



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

COVID-19 Guidance For Parents

Please see the updated Government guidance for parents and carers by following the link below. The parent booklet on the COVID-19 section of the website has also been updated to include the additional measures that have been put in place recently and shared with you all previously.

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the Covid-19 outbreak](#)

We were hoping to continue with our after-school sports clubs during the national lockdown as the children attend the clubs in their bubbles. However, the guidance was updated on Monday and it stresses that these clubs should not take place at this time unless they are being used only to look after children whose parents are at work or in training. Therefore, from 18th November the multi-sports and karate clubs will be temporarily suspended. Parents whose children attend multi-sports club were contacted about this by Sporting Elite yesterday. Beeches Kids Club will remain open as it is used by parents who are working or in training.

COVID-19 Guidance Translated

Follow this link for guidance in other languages

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

Doctors of the World provide written and audio Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for patients in 60 languages, which were produced in partnership with the British Red Cross. Translated documents are updated regularly in line with the latest NHS and government guidance.

DOCTORS OF THE WORLD

COVID-19 GUIDANCE TRANSLATED

- 60 Written guidance translations
- 11 Videos with advice
- 35 Audio guidance files

Find out more... Please share to save lives.

Year 3 and Year 4 start time

Please be reminded that the drop-off time for Year 3 and Year 4 is 8.40am – 8.50am, therefore pupils will be marked late if they arrive in class after 8.50am. This is because their day ends earlier due to the staggered pick-up times. As the staggering of drop-offs and pick-ups is very likely to remain in place for the next few months at least, we need to ensure that we start the Year 3 and Year 4 day on time to ensure they are not losing out on learning time.

Google Classroom

Parent and carers, please look out for an email from Google Classroom asking you to connect to your child's Google Classroom to receive weekly updates. The updates will give you a summary of homework assignments set as well as notifying you of any missing work that has not been turned in at the time of the update. The instructions you need to connect will be included in the email.

Notices from Birmingham City Council

Please see the attached flyer to find links to lots of support available for you and your families in Birmingham. If you would like to see the flyer in a different language, click onto the link below:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/3595/from_birmingham_with_love_-_downloadable_flyer

Parental Survey for Childcare in Birmingham November 2020 The Impact of COVID19

Overview

- The Local Authority has a statutory duty to secure sufficient childcare, so far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children).
- Childcare in Birmingham is delivered by Registered Childminders, Nannies, Day Nurseries, Pre-Schools and Playgroups, Nursery Classes in Schools, Nursery Schools, Out of School Clubs, and Holiday Play schemes.

Why we are consulting

Birmingham City Council believes that parental views regarding childcare in the city are essential.

We want your views, opinions and experiences of the impact COVID19 is having on your childcare requirements now and in the near future.

Your comments will be used:

- To help us understand how existing childcare delivery is or is not meeting parental demand
- To help us understand changes in demand for childcare due to COVID19 and the reasons for those changes
- To identify any existing or potential future barriers
- To help us support your childcare requirements and inform our strategies moving forward

The survey is available online at the web address below and will be open from

**Monday 9th November 2020
to Sunday 29th November 2020**

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/parent-survey-of-childcare-during-covid-19-autumn>

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From updates on crime, to local news, appeals and safety advice, don't miss out on information that's important to you – go to wmnow.co.uk to sign up now.

Parking outside school

When dropping off and picking up your children, please take care **NOT** to:

- stop your car on the crossing, by the zigzags or anywhere in the road and ask your child to get out of the car
- block the entrance to the school car park
- park on the school car park (on either side of the road)
- block the entrance to anyone's driveway

Please park responsibly. This is likely to mean you will need to park further away from the school so please allow time for you and your child to walk the last few hundred yards to the gates.

Thank you.

Handsworth Association of Schools Crowd Funding Appeal

Handsworth Association of Schools is a local charity that works closely with schools in the Handsworth and Handsworth Wood areas. They support families in need as well as working directly with children through projects such as Reading Volunteers and Young People's Parliament.

HAOS has recently started a crowdfunding project for which they are aiming to raise £2,000. If you would like to make a donation, please use the link below to access the project page. Any contribution large or small will be hugely appreciated. Thank you.

'Helping Handsworth' Family Foodbank Winter Appeal:

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/helping-handsworth>

Upcoming dates for your diary

- 23rd Nov:** **Teacher Day – school closed to children**
11th Dec: Christmas Jumper Appeal Day (more information to follow)
18th Dec: **End of term**

4th Jan: Teacher Day – school closed to children

5th Jan: **Start of term**

Additional Information

You will find lots of additional information on our school website. Please go to www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk. If you cannot find the answer to your question, please ask a member of staff. The office number is 0121 5540862.