 WB 21st October – Week 2
- WB: 4th November – Week 1 WB: 11th November – Week 2

Please note – after each half term/term break, we restart on Week 1.

YOUR MENU

Week ONE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Fish Fingers served with chunky oven chips - Macaroni Cheese / Plain or Tomato Pasta with grated cheese (option) - Baked Potato with tuna mayo Fresh Carrot Batons and Garden Peas Side salad	Vegetable Spaghetti Bolognese served with garlic bread - Homemade Cheese and Potato Pie - Baked Potato with vegetable bolognese Broccoli Sweetcorn	Lamb Shish Kebab served with white or brown rice and a minted yoghurt dip - Oven Baked Vegetable Samosa served with white or brown rice - Baked Potato with cheese or beans Peas Mixed veg Kachumber salad Also available daily	Freshly made Margherita Pizza slice served with chunky oven chips - Veg chilli served with sweet potato wedges - Baked Potato with veg chilli Spaghetti hoops Sweetcorn	Fresh Cheese Pastry Whirl served with seasoned potato wedges - Flaked fish pie with crispy potato topping - Baked Potato with cheese or beans Fresh Carrot Batons Peas
A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes A seasonal salad bar including coleslaw PLUS: Weekly specials Mini Fruit Trifle				
Chocolate Concrete served with Custard	Iced Lemon Drizzle Cupcakes	Freshly baked Melting Moment Biscuits Also available daily Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Ice Cream Tubs	Fruit Jelly Chocolate or Strawberry Mouse

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ADDITIONAL MENU OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY
 For any allergen/dietary requirements please speak to the Catering Supervisor

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YOUR MENU Week TWO

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Fish Fingers served with mashed or diced potato	Tuna Pasta Bake or Tomato Pasta Bake served with garlic bread	Cajun Spiced Chicken Served with white or brown rice	Fresh Margherita Pizza slice served with chunky oven chips	Fresh Cheese Flan served with homemade cajun wedges
Freshly made Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	Quorn nuggets with chunky oven chips and sweet chilli dip or katsu sauce	Vegetable Spring Roll with sweet and sour stir-fried vegetables and noodles	Freshly made Quorn and Vegetable Pie with a puff pastry top and gravy	Breaded fish with freshly made cajun wedges
Baked Potato with vegetable bolognaise	Baked Potato with Tuna mayo	Baked Potato with cheese or beans	Baked Potato with spaghetti hoops	Baked Potato with cheese or beans
Garden Peas Side salad Baked Beans	Carrot Sweetcorn Baked Beans	Garden Peas Mixed veg Baked Beans	Spaghetti hoops Broccoli Baked Beans	Sweetcorn Garden Peas Baked Beans
Also available daily A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes A seasonal salad bar including coleslaw PLUS: Weekly specials				
Chocolate Hedgehog served with Custard	Iced orange muffins	Vanilla Shortbread and Custard	Ice Cream Tubs	Spiced Ginger Flapjack and Custard
Also available daily Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly				

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Parent Governor Appointment

Last night, the governors appointed a new parent governor. We welcome Daniela Farrugia, who will take up the role of parent governor. The governors look forward to welcoming her onto the governing body at the next meeting.

It is important for all parents to know what the role of a parent governor is.

It is to provide strategic support and challenge to the school.

It is not to gather or pass on views or concerns from parents.

COLEBOURNE SCARECROW FESTIVAL



COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCARECROW COMPETITION

We would like to invite all our families to be part of our scarecrow festival.



Theme: Children's Books

When will the festival will take place:

Tuesday 5th November (afterschool) to Friday 8th November



Scarecrows will be on display down the main pedestrian entrance.

What are the rules for making your scarecrow?

- It can be anything related to the Children's books (Characters etc)
- You are encouraged to use recycled materials
- You can use props or accessories as required
- It must be made from scratch and be able to withstand weather conditions!
- Please give your scarecrow a name and provide a board with a title or description plus the name of the child/ren and class who have made it!
- **And the most important rule - have lots of fun making it!**

Where should I put my scarecrow?

Bring it into school on Tuesday 5th November and set it up on the pedestrian driveway between 8am – 8.40am.

When does the competition finish?

We would ask that all scarecrows are taken by their owners by 4pm on Friday 8th November.



