



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Christmas Safeguarding Newsletter. Safeguarding the children within our school continues to be at the top of our agenda and is at the core of the work we do.

Working with parents and our local community is key to ensuring your children are kept safe. We hope this newsletter continues to provide you with up to date and relevant information where you can find further support.

Thank you for all your support this term! We hope you enjoy a safe and happy Christmas Holiday and we are excited to welcome you all back in the new year!

On our school website at we have lots of links to support from different agencies in the Local Authority that are proving to be useful to some of our families, should you need them during the Christmas holidays, including; food bank, bereavement, counselling services, housing, benefits and lots more. I have listed some below for reference.

To find lots more, visit the [website](#) and click on the **community tab**. Go to **COVID19 support** link.

If you should need any support over the Christmas holidays, these people can help you:

[Children's services](#) (Emergency safeguarding team for when you are concerned about a child) 0121 303 1888

[Early help support](#): Katherine Hewitt 0121 4567821 EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org

[Birmingham and Solihull Health & Wellbeing services](#): For all support services available at your fingertips in the local authority visit: <https://the-waitingroom.org/> where there is an abundance of support available

[Bharosa](#) is a domestic abuse service for women living in Birmingham. The service is confidential for women and young girls over the age of 16. You can find out more by [visiting their website](#) or by calling 0121 303 0368.

[Change Grow Live](#) is a free and confidential drug and alcohol service for adults, families and affected others. You can find out more by [visiting their website](#) or by calling 0121 227 5890.

[Women's Aid](#) confidential chat: helpline@womensaid.org.uk 0808 800 0028

[Food bank](#) Jonny at Gate Church E. R. Mason Youth Centre, 40 Irving St, Birmingham B1 1DH
https://www.findfoodbanksbrum.org.uk/project_category/food-banks/

[Junk food project](#): food centres open in different areas of the city and drop offs available <https://trjfpbrum.com/>

[Domestic abuse support](#): <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/domestic-abuse>

If you have no [housing](#) for the night, then you will need to visit the [Housing Options Centre](#) in Newtown: 0121 675 5779

[Mental health support for children](#): <https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause> Crisis team: 0300 300 0099. Online support at: [home I stormbreak CIO](#)

COVID 19: If you are unwell and need a PCR teste visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Help in a short term crisis: Birmingham's Local Welfare Provision (LWP) scheme helps vulnerable people in short-term crisis with food and essential items.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20017/benefits_and_support/308/help_in_a_short-term_crisis

Gateway Family Services on 0121 456 7821 or email earlyhelpedgbaston@gatewayfs.org

If urgent support is needed from school, call [Oasis Community Learning](#) on: **020 7921 4200** (then press option 3 then option 1) this is a central phone number for Oasis Academies

Do you need
to talk
to someone?



The Safeguarding Team are here to help in any way we can. Please come and see us if you need any support.

Do you know your
Safeguarding
team?

Please speak to the office to arrange a meeting with a member of our team.

Walking with The Snowman Trail

Birmingham's new attraction for Christmas 2021 is the Walking with The Snowman Trail - a festive spectacle that's completely free to enjoy. Up and running now right through to Thursday, January 6, 2022.



BCU Christmas Carol Service at Birmingham Cathedral

This service, taking place at Birmingham Cathedral, will include traditional readings and carols led by musicians from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

People are invited to join the Birmingham City University community for mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

All are welcome and there will also be a live stream of the carol service available on the Cathedral's YouTube channel.

Free to attend, people are asked to register in advance for tickets [here](#)

Cathedral Square, Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2QB

Jewellery Quarter Christmas Window Trail

There's a free trail taking place in the Jewellery Quarter this Christmas.

You can download a trail guide and discover more than 100 bespoke Christmas lights in the windows of the Jewellery Quarter shops, including a 3m x 3m illuminated diamond ring!

The trail runs from November 19 to Christmas Eve and will feature every part of the Jewellery Quarter.

Download a guide [here](#) or pick one up from participating venues.

Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham, B18 6LP



WHAT IS SHELTER WEEK?

At Birmingham Christmas Shelter we open our doors 24 hours a day during Christmas week and welcome up to 150 guests daily, providing hot meals and drinks, entertainment, services, emergency clothing and a safe and warm place to sleep. We aim to provide food, warmth, shelter and friendship to our guests.

St George's Hub, Great Hampton Row,
Newtown, Birmingham, B19 3JG

<https://www.birminghamchristmasshelter.org/shelter-week/>