

Colmers Parent Carer Update: **1 April 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

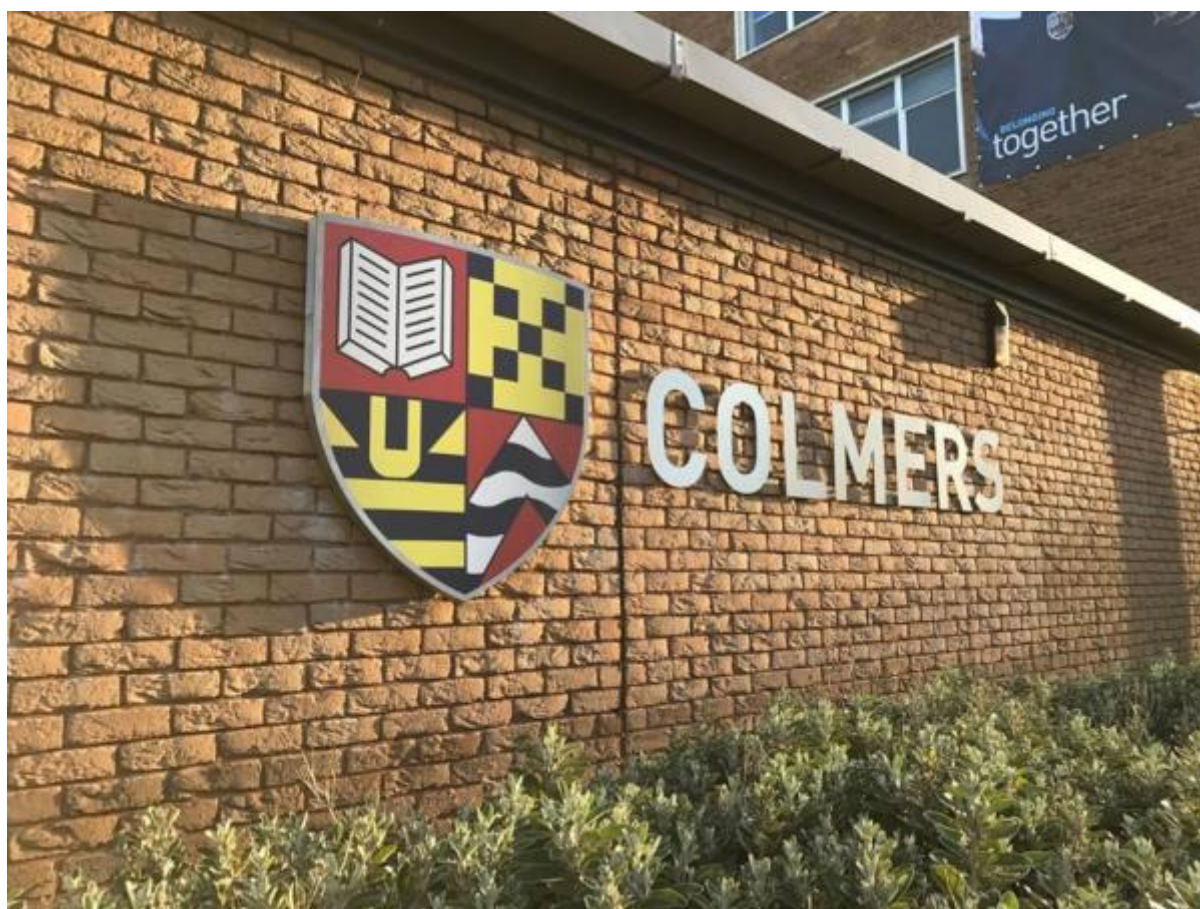
I hope that this update finds you safe and well. As we approach the Easter Break, there are a number of important updates for you below:

1. COVID testing and reporting during the Easter Break
2. Emergency contact over the holidays
3. Northfield Families Hub Information
4. Easter Activities information from Birmingham City Council

School re-opens to students on Monday April 19th.