Judging:

Will be done by invited dignitaries and will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday 5th November. Each scarecrow will be judged and awarded either a 'bronze merit', 'silver merit' 'gold merit' or 'best in show'. These will be attached to each scarecrow.

Any questions? Contact Mr. Guest – 0121 675 8500 option 1 or email s.guest@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

STUCK FOR IDEAS?

<http://www.makescarecrows.com/>

<https://morningchores.com/how-to-make-a-scarecrow/>

Also: YouTube has many ideas and tutorials to help!

GOOD LUCK

Drowning guidance

We have been asked to share this information with you about drowning and the importance of supervision for children in the bath. The PDF of this information with the working links can be found here: [Drowning guide for parents - Oct24.pdf](#)



Charity issues safety warning, as new data shows one child a month drowns at home in England.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a leading charity in water safety, and following recent findings, is urging healthcare professionals and others working with families to help raise awareness of the risks associated with water in the home, with an initial focus on bathtime.

The charity's warning comes as its latest [Child Drowning Update](#) reports that a total of **125 children have drowned** in the last four years, including 51 at home.

The report also highlights that 2 out of 3 drownings that occurred at home did so in the bath, and that most of the children affected were aged under five years.

Analysis of the drowning cases identified several factors as contributing to these deaths. The most common was a **lack of adult supervision**, where in 86% of cases, the child was unsupervised at the time of the incident. The charity has also undertaken some research amongst parents of children aged under five, to understand more about the behaviours typically seen around water at home.

1. Always keep young children within arm's reach in the bath. Always keep children under constant adult supervision in the bath. If you need to leave the bathroom, take the child with you.

In our survey, 59% of parents of children under five admitted to leaving the child unattended in the bath at least once in the past month – and for most, this was down to them forgetting something, such as a towel.

2. Never leave your child under the supervision of child siblings in the bath. If you need to leave the bathroom, take the child with you.

We found that 2 in 5 parents (41%) think it's safe to leave a baby in the bath with an older sibling, as long as it's not for too long.

3. Drowning can happen quickly and silently – in a matter of minutes. You won't hear that something is wrong.

Parents often don't realise that drowning happens quickly and silently. In our survey, 55% of parents believe they would hear thrashing and a lot of noise if their child was struggling in the bath.

Where can parents seek advice?

In response to the report findings, we've launched a brand-new fun and engaging water safety awareness campaign named Splash Safety at your Pad.

The campaign offers free hints, tips and advice for families, to help parents and carers alike learn more about the risks posed by bathtime and how to stay safe.

Families can access the bath time safety resources here: www.rlss.org.uk/splash-safety



Harvest Collection

Please begin sending items for our Harvest Collection. We are again supporting Birmingham City Mission who will distribute the items to food banks and to those in need.



This year Birmingham City Mission are particularly low on tinned fruit, tinned veg, rice puddings, coffee, tinned spaghetti, tinned hot meat, pasta sauces, and men's toiletries. But please donate any long-life / non-perishable items that you can. Thank you.

Items from previous updates:

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/>

This policy outlines our procedures and actions in response to extreme weather conditions, particularly when yellow and red warnings are issued by the relevant authorities. Please note the following information regarding how we communicate any changes with parents:

Please note:

- *School is **open** unless a message is sent to say otherwise.*
- *We will always announce any unexpected school closure via Class Dojo AND direct in-app message via Arbor. **If there is no message – there is no closure.***
- *Parents should not need to call the office or message staff to ask if we are open or closed – they should check messages first.*
- *We DO NOT typically message parents to say school is open, UNLESS there is significant snow and we wish to be clear regarding school being open.*

Important Attendance Information

At Colebourne, we aim to provide as much support as needed to ensure our pupils can attend and understand that some children have various needs which may need additional support.

We work in partnership with parents and children to support any specific needs and offer a support first approach to attendance.

All parents should be aware of the new guidance around school attendance that came into force in August 2024.

You can find the full guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Please also see below information from the local authority about the new attendance procedures

Local Authority Attendance Letter for parents



July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence

I am taking this opportunity to write to inform you of some important changes the Department for Education is introducing regarding school attendance and the issuing of penalty notices when children are absent from school.

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices has been being introduced. The new regulations will come into effect from the 19th of August 2024. The aim is to improve consistency in the use of penalty notices across England.

