

# Bearwood News

Autumn Term 1

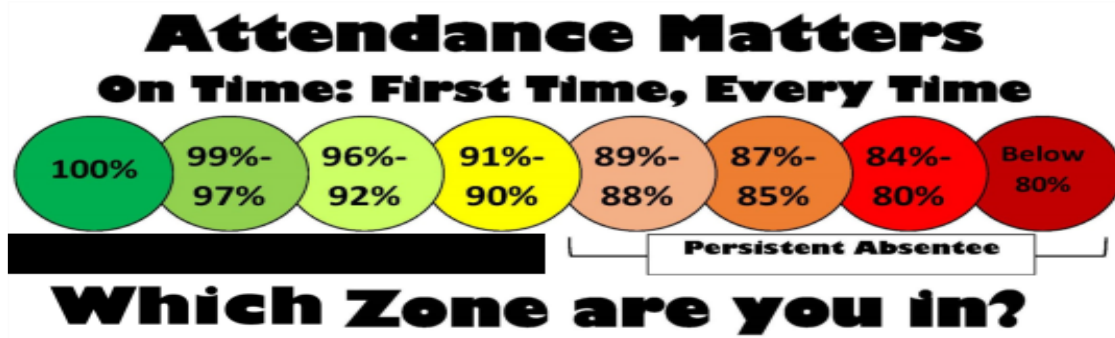
Friday 24th September 2021

[www.bearwood.sandwell.sch.uk](http://www.bearwood.sandwell.sch.uk)  
0121 434 4499

## Attendance

Please ensure your child arrives on time for school every day by 8.50am (gates open at 8.40am). - If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please let us know. Please try to arrange routine appointments outside of school hours. If this isn't possible we ask that medical evidence is provided (e.g. appointment card/text message).

Children must be collected on time at the end of the school day. As a school we cannot authorise holidays in term time. However, if you need to take a leave of absence, then a form can be obtained from Mrs Klair and must be completed and handed in at least 10 days before the leave of absence starts. We will process your application and send a response. Poor attendance can affect your child's progress in school so it is important that they attend school regularly.



## Admission Forms for Year 7 and Reception 2022

The online application process for Year 7 and Reception for September 2022 is open. If you have a child currently in Nursery or in Year 6, you will need to complete the online application form. Please remember that it is very important that you complete these forms on time. (Reception applications close on 15th January 2022. Year 7 applications close on 31st October 2021). Late applications are processed after all of the forms that are submitted on time and so can result in you not being allocated a school of your choice.

## School Tours for parents applying for Reception 2022 places

We encourage parents and carers to take up one of the many opportunities to visit the school prior to applying for a place in Reception next year. Miss Haywood will welcome you, provide a tour and answer any questions you may have. Please contact a member of our Office Team on 0121 434 4499 or email [headteacher@bearwood.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@bearwood.sandwell.sch.uk).

## Nursery Places available

If you are interested please collect an application form from the school office or see Mrs Klair. Children may start Nursery when they are 3 years old.

**In addition to the classic three symptoms, you can also book a COVID-19 'PCR' test if you have any of the following:**

- ▶ **headaches**
- ▶ **aches and pains**
- ▶ **feeling very tired for no good reason**
- ▶ **sore throat**
- ▶ **runny nose**
- ▶ **sneezing**
- ▶ **tummy ache in children**

Don't leave it to chance, book your test today

[WWW.SANDWELL.GOV.UK/TESTSANDWELL](http://WWW.SANDWELL.GOV.UK/TESTSANDWELL)

**Sandwell**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

## Jewellery

This can be a hazard in school, particularly earrings. If your child does have earrings, please ensure that they are small studs as they cannot be pulled or get caught on equipment. All earrings **must** be removed for PE.



## Payments



May we remind you that all payments (e.g. trips, school meals) must be made via ParentPay. If your child is new to the school please set up your account as soon as possible using the details issued to you. If you are less confident with making online payments please ask for a PayPoint letter, this will enable you to make payments at local shops with cash or card. More information can be obtained from the office.

## Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place in school on Thursday 21st October. Please return the consent form that is being sent out today as soon as possible.

## Year 2 Trip to Dudley Zoo

We are delighted that we will be taking Year 2 to Dudley Zoo on Wednesday 13th October .

Please ensure that you give consent and pay for the trip on Parent Pay.