Wishing you and yours a safe, relaxing and restorative break over Easter.

COVID Testing and Reporting During the Easter Break



Home Testing:

Your child has been given home testing kits for the Easter Break. Please continue to test twice a week and report your results through [TestRegister.co.uk](https://www.testregister.co.uk), where you will also be automatically directed to report through to the NHS.

NHS Test and Trace has reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive LFT tests. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFT test should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either [online](#) or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days.

Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFT test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFT test and the staff member, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation.

Please note, you should not use the Home Testing Kit if you or your child has symptoms: the home test kits are only for people without COVID symptoms. If you have any symptoms, you need to book a PCR Test. Please see the table for guidance on testing.

Reporting Positive Cases:

Please report any positive test results through to us at school, either by phoning 0121 453 1778 or emailing enquiries@colmers.school. Our phone system now has an option specifically for reporting test results.

We will be contact tracing any positive cases reported up until and including Wednesday April 6th.

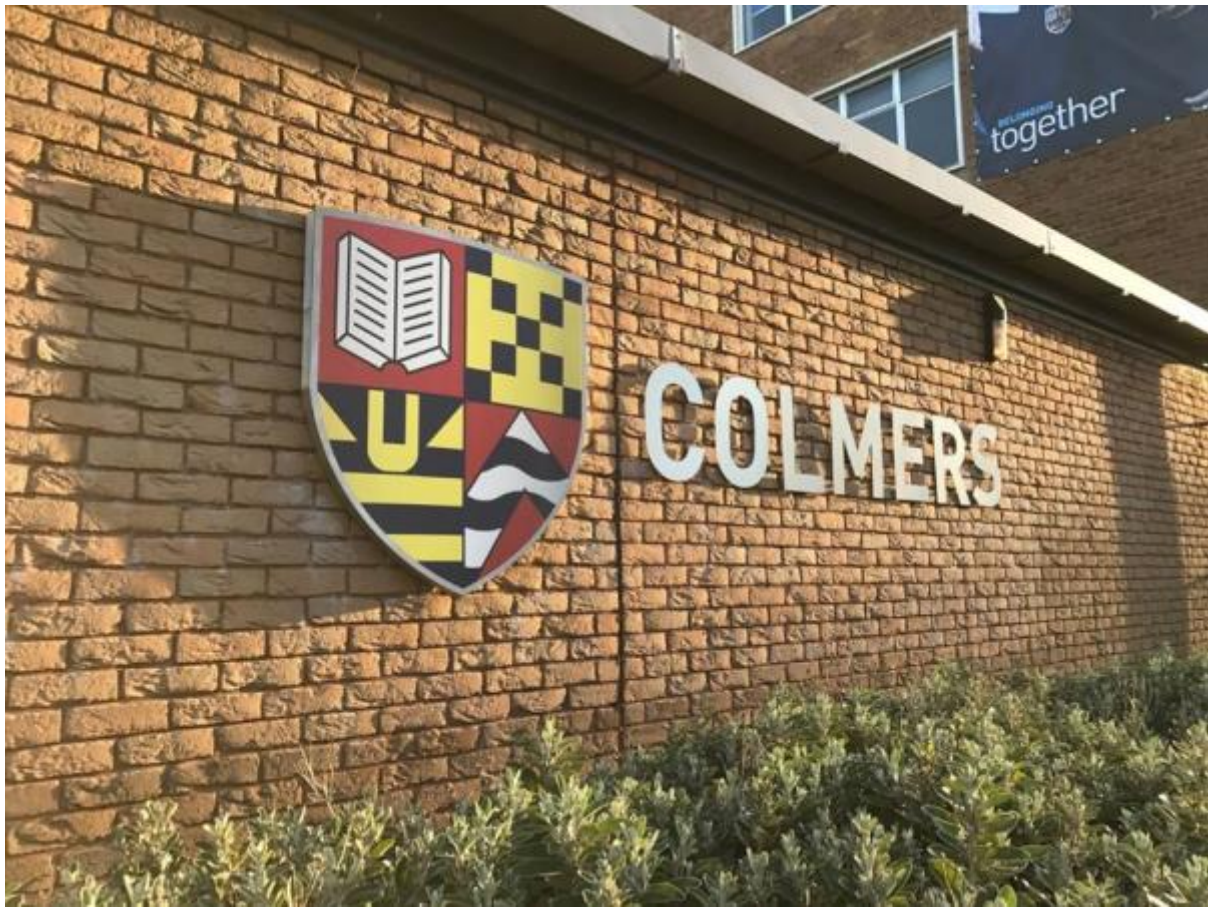
Financial Support for Families who are Self-Isolating

