



## EMBER...YOU'VE GO **BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

Share a book with an 1. adult at home at least 3 times each week (you can read your school reading book or any other reading material).

- Ask the adult to sign your reading 2. diary each time they share a book with you.
- 3. Make sure that your reading diary is in school each day. On Friday, bring this to the office and show the Learning Detectives. If your diary is signed 3 times or more for that week, you will receive a raffle ticket.
- The raffle tickets will go to celebration 4. assembly and prizes will be given each week for raffle tickets drawn.



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Congratulations to the first winners of our new reading incentive.

We were extremely disappointed to only have 16 entries this week and hope that more children join in next week.



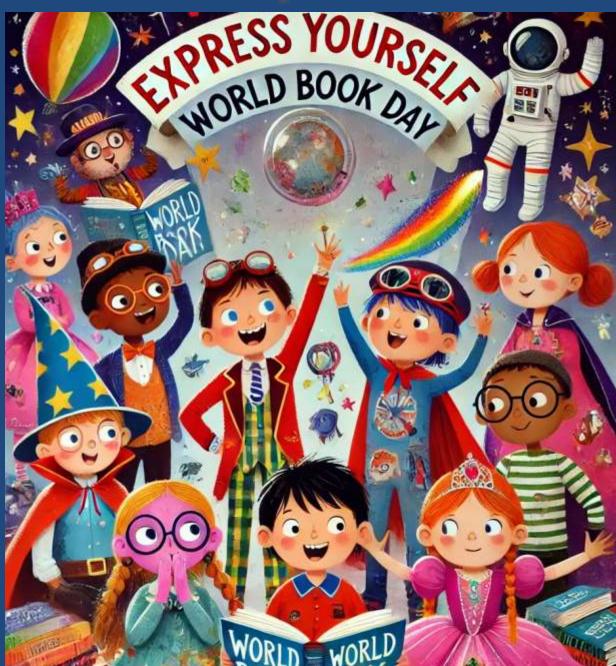
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# World Book Day Thursday 6th March

WORLD BOOK DAY





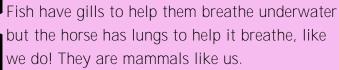
This year to celebrate World Book Day the children in school will be exploring the story, 'Croc and Bird' by Alexis Deacon. It's a lovely story about friendship, identity and the meaning of family.

We would like to invite children to come to school dressed to **'Express Yourself'** on Thursday 6th March. This could be in clothes that make them happy and they feel reflect their personality. It could be linked to a hobby they love or their favourite **book character. Please don't feel the need to buy a costume**.

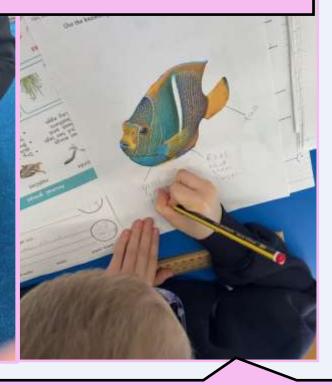


## Science- Comparing the structure of animals.

This week in Years 1 and 2, the children have been learning about the structure of a variety of animals including pets. The children drew on their knowledge of ani**mal parts, playing a 'guess the animal' game when presented with a set of body** parts e.g wings, beak and feathers. They labelled a picture of a horse, paying **close attention to new vocabulary 'mane', 'hoof' and 'nostril' and considering why and how these body parts were essential for the horse's everyday life. Later** in the session the children were given the opportunity to investigate the structure of a real fish. This hands on experience enabled them to touch the scales, identify the gills, fins and tail before discussing and comparing the difference in structure between the two animals.



Years1 and 2





The horse has strong muscles in it's legs to help it move, the fish needs to have fins to help it to swim and move in the water; legs wouldn't be useful for a fish.



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## Science Club



Over the past few weeks, pupils across the school have been taking part in a lunchtime science club. Thank you to the Ogden Trust who donated this wonderful science kit for us to use in school.

The children have enjoyed learning about density of liquids, the process of capillary action and absorbency through fun, practical experiments such as 'walking rainbows', 'expanding paper worms' and 'colourful rain.' The club will continue this half term with a focus on 'movement and music' through science.









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We want to provide the healthiest possible environment for all our children to thrive.
 Please remember that we are a water only school and children are not permitted to bring juice or squash to drink during the day. This is in line with NHS advice.
 We have a water cooler in school and children are welcome to fill up their bottles when they need.
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Children should avoid sugary fizzy drinks, squash and juice drinks completely. Children who drink a lot of sugary drinks are more likely to become overweight. The added sugar in these drinks can also damage teeth.