The national framework includes:

- A single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered of ten sessions (usually equivalent to five school days) for any unauthorised absence within a rolling ten school week period. The 10-week period may span different terms or school years. For example, two sessions of unauthorised absence in the summer term and a further eight during the autumn term.
- An increase to the rate of a penalty notice from £120 to £160 if paid within 28 days and £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days. If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, the notice will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at £80.
- A national limit of two penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another tool must be considered (such as prosecution or another attendance legal interventions).

This means that if you have applied for a leave of absence to take place from September 2024 and the school has not agreed to authorise it, you may receive a penalty notice at the level prescribed by the new framework.

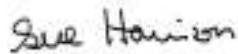
Please be aware that new legislation does not allow schools to authorise any holidays in term time or authorise leave retrospectively.

The local authority is in the process of consulting with schools and partner agencies to develop a revised local code of conduct. The document will be published on Birmingham City Council's website.

The Council believes good attendance is essential to support your child in getting the most out of their education and we thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school who may be able to offer support for your child and family.

Yours sincerely



Sue Harrison
Strategic Director of Childrens and Families

Attendance FAQs



National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence Birmingham City Council FAQs for parents – July 2024

Why has the Department for Education brought in a National Framework for penalty notices?

There was concern that penalty notices (sometimes called fines) were being issued inconsistently across the county with some Council's issuing multiple penalty notices to a family within a year and some issuing none at all. This created a postcode lottery for families, so the framework has been introduced to ensure more fairness and consistency.

What is a penalty notice?

A penalty notice allows parents to discharge an offence by paying a one-off penalty without the matter being referred to court where they could receive fines of hundreds of pounds and a criminal record.

I've already applied for authorisation of leave this term but for a holiday in September 2024. If the school don't authorise the leave, will I have to pay £80 or £60, as I applied this academic year?

The new law will require any unauthorised absence from 19th August 2024 to be dealt with under the new regulations so it would be £80 for each child and each parent. For a family of four with two children, that would amount to £320 if paid within 21 days of receiving the penalty notice. If paid between day 22 and 28, it would be £640.

What if I have a family emergency or bereavement abroad?

Unexpected family emergencies do happen unfortunately and can be very upsetting. However, parents must notify the school themselves of the absence as soon as possible as messages from friends or relatives who don't have parental responsibility may not be accepted. Schools are not allowed to authorise leave retrospectively. Notifying the school doesn't mean the absence will be authorised though. In the case of a family emergency or bereavement abroad, parents are strongly encouraged to request authorisation from the school and ensure absence is no longer than 5 school days. The final decision about authorisation sits entirely with the Headteacher.

What if I receive a penalty notice and don't pay it?

The law states that the local authority must withdraw the penalty notices and prosecute the parents in court where they could each receive £1000 fine, a parenting order, a criminal record and various costs awarded against them.

What happens if I pay a penalty notice for unauthorised leave next term but then take the children on another holiday the following year?

The new framework means that for a second offence within a three-year period, the discount of £80 per parent for each child won't apply. For a family of four with two children, that would amount to £640. A third period of unauthorised absence within a three-year period means that the local authority will be unable to issue another penalty notice and may instead refer the matter directly to Court.

I want to visit family abroad for six weeks next year. If the school don't authorise the absence, will I be issued with a penalty notice?

Any level of absence can have a serious impact on children's education, but lengthy absence can be particularly devastating. For that reason, it's unlikely that a penalty notice will be issued, and the matter may be referred directly to the Court instead.

What is 'good attendance' and why is it so important?

Generally good attendance is considered to be at least 96% for most children. Some parents think 90% attendance is good but that means a child will have missed at least 200 lessons over a year, lessons that will never be repeated. Since the pandemic, attainment and progress levels in schools have deteriorated along with attendance levels. This could mean that children today may leave school unable to be as competitive in the jobs market, so its important children attend school as much as possible.

Absence from school of any length can also have a negative impact on children's wellbeing, including their mental health. Worries about not being able to catch up, not understanding lessons, or impacts on friendships are all common where child in children who are absent from school.

Children are sometimes absent due to genuine extreme physical or mental health needs, requiring support. In those circumstances, attending school as often as they can be acknowledged and celebrated.

I'm struggling to get my child to school. What help is available to me?

Schools in Birmingham have staff trained in early help, special needs and mental health. Please contact the school and ask for a meeting to discuss your concerns. You can also access support for yourself and your family from Birmingham Children's Trust. You can find more details here: [Early help for families](#) | [From Birmingham with Love](#) | [Birmingham City Council](#)

My child has special needs and has lots of hospital appointments which I have evidence for. Will I receive a penalty notice?