If you are self-isolating or required to stay at home to look after a child who is self-isolating, you may be entitled to Government financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme. Details can be found here:

Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

	Who?	Action	Further action
Symptoms	Anyone	Order a test for people with symptoms online or call 119.	Stay at home while you are waiting for a home test kit, a test site appointment or a test result. Do not use the rapid lateral flow testing service as this is only for people without symptoms.
No symptoms (regular testing)	Secondary school pupils and college students Staff of primary or secondary schools and colleges (including temporary, part time, voluntary)	Every 3-4 days a rapid test needs to be completed. Follow the instructions set out in the home test kit. For information on how to do your test Report your test result online or by calling 119.	<p>Negative Result</p> <p>Complete another rapid test in 3-4 days' time and keep following all coronavirus advice such as hand washing.</p> <p>Positive Result</p> <p>Tell your workplace if you test positive.</p> <p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> self-isolate immediately, including anyone you live with or are in a bubble with. order a test for people with symptoms or call 119 in order to confirm your result follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

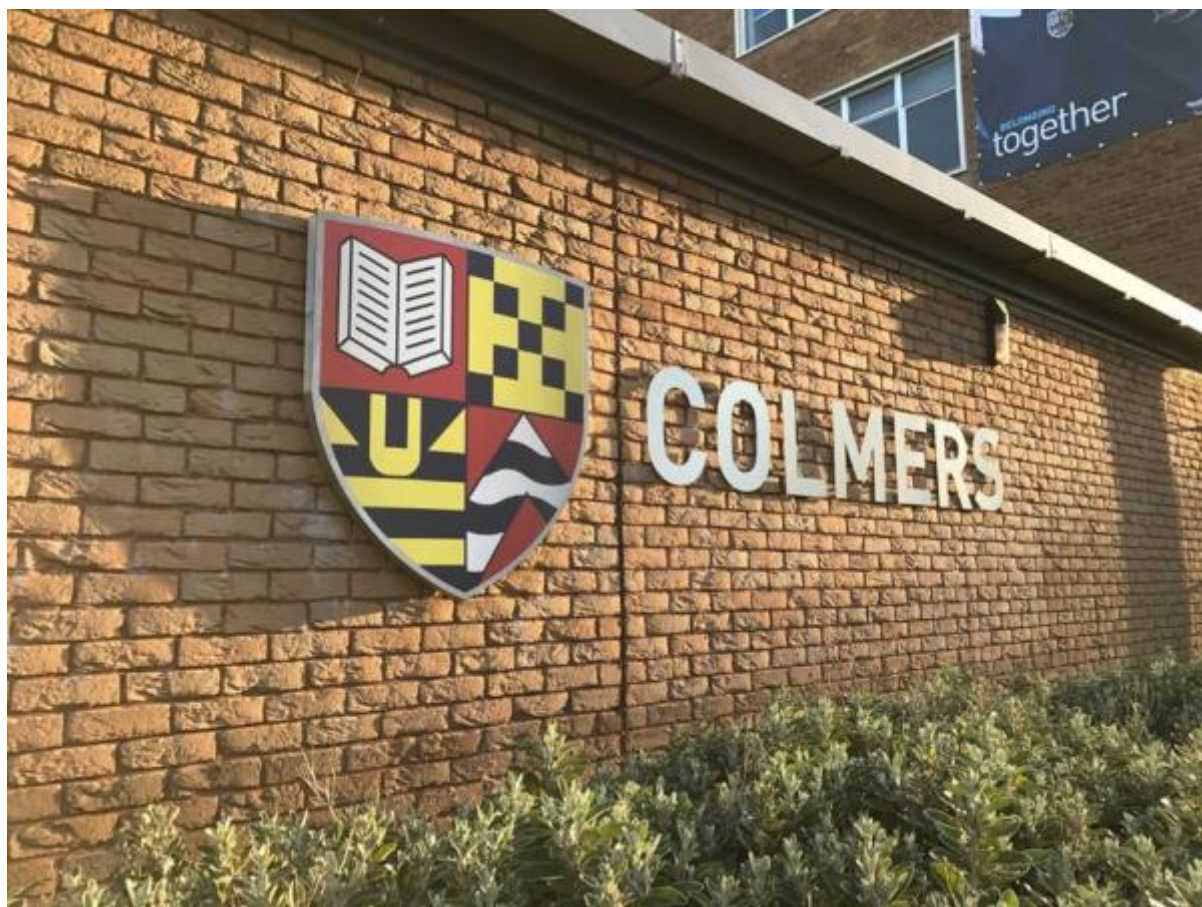
Emergency Contact over the Easter Holiday



