

PAGET NEWS

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#Team Paget
#Stronger Together

How to Contact Us...

Concerned About A Child's Safety?

Contact Birmingham CASS on 0121 303 1888. If you feel a child is at risk of immediate, significant harm then call 999 OR contact a DSL in school: *Miss Nussey, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Spiers, Miss Green, Mrs. Ali-Gobern, Mrs. Ewbank or Mr. Merriman.*

Email:
enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk

Telephone:
0121 464 3902 or
07493838732

Twitter: @PagetPrimary

Child Line

Children if you need to talk to anyone please ring or email
www.childline.co.uk



HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

Happy New Year to you all, I hope that you all had a good yet safe Christmas. This is not quite the welcome back newsletter I thought I would be writing to you a week ago, wow what an interesting start to the term!

As you are aware, the Prime Minister has closed all schools to children other than those that are vulnerable and whose parents/carers are key workers. Should you feel your child meets the criteria, and you need to have them in school, please complete the form that was emailed out to you all last week. **Remember though, even if you are a critical worker and your children can be looked after at home, they should stay home.**

For those of you who now have your children at home I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we try and move to a new way of doing things. This week you will still be able to access a home learning pack from the school website as before and there will start to be some online sessions via Teams. Some of these sessions will be live teaching sessions, some pre-recorded and some will be assignments (tasks) that your child (and you) can do at home.

Lots of you will be feeling worried, apprehensive and anxious at the thought of having to 'educate' your children at home. Let's not pretend that home education is what this is, this is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting on the whole world. Let's keep perspective. Home-schooling is a choice, where you considered, you plan for it and you are your child's schoolteacher in whatever form you choose. This is, at best, distance learning. It is new and daunting for all of us, including the teachers. Just do what you can and try not to stress about it. All of your home circumstances are different, and these are difficult and challenging enough times as it is. If all else fails just get them reading, doing some writing and those practical Maths activities in the home like baking and cooking. The important thing is that we all survive these unprecedented times safely, physically, mentally and emotionally.

If it helps, the teachers are stressed and worried about this too, this is a way of teaching that we have not been trained to expect and so I ask for your patience and understanding as we build up what we do remotely. I would also like to ask that the chat function in Teams, during live sessions, does not become a parent forum. It is for children/parents to use about the learning that is happening. So please be patient with us and in turn we will be patient with you as we all get to grips with this new way of working.

I would like to thank those parents and grandparents that have taken the time to email us and Ofsted with their positive comments about the work we are currently doing in and out of school. This is a huge morale boost for my staff and helps us to know that what we are doing is worthwhile and appreciated a time when they are too worried and want to be at home with their own children.

Take care and stay safe everyone

Vicky Nussey

#GET PAGET READING



We love books at Paget and want your children to love books too.... Remember we love to see you and your children reading so don't forget to post on Twitter @Pagetprimary with the #getpagetreading.

Please can we continue to encourage you to read daily with or to your child. If time is tight, older siblings can read with little ones too.

Recommended Reads: We thought it would be good to make suggestions of books for your children to read for pleasure and so will include some recommended reads in each newsletter from now on, some old classics, some staff favourites alongside some newly published books. Starting with some of Miss Nussey's favourite old classics:

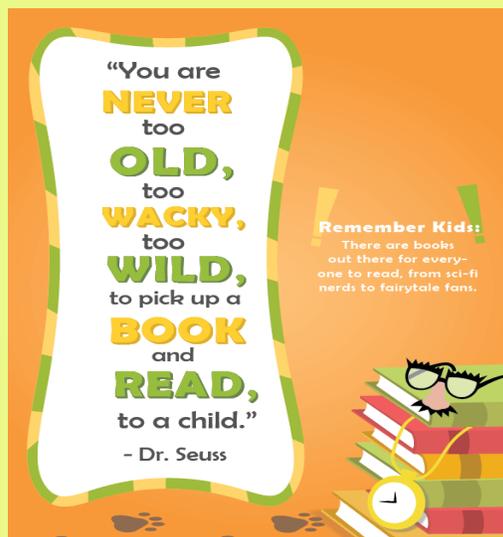
EYFS: Elmer by David McKee

Y1-2: We're Going on A Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Y3-4: The Hodegheg by Dick King-Smith

Y5-6: Tom's Midnight garden by Philippa Pearce

Let Miss Nussey know your thoughts about the books if you read them.



Information and Reminders

During lockdown, look out for simple and fun daily challenges set by Team Paget staff on Twitter. It has been great to see so many of you join in so far, let's see if we can get more and more of Team Paget involved. Remember you can follow us on Twitter @PagetPrimary



Spring Term

Term Starts: Monday 4th January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021

Parent Contact Numbers and Emails

During these times our preferred method of contact with you is emails. Please ensure that the school office have your most up to date email address and telephone contact number should yours change. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Parents Coming on to School Site

Just a gentle reminder for those parents bringing and collecting their children each day, please ensure you keep a safe distance from others and that you wear a face covering when on school site. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping all of Team Paget as safe as we can.