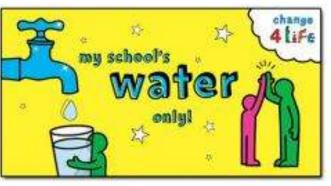


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This week, the classroom was filled with passionate discussion as the children took part in a lively debate on the topic: *"Children shouldn't have to do chores."* Using structured arguments and persuasive language, they explored both sides of the issue, developing their critical thinking and public speaking skills along the way.

English: Expressing Opinions and Building Arguments Debating is an excellent way to enhance children's spoken language skills, and this activity linked directly to the National Curriculum's objectives for English, particularly:

- Speaking & Listening Clearly expressing ideas, listening to others, and responding thoughtfully.
- Reasoning & Persuasion Structuring arguments logically and using evidence to support points.
- Confidence & Collaboration Presenting viewpoints effectively and engaging in respectful discussion.



The Debate: Should Children Have to Do Chores?

The class was split into two teams—one arguing for the motion and

one arguing *against* it. Before the debate, the children worked in groups to brainstorm key arguments and counterarguments, ensuring they were well-prepared to present their case.

Mr S acted as the judge and scribe and recorded the brilliant arguments the children put forward:

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| Arguments FOR (Kids Should NOT Have to Do Chores)  | Arguments AGAINST (Kids SHOULD Do Chores)  |
| 1. School is Already Hard Work   | 1. Chores Teach Important Skills   |
| <ul> <li>We have homework, tests, and learning all day.</li> </ul>                                 | <ul> <li>We need to learn how to clean and cook so we can take care of ourselves when we grow up.</li> </ul> |
| <ul> <li>Chores make us even more tired!</li> </ul>  | 2. Helping is Fair   |
| 2. Parents Should Do II  | <ul> <li>Parents work hard too, so kids should help out.</li> </ul>  |
| <ul> <li>Parents chose to have kids, so they should take care of the house.</li> </ul>             | <ul> <li>Families work best when everyone does their part.</li> </ul>  |
| <ul> <li>Kids should not have to clean up after adults.</li> <li>Kids Need Time to Play</li> </ul> | 3. Chores Teach Good Habits  |
| <ul> <li>Playtime is important for being happy and creative.</li> </ul>                            | <ul> <li>Doing chores helps us learn to be responsible and take care of things.</li> </ul>                   |
| <ul> <li>If we do chores all the time, we don't get to have fun.</li> </ul>                        | a It also teaches us how to manage time.   |
| 4. There are other ways to learn responsibility  | 4. Parents Are Not Maids   |
| <ul> <li>We can learn responsibility in other ways, like at school or in sports.</li> </ul>        | <ul> <li>Parents do lots already so it's not fair to make them do everything.</li> </ul>                     |
| <ul> <li>If we are forced to do chores, we might not like helping at all.</li> </ul>               | a If we help, parents have more time to spend with us.   |
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Each team presented their arguments, listened to opposing views, and responded with counterpoints. The level of engagement and enthusiasm was fantastic, with every child contributing to the discussion in a meaningful way.

A Lesson in Respectful Discussion Beyond improving their speaking skills, this debate also helped the children develop:

- Active listening Considering different perspectives and responding appropriately.
- Respectful disagreement Understanding that different viewpoints can be valid.
- Confidence in public speaking Sharing ideas with clarity and conviction.