No. Penalty notices can only be issued where there is unauthorised absence, and those absences will be authorised. If your child is going to school as often as possible as you are working in partnership with the school, you will be doing the best you can to ensure your child gets a good education despite the circumstances.

What happens to the money for penalty notices when they are paid?

Currently the law requires penalty notice revenue to be spent on the administration of penalty notices which generally means, for example, any online payment software, electrical equipment such as laptops for issuing penalty notices and staffing costs. From 19th August 2024, local authorities will be able to use the revenue to support school attendance more widely, including promotional materials, etc. Penalty notice revenue must be ringfenced for attendance and cannot be used for wider council funding.

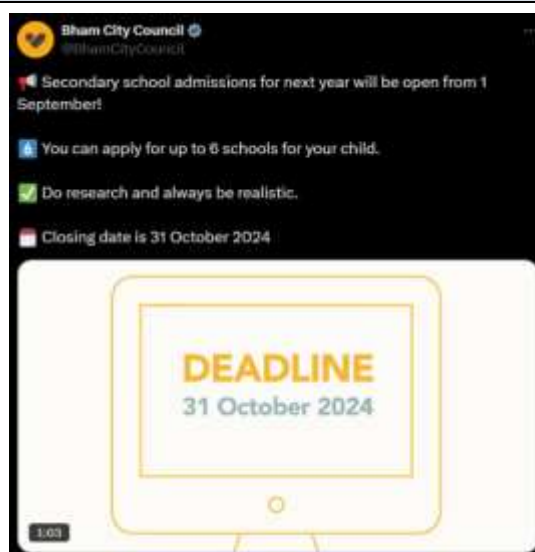
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PDF versions of these letters can be found here-> [Attendance](#)

Year 6 Parents: Important information about secondary school applications

Birmingham City Council have a useful video for Year 6 parents which gives some very good advice about how to complete the form and how to be realistic about which schools to put on the form.

Click here to see the video:



<https://x.com/BhamCityCouncil/status/1829088098740822228>

Birmingham Adult Education Training Courses

FREE DIGITAL and VOCATIONAL COURSES FOR THE UNEMPLOYED OR WORKING and EARNING LESS THAN £32K

Birmingham Adult Education are offering classroom based or self-study courses in the following subjects:

Digital Skills:

- Basic IT Skills from Entry 3 to Level 1 (classroom)
- ICDL Level 2 – includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint (classroom or self-study)
- ICDL Level 3 - includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access (classroom or online with a teacher)
- Microsoft courses at all levels - Introduction, Intermediate and Advanced (self-study)
- Route to Work - CV Writing, Looking for a job (self-study and workshops)

Vocational Skills:

- Teaching Assistants (classroom)
- Classroom Assistants (classroom)
- Counselling, Mentoring (classroom)
- Health Care (classroom)
- Mental Health (classroom or online)
- Accounts & Book-keeping (classroom)

And many more at www.learnbaes.ac.uk

FREE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COURSES

Birmingham Adult Education Service are offering online flexible qualifications and courses to study in your own-time:

- Alcohol Awareness - Level 1 Award (NCFE)
- Allergy Awareness in Children - Level 2 Certificate (TQUK)
- Bullying in Children & Young People - Level 2 Certificate
- Information, Advice or Guidance - Level 2 Certificate (NCFE)
- Mental Health Awareness - Level 1 Award (TQUK)
- Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care - Level 2 Certificate (NCFE)
- Special Education Needs & Disabilities - Level 2 Certificate (TQUK)
- Substance Misuse - Level 1 Award (NCFE)
- Understanding Autism - Level 2 Certificate (NCFE)
- Understanding Autism - Level 3 Certificate (NCFE)
- Understanding Children & Young Peoples Mental Health - Level 2 Certificate (TQUK)
- Understanding Mental Health - Level 3 Certificate (NCFE)
- Understanding Nutrition and Health - Level 2 Certificate (NCFE)
- Working in Mental Health - Level 2 Certificate (NCFE)
- Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities - Level 2 (NCFE)

Continued Professional Development:

