

Weekly Bulletin

2 January 2023 - 6 January 2023

Important Dates

25 January: Year 11 Parents' Evening | 27 January: Year 7, 8 & 9 Flu Vaccinations
1 February: Year 9 HPV Immunisations | 7-8 February: Year 11 Hospitality Practical Assessment
8 February: Year 9 Parents' Evening | 16 February: Year 9 SLB Immunisations | 20-24 February: Half-term

School Office & Telephone Line Opening Hours (Term Time Only)

A polite reminder of our School Office opening hours:

- Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:00am-2:00pm

Our phone lines are open during these hours except on a Friday when the lines close at 3pm.

Any confiscated items must be collected on a Friday between between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.

Medical Appointments During the School Day

To ensure your child does not miss out on learning, we strongly advise that non-urgent appointments at the GP, dentist or optometrist are made out of school hours.

If your child has a hospital or specialist appointment, please notify the school in advance. You may do this by sending a photo of the letter via MyEd or bring it to the School Office where a copy will be sent to your child's AC and AAC for authorisation.

Medication

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs and be involved in developing and reviewing their child's individual healthcare plan.

If your child has any medical needs or is required to take medication during school hours and you are yet to inform us of them, please visit the School Office to complete a Parental Medical Consent Form and drop off any medication you would like us to keep in school.

If your child has asthma, we advise that they always carry an inhaler on them. Please drop an inhaler at School Office for us to keep in case of emergency and complete the consent form.

Detentions

Hodge Hill College operates a detention system. If your child is late, misbehaves or doesn't hand in their homework on time, they will be given detention at lunchtime or up to 30 minutes at the end of the day. You will usually get a text or an in-app message on MyEd to inform you. Please ensure your contact details are up to date. For more serious matters, staff can issue an hour's detentions after school without giving parents/carers notice.

The Government's summary on behaviour and discipline in schools can be read online at: <https://bit.ly/39yoRFb>.

Useful Links



[Hodge Hill College](#)



[ParentPay](#)



[MyEd](#)



[Birmingham City Council](#)

ParentPay

Cashless Payments

We operate a biometric cashless catering system in school. In addition to school meals, we do not accept cash payments for trips or uniform (ties, badges and hijabs).

Activation

If you are yet to activate your ParentPay account, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like another copy of the activation letter with your username and password, please call us on 0121 783 7807 or send a message via MyEd.

Outstanding Balances

If you have an outstanding balance on ParentPay for your child, we would appreciate if you could arrange for it to be paid immediately by logging into your account.

If you would like assistance with activating your account or adding credit, please visit the School Office between the following times (term-time only) along with your debit card:

- Tuesday to Thursday: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Zero Tolerance

Please note that Hodge Hill College operates a zero tolerance policy with regard to verbal and physical aggression.

If you become abusive towards a member of staff, we will need to:

- Close down any conversation and not speak with you any further
- Ask you to leave and come back another time
- If necessary, call the police for assistance

Please be respectful of our staff in the School Office team. They will do their best to help you but in a large school with several buildings, over 150 members of staff, and approximately 1200 pupils, they may not always be able to find out what you want to know or locate a member of staff immediately, so please be patient.

Uniform & Standards

As part of the school's continued drive to improve standards, we would like all pupils to consistently adhere to the expectations on appearance, conduct and equipment. We are a professional environment and as such, we need all pupils to look smart, professionally conduct themselves and come equipped for their learning.

If a pupil does not meet the standards consistently, they will sit a 30-minute detention. We must have your support to raise our standards collectively. Please can we remind you that pupils are not permitted to wear nose studs and patterns and lines are not to be shaved into hairstyles or eyebrows.

If there are any problems in acquiring uniform, please contact the school and we will endeavour to work with you to address these issues. Such cases will be treated with due sensitivity and confidence.





What else do I need to know?

- E-scooters should only be used within the local area hosting the trial
- Only ever ride one person per scooter
- You must not tow anything using an e-scooter
- You must not use a mobile phone when using an e-scooter
- You may use a screen to display navigation information, but this must be set up prior to setting off
- Always ensure bags or other small items you are carrying will not cause a danger to you or others around you – for example, never hang them from the handlebars
- Never ride an e-scooter while drunk or otherwise intoxicated – you may be prosecuted under drink or drug driving laws as careless and dangerous driving offences also apply to users of e-scooters
- Follow local traffic rules and adapt your speed to your surroundings
- Always ride and park in designated areas identified by the operator's app.
- You should also refer to the terms of use of the e-scooter operator before renting a trial e-scooter

Where can I get more information?

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>

<https://www.voiscooters.com/>

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E-Scooters and the law

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E-Scooters and the law

I own an E-scooter, where can I ride it?

A privately owned e-scooter can only be used in a private place with the land owner's permission. They remain illegal to use on a road or in a public place.