Is your family struggling with this latest lockdown?

Are you short of food?

Has this time changed your family circumstances?

Please get in touch with Miss Spiers or Miss Green if you need further help and support.

SPOTLIGHT ON VALUES:

If the children were in school as normal, this week's Values focus in our assemblies would be self-belief and teamwork. In light of all that is currently happening I think that determination is now much more fitting.

Below is a poem, called Don't Quit by John Greenleaf Whittier, that will hopefully spur us all on:

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.



SEND SUPPORT



COMMUNICATION AND AUTISM TEAM (CAT)

COVID-19 & Advice for Parents / Carers



Currently the nation is experiencing a situation we have not seen before. It is requiring us all to change our normal routines and may be causing your child with autism to feel concerned and present some challenges for you as a parent and/or carer.

The Communication and Autism Team are here to help you during this difficult time. Our families and children are really important to us and we are here to provide you with support through our telephone helpline service.

You can get advice and support on a range of topics, including the following:

- Strategies to support access to home routines
- Motivating and engaging your child
- Tips for helping your child /young person to manage their school work at home
- Social communication and interaction
- Sleeping, eating and personal hygiene
- Wellbeing
- Structure and routine
- Coping with new routines
- Helping your child to understand what is happening
- Looking after yourself

We would like to assure you that our support remains available to you by telephone throughout this period.

If you would like to access this service please email CATParentEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk with the following information:

- Your name
- The telephone number you would like to be contacted on
- The name of your child's school
- Times and dates you are not available

We will then arrange for a member of the team to call you back as soon as possible.

"We can do this if we all work together as a family"
Birmingham SEND Youth Forum

Visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/localoffer
Follow us on Twitter: [@A2Education](https://twitter.com/A2Education) [#coronavirushelp](https://twitter.com/coronavirushelp)



RECEPTION PLACES SEPTEMBER 2021

A Reminder from BCC, that the closing date for applications to Reception class, September 2021 is Friday 15th January. Parents should apply online and complete the form by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

This is for all pupils, even if they have a current space in Paget Nursery class.

If you require support completing the form, please contact a member of school staff.

ALL THINGS COVID

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN STAY AT HOME



SOCIAL CONTACT

No household mixing, aside from support bubbles, childcare bubbles, to provide care for vulnerable people, to provide emergency assistance, to attend a support group, or for respite care.



EDUCATION

Early year settings are open. All other schools and colleges will learn remotely. Schools will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.



SHOPPING & RETAIL

Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only open for click-and-collect (not alcohol) and delivery.



WORK

You can only leave home for work purposes where it is unreasonable for you to do your job from home.



ENTERTAINMENT

Closed.



INDOOR

Closed.



HOTEL & ACCOMMODATION

Closed (with limited exceptions).



PERSONAL CARE

Closed.



OVERNIGHT STAYS

You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply.



RESIDENTIAL CARE

Visits to care homes can take place, but **close-contact indoor visits are not allowed.** No visits will be permitted in the event of an outbreak.



BARs, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS

Hospitality closed. Takeaways can open, but no alcohol can be served.



WORSHIP

Open for private prayer and communal worship, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.



TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

You must stay at home and only travel for work or other legally permitted reasons. If you have to, you should stay local and reduce the number of journeys you make. Do not travel abroad unless an exemption applies.



EXERCISE & OUTDOOR LESIURE

You can leave your home to exercise by yourself, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household - once a day only. Organised outdoor sport is closed unless for the disabled.



WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events can continue in a group of up to six. Weddings of up to six can continue in exceptional circumstances.



CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE

If you receive a shielding letter you must shield. Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not leave home unless it is for a medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential.



For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

HM Government

NHS

WASH COVER MAKE

HANDS FACE SPACE





Looking after our children's wellbeing at Paget...

Birmingham Children's Partnership

From Birmingham with Love



We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and repeated lockdowns. For many families it can get harder over Winter, which is why we're here to help. Here are some of our partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...



1. **Online parenting course.** We've pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a [parenting course](#). Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops, and get tips to manage their behaviour.



2. **Mental health support.** In these difficult times we have to look after our mental health. For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with Pause by calling 0207 841 4470 or [email](#). Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099.



3. **Financial help.** If you've lost your job, or are struggling for food or rent there are services that can help. [Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent. And there are [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



4. **Domestic abuse.** For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see [guidance](#) or confidentially contact [Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid](#). For Men, please contact [Respect](#).



5. **Problems with drugs or alcohol.** A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "birmingham11" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call [Change Grow Live](#).



6. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#).



7. **Early help for families.** If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local leads](#). We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also [chat](#) to the Police.