**ESOL Classes by Community Connect Foundation**

**Venue: St Mary's Church,**

**Bearwood Road B66 4BQ.**

**Date: Monday 4th October 2021**

**Contact: Hazara Begum — 0121 565 3311**

**limited places .**

# Good to Know

24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

## Working with Families News

News:	For more info:
<p>Would you like to become a <b>Changes Parenting Practitioner</b> and support families with children aged 0-19? Book a place and receive high quality resources to support you in helping parents develop skills in managing behaviour, communicating effectively, routines, online safety and much more. Simply log onto the booking page and sign up for the core and common course and then select either one or more of the specialist age ranges. The training is currently <b>free</b>. All resources will be posted beforehand.</p>	<p>Place available in October and January 2022</p> <p><a href="https://bookwhen.com/parentsupport">https://bookwhen.com/parentsupport</a></p>
<p>Are you a <b>Changes Parenting Practitioner</b> and interested in delivering sessions outside of your normal role? We have secured some additional funding and am looking for a number of trained 0-19 Changes Practitioners to help roll out the programme to the families of Sandwell.</p>	<p>If you are interested, please email Nikki and Sam on:</p> <p><a href="mailto:parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk">parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Changes Antenatal</b> is now being offered again as a face to face course over 3 weeks. Join our health visitors, midwives and children's centre staff for a three-week course that supports parents-to-be during pregnancy and those first few weeks. It is <b>FREE</b> to anyone who lives in Sandwell. Our virtual sessions and distant learning session are also still available.</p>	<p><a href="https://bookwhen.com/changes">https://bookwhen.com/changes</a></p>
<p>We are excited to announce a <b>NEW face to face session for mums or dads, grandparents-to-be</b> (or other family member) welcoming a new baby into their family. As well as celebrating the new arrivals into your family, this fun session, led by a health visitor will give you an opportunity to find out all the latest advice and guidance on pregnancy and newborn baby care so that the new parents-to-be can be supported as much as possible. It is a FREE session (with goodies provided!).</p>	<p>The sessions are on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November. To book go to:</p> <p><a href="https://bookwhen.com/changes">https://bookwhen.com/changes</a></p>
<p>There is still time to have your say on the draft <b>Black Country Plan 2039</b>. The consultation gives people the chance to have their say on the proposed sites for development and where they think new development should be in the Black Country.</p>	<p><a href="https://blackcountryplan.dudley.gov.uk/bcp/">https://blackcountryplan.dudley.gov.uk/bcp/</a></p> <p>Send your views before 11<sup>th</sup> October</p>

<p>Sandwell's annual autumn <b>Safer 6 campaign</b> has a special online focus this year – as well as some activities across the six towns. The campaign, now in its 12th year, will promote a wide range of safety, crime prevention and healthy living advice. The campaign runs from 27 September to 7 November 2021.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/safer6">https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/safer6</a></p>
<p>Counter Terrorism Police's <b>ACT Early</b> partnership with Netmums is helping parents and carers learn about the work of Prevent and how to protect children from the risks of radicalisation and other forms of online grooming. The Netmums site includes articles, videos and an interactive forum where parents can ask questions of expert practitioners on the risks of radicalisation.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.netmums.com/act-early">https://www.netmums.com/act-early</a></p>
<p><b>Digital Parenting Week</b> is on 11<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> October. Register with parentzone for a free supporters pack of ideas and resources to help engage and celebrate the families you work with.</p>	<p><a href="https://parentzone.org.uk/digital-parenting-week-2021">https://parentzone.org.uk/digital-parenting-week-2021</a></p>
<p>Go Purple campaign, is <b>Black Country Women's Aids (BCWA) annual event</b> in October where they ask organisations, residents and business for their support to help them raise much needed funds by Going Purple. It's easy to get involved; choose a day in October and ask staff, friends and family to each put a £1 into BCWA's purple collection tin and wear something purple.</p>	<p><a href="https://blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk/go-purple-2021-help-make-a-house-a-home/">https://blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk/go-purple-2021-help-make-a-house-a-home/</a></p>
<p>If you're passionate about helping to develop your local community, pop in to one of the upcoming meetings hosted by Sandwell Council and Sandwell Churches Link. A series of friendly, practical workshops have been organised across the borough to introduce the idea of <b>Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD)</b>. Asset Based Community Development is a local, 'grass roots' approach to strengthening communities.</p>	<p><a href="https://spark.adobe.com/page/5jVfhERLBm3gE/">For more information https://spark.adobe.com/page/5jVfhERLBm3gE/</a></p>
<p>Sandwell residents are being encouraged to make a difference to the community and join the <b>Sandwell residents' panel</b>.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/residentspanel">https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/residentspanel</a></p>
<p>Sandwell Adult and Family Learning service will be delivering the <b>Level 3 Award in Education and Training AET</b> course formerly known as PTLLS. The course starts 6th October 2021.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.learnsafl.ac.uk/blog_articles/3225-always-wanted-to-teach-why-not-qualify-to-teach-adults">https://www.learnsafl.ac.uk/blog_articles/3225-always-wanted-to-teach-why-not-qualify-to-teach-adults</a></p>
<p>If you would like to promote services or information in this newsletter or share a good news story, please contact the team.</p>	<p>Parent Support Team <a href="mailto:parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk">parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk</a></p>