School is completely closed from Friday April 2nd - Tuesday April 5th inclusive. We will have a skeleton staff in school for the remainder of the holiday for general queries, on 0121 453 1778.

If you have a safeguarding concern during the holiday period, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust on 0121 303 1888.

Family Support over the Easter Break



Please find below important information for families from the Northfield Families Hub along with information on Easter Activities from Birmingham City Council.

Northfield Families Hub Newsletter

Good afternoon,

I'm sure you're all looking forward to a well-deserved Easter Break... why not try a new park if you're in the Northfield area, and design your own Easter Trail? Barnardo's are providing Easter Cooking sessions and following the Easter Break they are hosting new courses with details below. We have some great training and information sessions lined up - which can be accessed at the links below.

SEND - An Insight into the Approach & Delivery in Birmingham

Find out how SEND is approached and delivered across Birmingham with this informative webinar by a knowledgeable professional from the field. Hear about the SEND code of practice, Specialist Provision and Family Support. You will also find out about the SEND Locality Teams, the Local Offer website and further support for complex needs.

[SEND - An Insight into the Approach & Delivery in Birmingham Tickets, Wed 21 Apr 2021 at 15:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Clarion Futures- Free training, Employment Support, Grants & much more...

This brief overview of Clarion Housing Group and Clarion Futures will give you an insight into the support offered & how to access it.

- Brief overview of Clarion Housing Group and Clarion Futures (around 45 minutes)
- Jobs & Training Team – Employability support, training programmes, E-Learning, Self-Employment
- Digital Inclusion – Training programmes, Laptop Loan scheme
- Financial Inclusion (Available to residents only) – Money Matters, Energy Advice
- Neighbourhood Investment – Social inclusion, building communities
- Clarion Futures Grants – Available for both customers and local organisations
- Referral processes
- Q&A

[Clarion Futures- Free training, Employment Support, Grants & much more... Tickets, Thu 29 Apr 2021 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Would you like to know a bit more about Early Help in the Northfield Locality?

This 30 minute snapshot of the services offered by Northfield Families, Barnardo's and The Birmingham Pathfinder explains how we work together to deliver support locally.

[Northfield Families- How Can We Help You To Support Families? Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

FREE Virtual Level 1 Preparing to Work in Schools with Progression to Level 2 with Clarion Futures

Full details in the email below and attached poster.