What will happen if I ride my own E-scooter on a road or public place?

If you are stopped riding it on the road or public place, it can be seized and you could face prosecution, which may result in penalty points on your driving licence and a fine.

If E-scooters are illegal why can I hire one?

The government and some local authorities have embarked on trials of E-scooters. The E-scooters provided through these trials are legal to use on a road or public place as long as you abide by the conditions of hire and the law.

How old do I need to be to hire one?

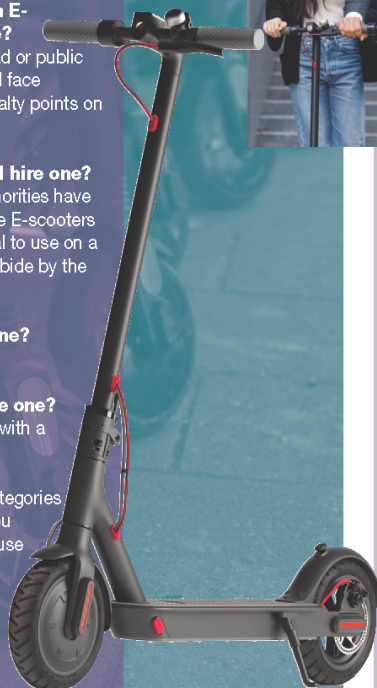
18 years old

Do I need a driving licence to hire one?

Yes, you need a valid driving licence with a category Q entitlement.

A full or provisional UK licence for categories AM, A or B includes category Q. If you have one of these licences, you can use an e-scooter.

If you have a provisional licence you do not need to display L plates.



Do I need insurance?

E-scooters must have motor insurance, but you do not need to arrange this as this will be provided by your e-scooter rental operator

What should I wear?

It is recommended that you wear a cycle helmet, however it is not a legal requirement. If you do wear a helmet make sure it conforms to current regulations, is the correct size and is securely fastened.

It is also recommended that you wear light-coloured or fluorescent clothing so that other road users can see you.

Where can I use a trial E-scooter?

E-scooters can be used on the road (except motorways) and in cycle lanes.

You must not use them in areas designated for pedestrians – including pavements.



Traffic signs with the following cycle symbol apply to e-scooters (unless a sign is displayed prohibiting e-scooters from that particular cycle way)



I have an overseas licence, can I still hire one?

If you have an overseas driving licence, you can use an e-scooter if you have:

A valid full licence from an EU or European Economic Area (EEA) country (so long as this does not prohibit you from driving low-speed mopeds and motorcycles)

or
A valid full licence from another country that entitles you to drive a small vehicle (for example, cars, mopeds or motorcycles) and you entered the UK within the last 12 months

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Lunch week 1

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL FROM £1.90	CHEESE BURGER IN A BUN	CHICKEN ENCHILADAS TOPPED WITH CHEESE AND SERVED WITH SOUR CREAM	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE	BBQ CHICKEN SERVED WITH PILAU RICE	BREADED FISH & CHIPS
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY					
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN FROM £1.90	VEGETABLE BURGER IN A BUN	VEGETARIAN CHILLI SERVED WITH SAVOURY RICE	BROCCOLI PASTA BAKE	VEGETABLE CURRY SERVED WITH PILAU RICE	CHEESE & TOMATO QUICHE
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY					
STREET FOOD FROM £2.35	HOT SPICY CHICKEN PANINI	CHICKEN THIGH BURGER IN A BUN	CHICKEN GOUJONS IN NAAN BREAD	SPICY LAMB WRAP	HOT SPICY CHICKEN WRAP
TAKEAWAY TUBS FROM £1.75	Nachos & Cheese				
PIZZA SLICE FROM £1.45	MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA & BBQ CHICKEN	MARGHERITA & HOT CHICKEN	TOMATO, CHILLI, MOZZARELLA HOT MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA & BBQ CHICKEN
JACKETS From 0.95p	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR 35p EACH				
DESSERTS 0.95p	BANANA CAKE	DROP PANCAKE WITH STRAWBERRY SAUCE & ICE CREAM	KEY LIME PIE	APPLE CRUMBLE & ICE CREAM	ICED SPONGE

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Main Meal
With Vegetables
And Dessert

+
+

£2.40

All Of Our Main Meals, Sandwiches & Desserts Are Freshly Made On Site Every Day

Free School Meals

Who is eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Apply for Free School Meals

We encourage you to apply for Free School Meals through the online service found on our website: www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/freeschoolmeals. You can also telephone (0121 783 7807) or come into school and complete a Free School Meals application online with a member of staff if you prefer.

Please make sure you have the National Insurance Number with you for the named person who receives either working tax credit/child tax credit and we will be happy to help.