- ADHD
- Forced Marriage and Honour-based Violence Awareness
- Keeping Young People Safe Online
- Knife Crime Awareness
- Menopause Awareness
- Role of the Senco
- Safeguarding in Out-of-School Settings
- Spiking Awareness
- Stalking and Harassment Awareness
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Understanding Gender and Identity in Children and Young People
- Understanding the Power of the Influencer

Microsoft courses:

- Excel: Beginners | Improvers | Advanced |
- Excel: PivotTables Excel: VLOOKUP Tables
- Cyber Security Awareness for Businesses: Beginners
- OneDrive: Improvers
- OneNote: Beginners
- Outlook: Beginners | Improvers | Advanced |
- Project Online Essentials: Improvers
- PowerPoint: Beginners | Improvers | Advanced |
- Project Power Users: Advanced
- SharePoint: Beginners | Improvers | Advanced |
- Teams: Beginners | Improvers |
- Word: Beginners | Improvers | Advanced |
- Planner: Improvers
- Power BI: Improvers

Please contact Sameena.asmat@birmingham.gov.uk for more information regarding all these opportunities.

Help raise fund for school

Parents and family members can easily raise money for school. These two projects cost parents nothing and just require a registration and then as you shop, school get donations from the companies.

ASDA Donations for schools

Asda have launched the 'cashpot for schools'

Asda donate 0.5% of the value of its customers shopping to a primary school of their choice

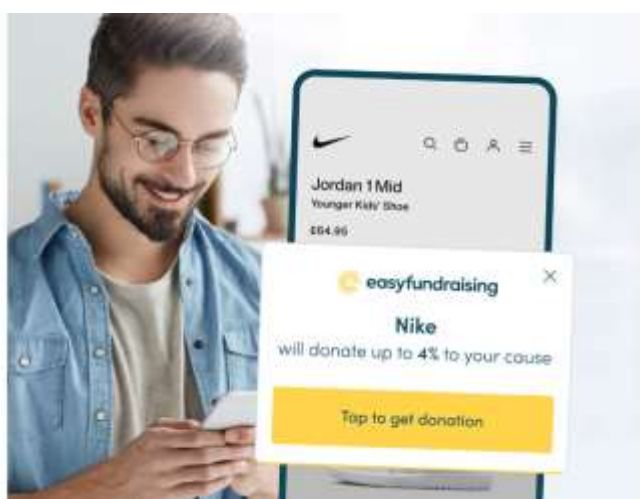
– every time they shop using Asda Rewards.



Click here to register: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary>

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started! You can find our easyfundraising page here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary/>



RAISE EVEN MORE

Get the Donation Reminder to raise up to 5x more donations

- 1 Get the app
Download the app from the Apple store on your iPhone, or from the Play store for your Android.
- 2 Enable the Donation Reminder
Follow the simple instructions shown in the app to enable the Donation Reminder.
- 3 Shop as normal
Once the Donation Reminder is enabled, you can shop on most brand websites and an alert will pop up to help you get a donation.

Use of email



We are regularly using the email system to send important information to parents.

For families with two parents / carers / guardians please check on your Arbor App to make sure we have a correct email address for both. This way, both adults will be able to receive the emails.

Current Year 6 children (Year 7 Admissions - September 2025)

Online admissions opened on 1 September 2024 for Year 7 applications.

All children in Year 6 requiring a place at secondary school must make an application.

Parent/carers resident in Birmingham should apply through the Birmingham City Council website <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> up until the deadline of 31 October 2024. Further information as well as the admission arrangements to support parents with making their preferences can be found on our website.

We would encourage all parents to read the section on making a realistic application:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_year_7_place/2

If you require any help in this process, please contact us for support.



Key policy reminders

Earrings

Please ensure these are not worn on PE days or swimming days. If they are, children must be able to remove them themselves.

Birthday class treats

Please remember that we do not allow sweets or gifts to be given out in school for birthdays / special occasions.

Labelling clothes

We already have lost property. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE write the child's name** on items of clothing – especially **jumpers, coats, lunch boxes/bags and water bottles.**

Water Bottles

Children should have a water bottle with them every day. Staying hydrated is extremely important for health and for concentration in school.

Healthy Snacks




If children are bringing a snack from home, please ensure this is a 'healthy snack.'

Children must not bring in crisps or chocolate items for breaktime. Please watch out for hidden sugars in certain cereal bars.



Top snacks ideas include: Fruits; Vegetable sticks; Dried Fruit

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:

[Term Dates](#)

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Free school meals checker:

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



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>