Birmingham Forward Steps- Barnardo's Easter Cooking Sessions

Struggling to find healthy recipes for Easter? Don't look any further, we are providing 2 cooking sessions this Easter. Families will be delivered the cooking ingredients and then shortly afterwards there will be a video giving a step by step guide of how to cook the recipe! For more information call the Frankley Centre on 0121 453 3515.

The Freedom Programme- Birmingham Forward Steps- Barnardo's

Freedom Programme is a domestic violence programme which was created by Pat Craven and evolved from her work with perpetrators of domestic violence. The programme usually lasts for 11 or 12 weeks and is FREE. It provided by hundreds of agencies across the UK. The next session will be starting soon after the Easter Break, so it's an ideal time to refer anyone who would benefit from the course. There's more information at the link: [The Freedom Programme. Learn about domestic violence and abuse.](#)

Contact Kelly for more information: kelly.doleman@barnardos.org.uk or call Frankley Plus Children's Centre: 0121 453 3515

There's also information attached about courses from Clarion Futures, Serco, and Fircroft and a flyer from the Livingwell Consortium (who can help people complete the census too).

[Free Mental Health Services Solihull | Therapists in Birmingham \(livingwellconsortium.com\)](#)

We're open as usual, except for Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday and Families can self-connect to services using the [Family Connect Form](#).

Call: Mon-Wed 07516 918 133 Thurs-Fri 07951 346 327

Email: northfieldfamilies@northfieldcommunity.org

Wishing you all a fabulous break!

Best wishes

Helen

Helen Morris

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Registered charity number: 1157711

Clarion Futures are delighted to offer the **Cache Level 1 and Level 2 Preparing to work in Schools** for **FREE**. These qualifications are perfect for anyone seeking to start a career in schools as a teaching assistant.

The Level 1 Course will take place **every Tuesday** for **6 weeks** from **Tuesday 20th April via Zoom**.

To progress to the Level 2 Course Learners will need to secure a placement of 72 hours within a school. Clarion Futures will signpost learners to aid them to find a placement.

NCFE Cache Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools

Course modules are:

- Understanding schools as organisations
- Understanding how to keep children and young people healthy, safe and well
- Understanding how to communicate with children, young people and adults

NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning

- Child and young person development
- Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- Communication and professional relationships with children, young people and adults
- Equality, diversity and inclusion in work with children and young people

Interested individuals can register via Eventbrite using this link - clarionfuturesfreepreparingtoworkinschoolsqual.eventbrite.co.uk

If you have any questions please feel free to get in contact.

Kind Regards

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Clarion Futures is part of Clarion Housing Group

The priority for Clarion Housing during the coronavirus outbreak is to do everything we can to keep our residents and staff safe.

We are closely monitoring the situation, following government advice and continuously updating our website to keep you best informed. Visit www.myclarionhousing.com/about-us/contact-us/servicestatus/.

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Easter Holiday Activities:

Birmingham City Council's Easter activities programme will be delivered virtually to enable children and young people to take part in activities safely online or at home with their families. The programme will include live streams of activity and play sessions, sports coaching sessions, downloadable resources and activity cards, arts and craft activities, food and nutrition advice, cook at home ideas and recipes, along with Key Stage appropriate educational programmes focusing on wellbeing, physical activity and nutrition.

To access this web-portal, you simply need to visit www.BHAP.co.uk at the start of the Easter holidays.

You will be asked to enter a code which is: **BHAP21**

The Birmingham Holiday Activities web portal will have a wide range of activities available from 5pm on Thursday 1st April 2021. Parents will also have the option to sign up to the Birmingham Holiday Activities Programme distribution network where we will be able to share information with families about what is being planned for the summer.

If you have any questions about the Easter programme or access to the portal, please contact holidayactivities@birmingham.gov.uk

ACTIVE OUTDOORS

Even a short time outside will give you a boost, discover a new greenspace this Easter! Pop the postcode into your phone and follow a route, or dig out the A-Z and explore a new greenspace!