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WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY
16:00 - 17:00

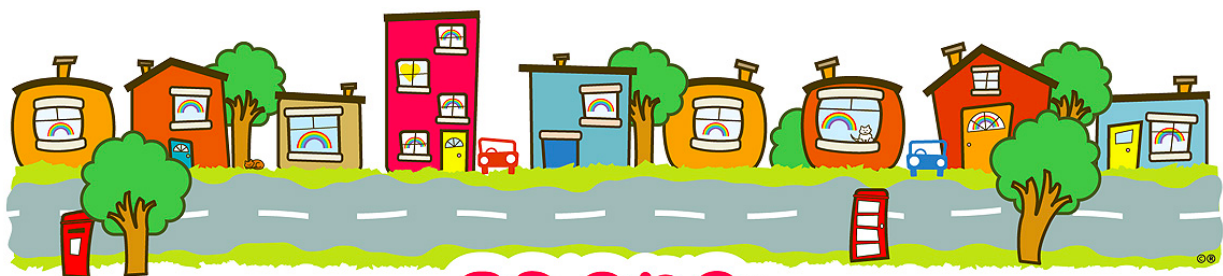
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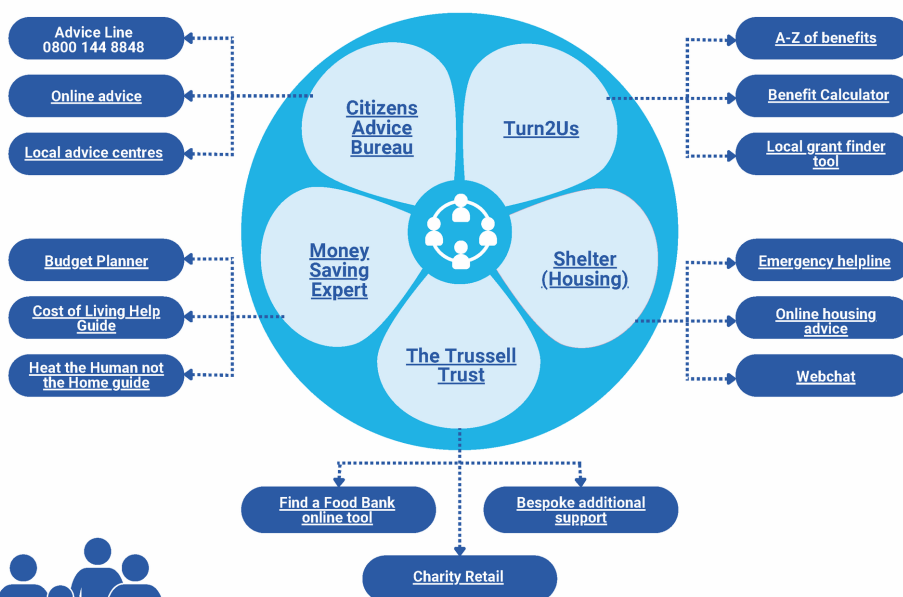
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SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING

As we approach a challenging winter, schools are likely to experience an increased demand to signpost to services and organisations that can provide support with the cost of living crisis. The organisations and resources listed here may be useful. Click on the links to find out more.



10 WAYS TO BUILD CONFIDENT CHILDREN

Give praise when it's due

Praise your child when they do something correctly.

Success

Create opportunities for your child to experience success

Feedback

Young children rely heavily on adult feedback. Make feedback meaningful and positive

Constructive Criticism

Provide constructive criticism. Don't yell at your child. Help them to be the best they can be

Develop Autonomy

Let your child make their own decisions so they gain confidence in their own judgement

Accomplishments

Allow your child to be proud of their accomplishments

Be a role model

Set an example to your child. Be a role model and react positively to your child

Don't overcontrol

Allow your child to express their creativity. Don't start to control everything they do

Promote problem solving

Help your child to solve their own problems. This will make them feel more confident in their abilities

Avoid labels

Ensure your child has a positive view of themselves



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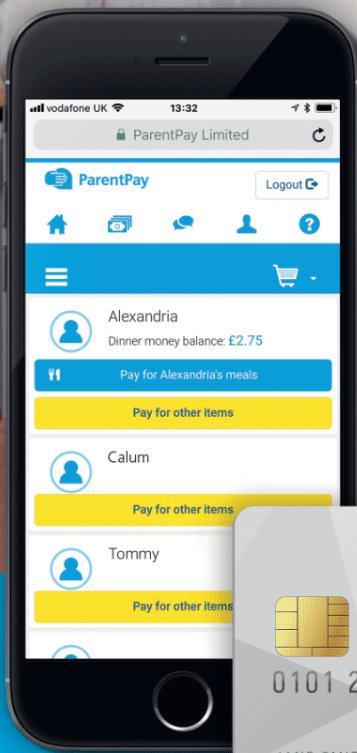
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