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, 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)

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<td><strong>Symptoms</strong>&lt;br&gt;Anyone</td>
<td>Order a test for people with symptoms online or call 119.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Secondary school pupils and college students</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Negative Result: Complete another rapid test in 1-4 days' time and keep following all coronavrius advice such as hand washing. Positive Result: Tell your workplace if you test positive.</td>
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1 - Test Guidance
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.
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

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.

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

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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

**Jacob Bannerman**

**Employment Support Officer - Midlands**

**Clarion Futures - Jobs & Training**
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/.

Please think about the environment before printing this e-mail.

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
  - Rubery Hill - Rubery & Rednal
- Alveston Recreation Ground - Weoley & Selly Oak
- Birchaston Rec - Weoley & Selly Oak
- Jervoise Recreation Ground - Weoley & Selly Oak
- Manor Farm Park - Weoley & Selly Oak
- Shenley Fields Rec - Ground - Weoley & Selly Oak
- Weoley Castle Square - Weoley & Selly Oak

For Early Help from Northfield Families:
Family Connect Farm - Via Birmingham City Council webpage.
Call Mon Wed 07516, 918 133 Thurs-Fri 07951 346 327
Email webmail@northfield-community.org

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- Coten Nursery - Longbridge & West Heath
- Coten Park - Longbridge & West Heath
- Coten Road Almshouses - Longbridge & West Heath
- Daffodil Park - Longbridge & West Heath
- FairFax Public Open Space - Longbridge & West Heath
- Frankley Hall Public Open Space - Longbridge & West Heath
- Loughton Close P.O.S. - Longbridge & West Heath
- Lickley Hills Country Park - Longbridge & West Heath
- Lickley Hills Golf Course - Longbridge & West Heath
- Mornington Farm P.O.S. - Longbridge & West Heath
- Saxon Gate Public Open Space - Longbridge & West Heath
- West Heath Almshouses - Longbridge & West Heath
- West Heath Recreation Ground - Longbridge & West Heath
- Hill Lane Public Open Space - Northfield
- Mead Road Public Open Space - Northfield
- Bower Park - Northfield
- School Close Park - Northfield
- Victoria Common - Northfield
- Colwallbrook at Farway West - Rubery & Rednal
- Crabtree Farm Playing Field - Rubery & Rednal
- Dalelands Road POS - Rubery & Rednal
- Harborne Park P.O.S. - Rubery & Rednal
- Kershaw Rise Recreation Ground - Rubery & Rednal

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Broadmeadow Open Space (Baldwin Rd) Kings Norton North B30 3PA
Fairway P.O.S. Kings Norton North B30 8YB
Hart Hill (comp Lanes) leisure Ground Kings Norton North B30 5JX
Kings Norton Green & Island Kings Norton North B30 4ED
Kings Norton Park Kings Norton North B38 8TW
Kings Norton Playing Fields Kings Norton North B30 3RY
Lifford Lane Allotments Kings Norton North B30 3HY
Lifford Lane Conservation Site Kings Norton North B33 3YH
Merracefoot Foot Kings Norton North B33 9BG
Poplar Lane P.O.S. Kings Norton North B31 3AH
St Nicholas Church Kings Norton North B33 3EX
Staplehall Farm P.O.S. Kings Norton North B37 5NP
Veitshöchheim Recreation Ground Kings Norton North B30 85X
Wychall Reservoir Kings Norton North B30 5AJ
Bells Sports Field Allotments Kings Norton South B33 8QH
Edgewood Road P.O.S. Kings Norton South B33 9NH
Hawkesley Hall P.O.S. Kings Norton South B36 9TJ
Pool Farm Recreation Ground Kings Norton South B31 9HP
Shamrock Road P.O.S. Kings Norton South B36 9UC
The Nogues Playing Field Kings Norton South B33 8LF
The Mounds P.O.S. Kings Norton South B34 9TT
Cumbury Road Allotments Longbridge & West Heath B31 31Z
For Duty Help from Northfieldandleeds
Farming Created From; Lamington City Council website
Call Morn Wed 07890 919 973 @Text No Fri 07890 919 973
Email northfieldleeds@northfieldcommunity.org

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Allens Cross Rec Ground Allens Cross B33 5LW
Lower Tinkers Farm Allotments Allens Cross B31 1FD
Meadowbrook P.O.S. Allens Cross B31 1ND
Merratts Brook Playing Field Allens Cross B31 1PD
Oak Meadow P.O.S. Nortonfield Allens Cross B31 1PD
The Spinney P.O.S. Trowers Road B31 1SG
Trowers Road Rec Trowers Road B31 1LW
Walsley Wood Public Open Space Allens Cross B31 1RA
Belam's Wood P.O.S. Frankley Great Park B45 0BQ
Balancing Lake Public Open Space Frankley Great Park B31 5HP
Bentham Wood Frankley Great Park B31 1HF
Birmingham Great Park Frankley Great Park B31 1HD
Cuffleybrook at Parkway East Frankley Great Park B43 0PF
Charnwood Close Frankley Great Park
Conoly Drive Play Area Frankley Great Park B45 0WA
Egg Hill Park Frankley Great Park B31 1LF
Forestdall Community Park Frankley Great Park B43 0QG
Gaskton Manor Public Open Space Frankley Great Park B43 0QG
Gaskton Drive Frankley Great Park B43 0QG
Longsaw Drive Frankley Great Park B31 8BY
New Inn Road Frankley Great Park
Rugby Hill Hospital Botel Ground Frankley Great Park B43 0WA
Tawast Lane Frankley Great Park B43 9HU
The Rims P.O.S. Frankley Great Park B43 9FH
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 out more
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myclarionhousing.com
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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
Find our more clarionfuturefreeprep@workschoolqual.eventbrite.co.uk
myclarionhousing.com

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 opportunity 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 in a part-time position, 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, candidates must be aged 16+, in work and either:
- Able to work in Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley or Sandwell
- Aged 19+
- Living in Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley or Sandwell

Adults trained 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 have access to course materials, skills in 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
- Health & Care
- IT
- Basic/Digital Skills
- Business Admin

If you would like to take up this opportunity for personal development, contact your HR department or contact the Adult Skills for Work Team:

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