Newman Way	Rubery & Rednal	
Rubery Cutting	Rubery & Rednal	B45 9BJ
Rubery Hill	Rubery & Rednal	B45 9YF
The Leys Allotments	Rubery & Rednal	B45 9WA
Alwold Recreation Ground	Weoley & Selly Oak	B29 5TN
Barcheston Rec	Weoley & Selly Oak	B29 5QD
Jervoise Recreation Ground	Weoley & Selly Oak	B29 5QT
Manor Farm Park	Weoley & Selly Oak	B31 2AB
Shenley Fields Road Rec Ground	Weoley & Selly Oak	B29 5AL
Weoley Castle Square	Weoley & Selly Oak	B29 5QH

*For Early Help from Northfield Families:
Family Connect Form - Via Birmingham City Council website
Call: Mon-Wed 07516 916 133 Thurs-Fri 07951 346 327
Email: northfieldfamilies@northfieldcommunity.org*



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Cofton Nursery	Longbridge & West Heath	B45 8UR
Cofton Park	Longbridge & West Heath	B45 8UN
Cofton Road Allotments	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 3QP
Coney Green Drive Allotments	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 4EA
Daffodil Park	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 2YU
Fairfax Public Open Space	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 3RU
Frankley Hill Public Open Space	Longbridge & West Heath	B45 0ET
Loughton Close P.o.s.	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 4SQ
Lickey Hills Country Park	Longbridge & West Heath	B45 8ER
Lickey Hills Golf Course	Longbridge & West Heath	B45 9QU
Nimmings Farm POS	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 4NY
Saxon Gate Public Open Space	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 4BD
West Heath Allotment Gardens	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 5LN
West Heath Rec Ground	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 3DZ
Mill Lane Public Open Space	Northfield	B31 2SE
Rea Road Public Open Space	Northfield	B31 2PW
Rover Park	Northfield	B31 5BN
School Close Pos	Northfield	B31 2SW
Victoria Common	Northfield	B31 2BB
Callowbrook at Parkway West	Rubery & Rednal	B45 9PA
Colmers Farm Playing Field	Rubery & Rednal	B45 9PD
Deelands Road POS	Rubery & Rednal	B45 9SW
Horsefield P.o.s.	Rubery & Rednal	B45 9PN
Kendal Rise Recreation Ground	Rubery & Rednal	B45 9NR



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Broadmeadow Open Space (Baldwin Rd)	Kings Norton North	B30 3PA
Fairway P.o.s.	Kings Norton North	B38 8YB
Hurst Mill (camp Lane) Leisure Garde	Kings Norton North	B30 3JX
Kings Norton Green & Island	Kings Norton North	B38 8RS
Kings Norton Park	Kings Norton North	B38 8TW
Kings Norton Playing Fields	Kings Norton North	B30 3LW
Lifford Lane Allotments	Kings Norton North	B30 3HY
Lifford Lane Conservation Site	Kings Norton North	B30 3HY
Merecroft Pool	Kings Norton North	B38 8BG
Popes Lane P.o.s.	Kings Norton North	B31 5AH
St Nicolas Church	Kings Norton North	B30 3EX
Staplehall Farm P.o.s.	Kings Norton North	B31 5AP
Wyhall Recreation Ground	Kings Norton North	B38 8SX
Wyhall Reservoir	Kings Norton North	B31 5AJ
Bells Sports Field Allotments	Kings Norton South	B38 8QR
Edgewood Road P.O.S.	Kings Norton South	B38 9RH
Hawkesley Hall P.o.s.	Kings Norton South	B38 9TW
Pool Farm Recreation Ground	Kings Norton South	B38 9HP
Shannon Road P.o.s.	Kings Norton South	B38 9UT
The Hayes Playing Field	Kings Norton South	B38 8LP
The Mounds P.o.s.	Kings Norton South	B38 9TT
Clunbury Road Allotments	Longbridge & West Heath	B31 3SZ

For Sandy Help from Northfield Families

Family Contact Form: [Via Birmingham City Council website](#)

