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**Newsletter
9th May 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're writing to inform you about an update to how we communicate detentions. From now on, all detentions will be shared with you via the MCAS (My Child At School) app. This will include the time your child's detention will finish, so you're fully informed.

At our school, we are committed to creating the best possible learning environment for all pupils. To support this, our staff use the least intrusive behaviour management strategies to guide and support pupils before any formal consequences are considered.

However, if a pupil continues to make poor choices after being clearly warned, they may be moved seats. This step results in a 45-minute detention after school. If the behaviour still doesn't improve, the pupil will be removed from the classroom and will remain out of circulation for the rest of the day. In these cases, a 60-minute after-school detention will be issued.

We believe in working closely with families to support every child, and we thank you for your continued support in ensuring a calm, focused environment where all pupils can thrive and make the most of their learning.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,
Mr J Watson



Wraparound Care

As you are aware, from Monday June 2nd our breakfast club and after school care will be changing. We are finalising some minor details and next week all parents will be sent full details of the clubs available, the cost and how to book.

This will not affect any PE or sports clubs.

**WE'RE
HIRING**

1:1 Teaching Assistant (Temporary position)

We are looking to recruit a 1:1 Teaching Assistant, this is a specific role to work with and support a student who has an EHCP. You will be required to support the pupil in mainstream lessons, in individual sessions when required and in other school activities such as trips and events.

No teaching experience is required, you will need GCSE English and Maths at grade C (or equivalent).

We are a popular middle school with over 500 pupils on roll, we have a happy, vibrant learning community, with high aspirations for the children in our care and the staff team that supports them.

For more information and to apply please click on the image and follow the link



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Mental Health Awareness Week May 12th to May 18th

To support and spread awareness this Mental Health Awareness Week we are asking pupils to wear a green item of clothing with their uniform on Friday 16th May. This could be a jumper, hair band, socks etc.

Our wonderful kitchen ladies will also be supporting with green decorations, serving green cake and will be wearing their Mental Health Awareness Week t-shirts



Sexting: The risk no one thinks will happen to them

A shocking **2 in 3** teens don't realise sharing explicit images is a criminal offence. Worse still? Once a photo is shared, it's out of their control forever.

Have the conversation early – Don't wait until it's too late.

Explain the legal risks – Sending nudes can be classed as 'child pornography'—even if they send it themselves.

Encourage a 'pause' rule – If they wouldn't show a photo to their grandma, they shouldn't send it.



Remember to bring your equipment to class every day, this helps you focus on the day without distractions.

Manuscript handwriting pens

Pencil

Ruler

Rubber & sharpener

Glue stick

Planner

Reading book

Pack of pencil crayons

Keeping Your Child Safe: Key Safeguarding contacts

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, here are key contacts that can help:

- **School** - Your first point of contact. Speak to the designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) if you have any concerns, Mr Kearns and Mrs Pugh.
- **CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)** - For concerns about online safety, grooming, or exploitation. Report at www.ceop.police.uk
- **NSPCC** - Provides confidential support and advice on all safeguarding issues. Call 0808 800 5000 or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- **Kooth** - Free, anonymous online mental health support for young people. Visit www.kooth.com
- **Police** - If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For non-emergencies, call 101.

me, you, us
safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Meet your safeguarding team



Sarah Pugh
Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Pete Clifton
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Emma James
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Dates for your diary

May 12th to 16th - **SATS week**

May 16th - **Year 6 reward party**

May 21st - **Sports day**

June 3rd - **Year 8 HPV vaccination day**

July 1st - **Summer school games**

July 9th and 10th - **Transition days**

July 18th - **School finishes for summer**

Sports day Wednesday May 21st

We would like to invite parents, carers and children's families to our sports day which will be held at the Abbey Stadium in Redditch.

Feel free to bring a picnic, rug or chairs and make a day of it.

More information will be sent to parents/carers closer to the day.



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click on the logos and follow the link

EARLY HELP IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Help and support for Children, Young People and their families or carers.



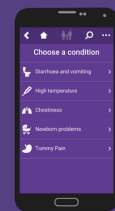
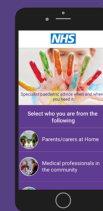
FOR MORE INFORMATION,
VISIT THE FAMILY HUB:
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Not sure what to do when your child is unwell?

Download the free HANDi Paediatric app
and get expert advice, support and guidance
for common childhood illnesses.



Search
"HANDi Paediatric"



Doorstep Sport Project

Redditch United in the Community
are hosting Multi Sports & Crafts
sessions FREE of charge thanks to
the West Mercia Police Crime
Commissioner!

Who? - Young people from year 5 to
year 11

Where? - Birchensale Middle School

When? - Every Friday 5pm - 7 pm
starting **March 7th**



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