

Newsletter

19th January 2024

Volume 78 Issue 2

www.brook.dudley.sch.uk



Supporting families in financial hardship that require emergency help

To ensure families in Dudley can access emergency support when needed, Dudley Council have set up additional out of hours provision. Practitioners working with families experiencing financial hardship can direct them to the following emergency support. **NB: The emergency financial support from Family Hubs and Emergency Duty Team will be available until the end March 2024.**

For further information contact cypsteam@dudley.gov.uk

	Support available	Hours
Brierley Hill Baby Bank	Families can access essential items (e.g. clothing, bedding, toddler beds) to keep their infant (under 2 years old) warm during the winter.	Monday – Friday 09:00 – 17:00
Black Country Food Bank	Families can access food items (not including infant formula)	Monday – Friday 09:00 – 13:00
Family Hubs	Families can access financial support for food items and/or infant formula	Monday – Friday 09:00 – 17:00
Social Care Emergency Duty Team	Families can access financial support for food items and/or infant formula	Evenings 17:00 – 00:00, Weekends & Bank Holidays

CONTACTS

Baby Bank
07930 073077

brierleyhillbabybank@gmail.com
www.brierleyhillbabybank.co.uk

Black Country Food Bank (Monday—Friday 09:00—13:00)

www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk
admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk
01384 671250

Family Hubs (Monday—Friday 09:00—17:00)

www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/early-years-and-childcare/dudley-family-hub-network

Lye - Lye By-Pass, Stourbridge, DY9 8HT, 01384 813954
Brierley Hill - 18 Parkes St, Brierley Hill, DY5 3DY, 01384 813322
Coseley - Bayer Street, Bilston, WV14 9DS, 01384 813096
Dudley - Selbourne Road, Dudley DY2 8LJ, 01384 812440
Stourbridge—Forge Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 1XF, 01384 818780

Social Care Emergency Duty Team (Evenings 17:00 – 00:00, Weekends & Bank Holidays)
0300 555 8574

Healthy Visiting Team

www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/start-for-life/health-visiting
01922 607000
bchft.communications@nhs.net

Version 1: January 2024



be mindful

May we please remind you that electric scooters are not to be brought onto school grounds. Please also be mindful and ensure your children are acting sensibly when riding around the local area, this week we have had a grandparent hit by one.

Please also be mindful about how you are driving around school. This week we have had a near miss with a child due to fast driving and not paying full attention to the road. We need your help in keeping everybody safe and we need to ensure road safety for everyone.

The school office opening times are:

Monday – Thursday:

8:30am—4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am—4pm



The absence line answer machine also opens at 8:30 and you cannot leave a message before this.

It is essential that you either call us or leave a voicemail to report your child's absence with their name, class and reason for absence to prevent us having to call you.

Would you like to help reshape the future of Brook?!

We currently have 2 exciting parent governor vacancies available here at Brook!

If you would like to apply to become a Parent Governor, please pop into the school office for an application form. More details will be sent out via email.



Safeguarding

INFO CORNER

EARLY HELP

What is Early Help?

'Early Help is taking action early and as soon as possible in order to provide support where problems are emerging for children, young people and their families, or with a population most at risk of developing problems.

Early Help may occur at any point in a child or young person's life.' As set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, effective Early Help relies upon local agencies working together to:

- Identify children and families who would benefit from Early Help;
- Undertake an assessment of the need for Early Help; and
- Provide targeted Early Help services to address the assessed needs of a child

It is very important that we have all correct and up to date contact details and information for parents/carers.

If you need to change any contact details or update your child's permissions, please contact the school office to make these changes.



Friendly Reminder

Just a reminder - children should be bringing in healthy snacks for break time and not sugary snacks, such as sweets.

There has been an increase in children bringing unhealthy snacks such as bags of sweets and large sharer crisps bags and this isn't helping us encourage healthy eating.

Thankyou for your co-operation.



Special Educational Needs and Disability

INFO CORNER

Did you know...?

Most children with an SEND need will have a **Plan, Do and Review** to support their needs?

Plan, Do and Reviews are a set number of targets decided by the class teacher (in conjunction with outside agency reports) to support your child's SEND needs.

Each target is usually worked on for approximately three weeks before reviewing and new targets set.

You can ask your class teacher about these.

NHS

Over 12,000 children in the West Midlands have not had their second MMR vaccine.

Having both doses gives vital long-lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella.



An MMR vaccine catch-up clinic is taking place **this Saturday** for 12 - 16-year-olds who aren't fully vaccinated. Parents and carers are urged to book their children's appointment.

Due to an increase in measles cases across the West Midlands, pop-up vaccination clinics have been set up in the Black Country to help ensure children aged 12 to 16 (Years 8 to 12) are up to date with their measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) jab.

Measles is a highly infectious disease which can lead to serious complications such as severe lung infections and inflammation of the brain. It also damages and suppresses the whole immune system, meaning children can be left much more susceptible to catching other illnesses.

It can spread quickly among communities, particularly schools, if children have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine. A series of pop-up clinics offering the MMR vaccine are taking place across the Black Country for 12-to-16-year-olds who haven't yet had two doses.

MMR vaccine catch-up clinics for children - book now for Saturday

Brierley Hill: • Fens Pool Community Centre, Tennyson Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 4HY, Saturday 20 January, 9am-1.30pm. To book an appointment call 01384 431712

Wolverhampton: • The Health Hub, Mander Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 3NH, Saturday 20 January, 9am-2.30pm. To book an appointment call 01902 200077

Sandwell: • Wood Lane Community Centre, Wood Lane, West Bromwich, B709PT, Saturday 27 January, 9am-1.30pm. To book an appointment call 0121 592 1110

Spelling Shed

Well done to the top spellers
in each class for the past 7
days!

The top class of the week is...
4HD - WELL DONE!

1R	Sienna
1W	Joshua
2C	-
2T	Erin
3	Mia
3	Bethany
4D	Jensen
4F	Jasmine
5I	Natalia
5P	-
6HT	Jenson
6AH	Alfie

Attendance:

08/01/24 - 12/01/24

3MH were the highest
attendees in KS2 and 1W
were the highest in KS1.
Well done!!

Rec D	95%
Rec B	93.91%
1R	92.67%
1W	99.33%
2C	98.67%
2T	97.86%
3B	95.71%
3MH	98.33%
4D	98.15%
4F	95.60%
5I	94%
5P	94.14%
6AH	97.32%
6HT	96%
School Total	96.14%
Target	97%

Wellbeing Corner

Look after your physical health

Taking care of your physical health can have a positive effect on your well-being. These tips may help:

Drink water regularly

Drinking enough water or other fluids is important for our mental and physical health. The NHS has more information about water, drinks and your health.

Think about what you eat

What we eat can affect our wellbeing, including our mood and energy levels. There's lots of advice out there about which foods we should or shouldn't eat. This can feel overwhelming or confusing. Feeling guilty about what we eat can affect our wellbeing too. What works for you might not be the same as everyone else. And this can change at different times. Try to make food choices that work best for you and your situation.

Look after yourself

Doing things like brushing your teeth or having a shower are important for your physical health. And they can help you feel better. If you're struggling, try to set yourself small goals or just do what you can.

Try to keep active

Try to build physical activity into your daily routine, if possible. It doesn't have to be anything big. If you aren't used to being active, start off small



Brook Buddies

Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session

otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.