Our Main Mail 07584 968333 Texts: 07981 348 327

Email: northfieldfamilies@northfieldfamilies.org

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Allens Cross Rec Ground	Allens Cross	B31 5LN
Lower Tinkers Farm Allotments	Allens Cross	B31 1FO
Meadowbrook P.o.s.	Allens Cross	B31 1ND
Merritts Brook Playing field	Allens Cross	B31 1PO
Oak Meadow P.O.S. Northfield	Allens Cross	B31 1PO
The Spinney POS	Allens Cross	B31 5PD
Trescott Road Rec	Allens Cross	B31 5QZ
Walmesley Way Public Open Space	Allens Cross	B31 1RA
Balaam's Wood P.o.s.	Frankley Great Park	B45 0BH
Balancing Lake Public Open Space	Frankley Great Park	B31 5HF
Bedlam Wood	Frankley Great Park	B31 5HS
Birmingham Great Park	Frankley Great Park	B31 5HD
Callowbrook at Parkway East	Frankley Great Park	B45 9FP
Chamwood Close	Frankley Great Park	
Conolly Drive Play Area	Frankley Great Park	B45 9WA
Egghill Park	Frankley Great Park	B31 5J5
Forestdale Community Park	Frankley Great Park	B45 0DU
Gannow Manor Public Open Space	Frankley Great Park	B45 0NQ
Long Saw Drive Pos	Frankley Great Park	B31 5BN
New Inns Road - Frankley	Frankley Great Park	
Rubery Hill Hospital Burial Ground	Frankley Great Park	B45 9WA
Tessall Lane	Frankley Great Park	
The Pines P.o.s.	Frankley Great Park	B45 9FF



NORTHFIELD FAMILIES

BUNNY HOP EASTER TRAIL

Celebrate Easter with a new discovery!

THIS EASTER HOLIDAY SEE IF YOU CAN
FIND A NEW PARK OR GREENSPACE

Use up some chocolate fuel while celebrating Easter!
Have fun in the park with your family and friends.



Want **to work** in schools?



Cache Level 1 Preparing to Work in Schools. This qualification prepares learners for further learning and training whilst developing an understanding of the teaching and learning environment in a school setting. It covers areas such as: how to support the wellbeing of a child and young person development.

The training includes:

- Understanding schools as organisations
- How to keep children healthy, safe and well
- How to succeed at a school interview
- Support with updating your CV
- Financial Support from Clarion Futures

Find our more

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Free training to work in schools

Cache Level 1 Preparing to Work in Schools with opportunity to progress to Level 2 on your journey towards developing a career within a classroom environment. 1 day a week for 6-12 weeks depending on progression to Level 2.

Where: Virtual via Zoom

When: Tuesday 20 April - Tuesday 6 July

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Adult Skills

FOR WORK

Funded and part funded training for employed and self-employed individuals in Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley and Sandwell

Could a FREE or part-funded training course help you progress your career and improve your income?

Are you an employer with staff needing to learn new skills to support your business growth?

Are you self-employed, employed (full-time or part-time), or on a zero hours contract and looking for training to improve your income?

In order to be eligible to access Adult Skills for Work Training Courses the learner must be:

- Eligible to work in the UK
- Aged 19+
- Living in Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley or Sandwell

ASW is funded through the West Midlands Combined Authority Adult Education Budget

Adult Skills for Work can offer a wide range of fully-funded (yes, FREE!) and part-funded training courses which can be accessed online.

Our blended, distance learning approach means that our learners can access course materials, talk to a dedicated tutor and manage their learning in a way that suits them and is flexible in the current circumstances.