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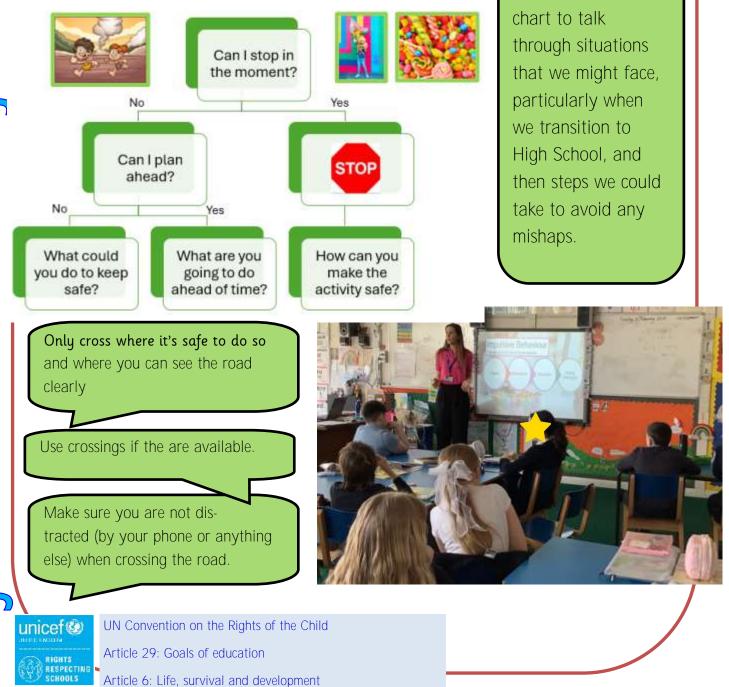
We used this flow

The children in Years 5 & 6 class were visited by the Warwickshire Road Safety team on Tuesday. Their session was all about impulsive behaviour and detailed the distractions that may be around them when they are around roads.

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They learned the 7 biggest distractions for children of their age and talked about coping strategies they could use to keep themselves safe.

We talked through different scenarios that they could face on journeys and how they could work to avoid accidents:



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This week, many of the children in 5/6 class have been enjoying time outside on their bikes doing 'Bikeability.'

**Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. The** scheme aims to inspire more children to cycle by equipping them with the skills and confidence to ride more.

All the training is delivered by Outspoken Training's qualified and DBS checked Instructors.

The training takes place over the course of 4 days, starting with the children finding out how to check that their bike is road worthy, performing simple maneuvers and then moves on to them moving out into the residential areas around school where they can hone these skills in a more realistic







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#### Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Course

This course is suitable for riders who have mastered control of their cycle and are ready to learn how to ride independently on local roads.

Level 1: Through fun, progressive games, pupils must demonstrate the following to progress onto on-road training:



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- Pedal independently without stabilisers (this is not a learn to ride course)
- Apply brakes to bring the cycle to a smooth and quick stop
- Look behind over each shoulder while pedaling in a straight line
- Pedal one handed in a straight line (signal)
- Use gears (if present)
- Avoid hazards

Level 2: Riders will be taken onto residential roads to experience 'real' road cycling covering:



- Starting and stopping journeys
- Passing stationary vehicles
- Understanding road signals, signs and markings
- Negotiate junctions
- Sharing the road with others

For more information on Bikeability, please visit www.bikeability.org.uk



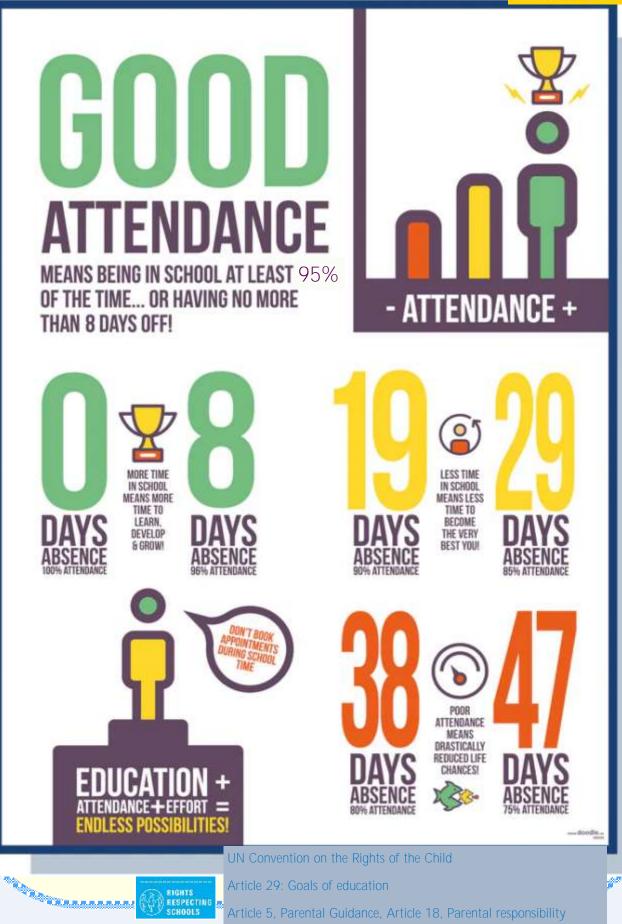






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# **Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health**

# Mental Health in Schools Team

## Relaxation

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Relaxation is when our mind and body is free from stress and tension. Research has found that this can help us to think clearly, concentrate, sleep well, feel more confident and even boost our immune system!