Qualifications are available in the following topics and industries:

- Construction
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- IT
- Basic Digital Skills
- Business Admin
- Leadership & Management
- Team Leading
- Customer Service
- English & Maths

If you would like to take up this opportunity for personal development, or enquire on behalf of your employees, please contact the Adult Skills for Work Team:

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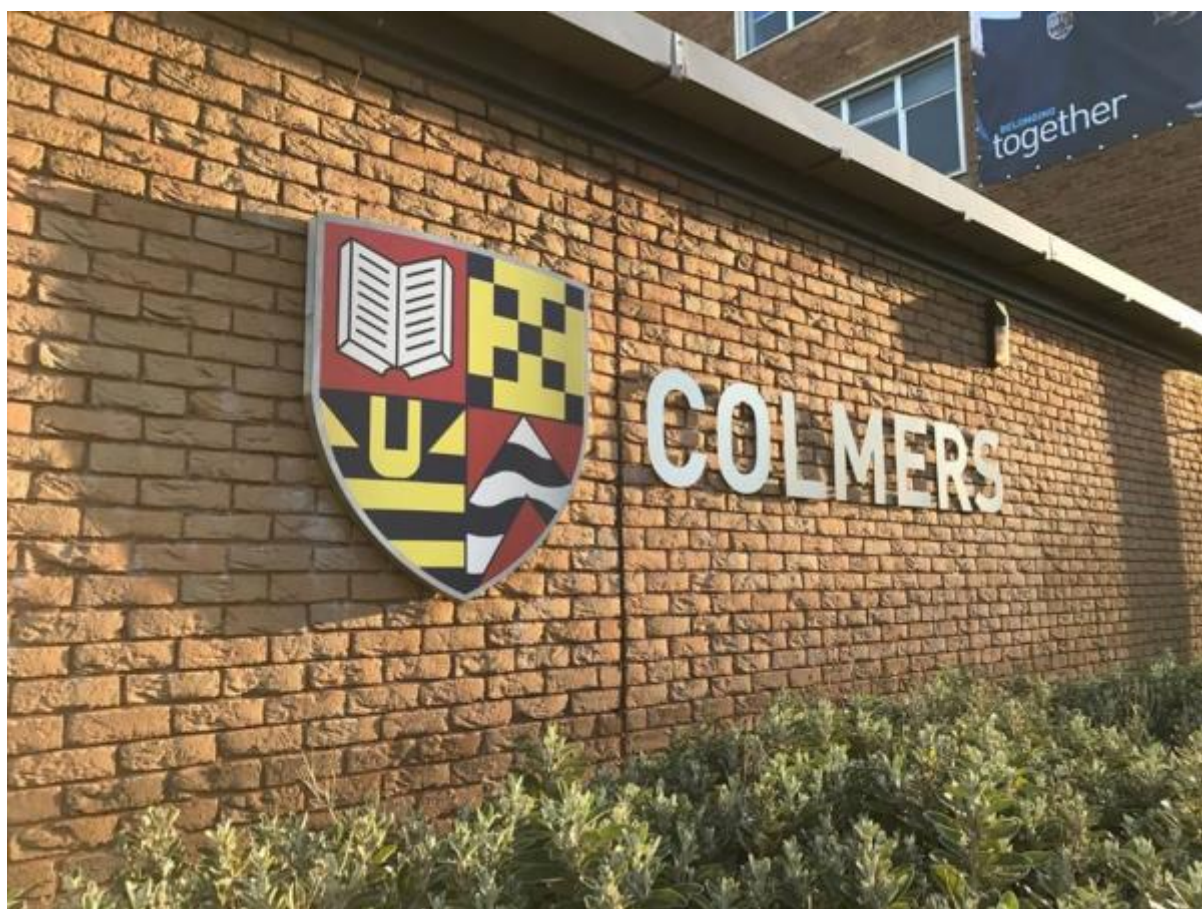
Courses for January to July 2021

Residential, Non-residential, Online, Blended and Correspondence Courses for Adults

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| Pre-Access | IT |
| Business Skills | Maths |
| English | Outdoors and Sustainability |
| ESOL | Personal and Social Development |
| Free Thinking | Psychology and Criminology |
| Health and Science | Skills for Further Study |
| History, Literature and Sociology | Social Justice and Community |

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