Relaxation can look different for everyone, and it can be helpful to try a few different relaxation techniques to see what works best to make you feel happy and rested.

#### Our Tips for Relaxation:

1- Try some breathing exercises, such as finger breathing or square breathing. Breathing exercises are great as you can do them in any place, at any time. Follow the QR code to try rainbow breathing!

2- Drawing or colouring can help you to express your feelings and focus on something peaceful. This is a great way to relax your mind!

3- Practice mindfulness by taking a break away from any screens and devices. This could be going on a walk or being outside in nature. Try to use as many of your senses as possible, think about what you can see, hear, smell, touch and even taste! You could even try cloud watching to calm your mind.

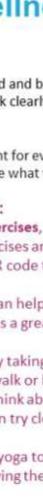
4- Stretch it out, practice yoga to stretch out your muscles to relax and reduce tension. Try following the QR code for a yoga video!

5- A warm **bath or shower** can be a soothing experience that helps to relax muscles and calm your mind. You could make it extra relaxing with quiet music and bubbles!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

> MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

> > Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.









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| Spring Term<br>March                 |  |
| Thursday 6th March                   | World Book Day. We would like to invite chil-<br>dren to come to school dressed to <b>'Express</b><br><b>Yourself'</b> on Thursday 6th March. This could<br>be in clothes that make them happy and they feel<br>reflect their personality. It could be linked to a<br>hobby they love or their favourite book character. |
| Monday 10th March– Friday 14th March | Science Week   |
| Wednesday 12th March                 | Y3&4 Anglo Saxon Experience  |
| Friday 28th March                    | Mufti Day  |

With best wishes from Mrs Westwood, Mrs Manley and all the staff at Lighthorne Heath Primary School.





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# Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes

#### **EYFS**

Mrs Cox and Mrs Hartley have chosen Ariella as their class learning hero this week for her fantastic writing. Ariella is always keen to add writing to her work and added her own caption to her wonderful dinosaur drawing. She has also got stuck straight into our new topic- running around in the garden roaring as a terrifying dinosaur. Well done Ariella!



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Our hero this week is Aria who works exceptionally hard in all of her lessons. This week she shared some fantastic ideas during our guided reading session, sharing facts about

jellyfish with the class and creating her own jellyfish by learning how to thread materials to create tentacles.

Aria was also quick to help others who found this skill difficult, demonstrating her fantastic team work skills, well done!

**This week's Star** from challenges of resili This week's Star of the Week is John for his ability to bounce back from challenges throughout the week and displaying a strong sense of resilience. Well done, John!

#### Years 5 and 6

Mrs Cox's hero this week is Bella. She has been kind and helpful (as always) and has paid careful attention to her learning, producing some lovely work. Keep it up.

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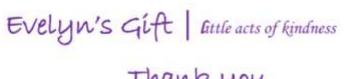
Be curious!







Thank you, once again, to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts for **Children's Mental Health Week. We have** received this lovely thank you letter from **Helen at Evelyn's Gift. Helen will put our** contributions to good use and provide valuable help and support to someone who needs it.



Thank you

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#### Lighthorne Heath Primary School

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We would like to say a big thank you from all of us at Evelyn's Gift to the team of Mental Health Ambassadors, children, staff and families at Lighthorne Heath Primary School. You did a fabulous job of raising £62 for Evelyn's Gift, as part of your Children's Mental Health Week. This will help us to continue to provide our acts of kindness for people in need to support their wellbeing.

We love that you had fun wearing your PJs to school so that we can spread more kindness to others, and recognised the feelings of safety, warmth, comfort and calm that being in our PJs might evoke.

Best wishes and thank you,

Helen South

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OUTUBE

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YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vest range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact. Influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

#### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

#### SUGGESTED CONTENT

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

#### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

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#### Meet Our Expert

#### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

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#### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

#### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

#### LIMIT SPENDING



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Some useful information for parents and carers, including online webinars can be accessed via The National College (formerly National Online Safety). At school, we teach the children about safe online behaviours but it is important that these messages are reinforced at home at that parents and carers are aware of how to support their children if issues arise.



#### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

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Warwickshire, Coventry: 16/9, 7/10, 18/11, 9/12, 13/1/25, 3/2, 3/3, 24/3 Oxfordshire: 16/9, 7/10, 18/11, 8/12, 13/1/25, 3/2, 3/3, 24/3

#### Choose a main meal...

#### MONDAY

Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Noodles (G.E)

Vegetarian Only (vg) Plantballs in a Tomate Gravy

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

Choose a main meal...

(v)Cheese & Tomato Plaza Wedge with Potato Wedges (G.D)

Vegetanan Only (v) Jacket Polyto with Cheese (D)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

Choose a main meal... WEDNEEDAY ROAST British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshine Pudding and Gravy (D.E.G) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> (vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with (v) Yorkshire Pudding (D.E.G) Crispy Roast Potatoes

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Baans

#### Choose a main mest...

(v)(h) Mac in cherese with Frethly Baked Crusty Bread (D.G)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

Choose a main meal.... FIBHY FRIDAY (msc) Battered Fish F(let (G.F) with Chipped Potatoes

Vegetarian Only (vg) Vegetarian Holdog with Chipped Potatoes (G)

Jacket Potalo -- (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

#### On the side... Fresh Saled Bar Vegetables of the Day

For dessert... (v) Cheese Crackers and Apple Wedge (G.D) or Fresh Fruit

#### TUESDAY

On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day

For dessert... (v) (h) Chocolate Gracknel (G) or Fresh Fruit

#### WEDNESDAY

On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day

For dessert... (v)(h) Syrup Sponge with Custard (D.G.E.) or Fresh Fruit

#### THURSDAY

On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day

For dessert... (v)Toffee Apple Donut (G.D.E.S8) or Fresh Fruit

#### FRIDAY

On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Peas or Baked Beans For dessert... (vg) Jetly with Fruit or Fresh Fruit

#### Educaterers' New

Menu

Next week we will be on Week 1 of the current Educaterers menu.

#### Free School Meals

If you think that you may be eligible for free school meals applications can be made online at https:// www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ education-learning/applyfree-school-meals



Mrs. Manley and Mrs Hendriksen are happy to help with FSM applications, please ask if you require assistance.

Unicef (2) Rights RESPECTING SCHOOLS

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 29: Goals of education A number of free online parenting courses are available to Warwickshire families. These are a great way to get advice and



learn new skills in the comfort of your own home and at times to suit you. All of the courses are filled with helpful techniques and ideas developed by our experienced parenting professionals to help you become a confident and happy parent. Crucially, you can do our course whenever and wherever suits you and work through it at our own pace.

Follow the link via the QR code above or access these courses and other support via: https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses



Parents Together

Read More



Let's Play

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**Raising Confident** 

Children



Coping with teens

Sibling

arguments



New Baby in the Family





Giving praise effectively 9 easy steps to give praise effectively



Choices and consequences 7 steps for giving choices and consequences



Steps for empathy 10 easy steps to show and develop your empathy



Active ignoring 8 steps for active ignoring unwanted behaviour



Time to calm down



Problem solving 7 steps for problem solving





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Family Support Consultations at Lighthorne Heath Children and Family Centre

### Every Wednesday 1pm-3pm

Would you like the opportunity to chat with a Family Support Worker about parenting?

#### We can offer support with

- · Developing routines and boundaries
- Understanding your child's behaviour
  - Behaviour Management
  - · Support your child's mental health
- · Exploring Parenting Workshops and programmes
  - Health and Wellbeing
    - Sleep Advice
  - Guidance and Support

Exploring external services

Family support workers are available across Warwickshire to listen, support and offer advice and guidance to families and professionals

If you would like discuss support with a Family Support worker you please telephone the family support line on 01926 412412, Monday to Friday, between 9am-4pm.



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## FREE ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.



7pm-8pm

KAT HOWARD

Head of Education & Wellbeing (UK) Smoothwall

## Register for the Zoom link and parent flyer here: https://forms.office.com/e/x2JJKwLx8y

Kat has been working in and with schools for over 20 years to develop their understanding of online safety. She is passionate about the importance of online safety in schools and the wider community.

For more information on online safety, visit https://warwickshire.onlinesafetynius



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# School admissions





#### Warwickshire County Council

If you have a child who is due to start Reception or Year 7

next September, you need to apply for their school place. Applications can be made via the Warwickshire School Admissions Service. Visit their website for more information https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals.

## Applying for a primary school place



Applying for a secondary school place



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