



# Turves Green Primary School Newsletter

**Excelsior**  
Multi Academy Trust

16TH DECEMBER 2022

Dear Everyone,

Wow, it's hard to believe we are at the end of our first full term of this academic year. It has been packed with so many amazing things. From external sporting events, run away gingerbread men, amazing assemblies, fabulous workshops, harvest celebrations, being able to go out and about on school visits and that's without mentioning all the amazing learning taking place every day. We have said a sad goodbye to Mrs Foster and Miss Dale but also welcomed Miss Smith's new baby and Mrs Lynch to our team.

We have started our Parent Forum Group and have been happy to welcome them into school to complete a learning walk. Look out for their newsletter in the New Year.

A very big thank you to all your contributions for our chocolate tombola a very successful event that raised approximately £300. We were able to use half of the money to buy an online pantomime for all the children to enjoy today.

A massive well done to all our Key Stage 1 children who put on the most impressive Nativity this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the amazing staff who work here at Turves Green. Turves Green Primary is a very special place, and we are lucky to have such very special people working here in all capacities to give your children the very best opportunities.

Finally, a very Merry Christmas to you all and I wish you all the very best wishes for the New Year.

Have a lovely break, see you back here Thursday 5th January.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**19TH DECEMBER**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR**  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**3RD JANUARY**  
**TEACHER TRAINING DAY**

**4TH JANUARY**  
**TEACHER TRAINING DAY**

**5TH JANUARY**  
**CHILDREN RETURN TO**  
**SCHOOL**



## Inclusion Corner

Merry Christmas? For some children and families Christmas can be a stressful time...change in routines, lots of visitors, loud noises, flickering lights, lots of presents etc. Here are some suggestions which may help reduce stress for you and your little one:

- Pre-build presents (including batteries) before wrapping. This means no waiting time to go and play!
- Use see-through paper or a rip in the paper if anticipation is stress inducing.
- Only give one present at a time - or spread throughout the day so that your child does not get overwhelmed.
- Have empty cardboard boxes with days written on so your child can place the present in the box to play with later.
- Use a simple social story with visuals (Widget.com is free for 21 days!) to prepare your child for changes in routine.
- Allocate a safe space for your child to go to whenever they need it.

I do hope these tricks support you to have a very merry Christmas!





UK Health  
Security  
Agency

NHS

# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

# The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

## FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

### 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD

If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).

### 2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.

### 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS

One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.

### 4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE

Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.

### 5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'

Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.

### 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY

Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.

### 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS

Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.

### 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.

### 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES

Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.

### 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF

It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.

### 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS

It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.

### 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK

Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

**NOS** National Online Safety  
#WakeUpWednesday

Dear Turves Green families,

We are writing to ask you to do something extremely important, especially over the Christmas holidays. We are sure lots of you will be using new batteries for new toys over the holidays. This means you will probably have lots of used batteries. We need you to take part in the **BIG BATTERY HUNT** and recycle your used batteries. In January, please bring all of your old batteries to school and hand them into your Eco Councillor in your classroom.

Did you know that over 600 million batteries are thrown away each year? That means that over 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites where they take over a hundred years to decompose. This is outrageous! The chemicals in the batteries can pollute the soil and water, harming poor innocent animals and endangering our lives too. Do you really want that?

It doesn't have to be this way. You can do your bit to help our planet by going on a **BIG BATTERY HUNT** to find all of your used batteries. Bring them into school and we can recycle them for you. It's that easy!

We hope you will agree that it is so important to recycle our used batteries. Let's see how many batteries we can recycle this Christmas holiday.

Thank you  
Turves Green Eco Council  
#BigBatteryHunt





# Helpline Numbers



Christmas is sometimes a tricky time, if you need support there are lots of organisations out there.

## **ORGANISATIONS FOR SUPPORT**

**Samaritans** offer a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way – about whatever you need to. Call them free on 116123.

**Childline** 0800 1111

**Mental Health Matters** 0800 616171/03003305487

**School Nursing Team** 0121 245 5750

**Citizens Advice** 0344 4111444

**Childrens Services (Birmingham Childrens Trust)** 0121 303 1888

**Bournville Village Trust** 0300 3336540

**Reameadow Childrens centre** 0121 458 2376

**Trussel Trust Food Bank** 07582 143972

**Northfield Community Partnership/Food Bank** 0121 411 2157

**Shenley Fields Childrens Centre** 0121 6753065

**Acacia Pre and Postnatal depression/support services** 0121 301 5990

**Gateway Family Services** 0121 456 7820

**Family Action** 0121 427 9791

**Weoley Castle Childrens Centre** 0121 428 4803

**CAF CASS** 0300 456 4000

**NSPCC** 0808 800 5000

**Womens Aid** 0808 800 0028

**Birmingham City Council housing repairs** 0121 216 3330

**National Domestic Abuse Helpline** 0808 2000 247/ [gov.uk/domestic abuse](http://gov.uk/domestic-abuse)

**B30 Foodbank** 08082082138/ 07582143972/ [info@b30.foodbank.org.uk/](mailto:info@b30.foodbank.org.uk)

Unit 17, Castle Road, Kings Norton Business Park, Birmingham, B30 3HZ

# RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2023 SCHOOL APPLICATION

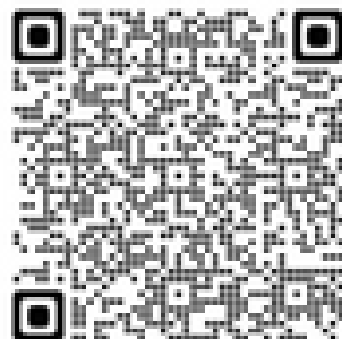
Applications opened on 1 October 2022 for primary school applications for entry in September 2023. The closing date is 15 January 2023 at 11:59pm.

You must apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. Applications received after 15 January 2023 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 17 April 2023.

Remember to list three different primary schools.

**Important:** Make sure you include details of any siblings attending your preferred school(s) in the field (box) provided for sibling details. Sibling details included in the incorrect field (box), such as in reasons for preference, will not be counted and may prevent you from gaining a place at your preferred school. Please note if you fill in the online application incorrectly, you are responsible for not completing the form correctly, not School Admissions and Fair Access Service.

Please scan the QR code for the Birmingham City Council School Applications page



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023?

## CHOOSING YOUR CHILDS PRIMARY SCHOOL?

## CHOOSE TURVES GREEN

VISIT [WWW.BIRMINGHAM.GOV.UK/SCHOOLADMISSIONS](http://WWW.BIRMINGHAM.GOV.UK/SCHOOLADMISSIONS) AND SUBMIT  
YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION BY 15TH JANUARY 2023





# Turves Green Superstars!



## Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all the children who have been nominated.

This week's winners are:

Reception -

Year 1 - Tilly-May, Leah & Olivia, Chante

Year 2 - Charlie D, Emillia & George, Finley

Year 3 - Eva, Taighe & Finley, Ollie

Year 4 - Seth, Poppy-Jayne, Esmat & Millie

Year 5 - YuQuing, Jack, Hayley & Francesca

Year 6 - Brooke-Ava, Mayar, Jessica & Michael

## House Points

Balding



2820

Farrah



2908

Hawking



3029

Rowling



2919

Spielberg



2994

## Superstar Mathletes

Reception -

Year 1 - George & Khalid

Year 2 - Farah & Baeu

Year 3 - Kenaya & Harley

Year 4 - Poppy-Jayne & Olivia

Year 5 - Zayna & Madison

Year 6 - Elliot & Jessica

## Handwriting Heroes

Reception -

Year 1 - Olivia & Leah

Year 2 - Mason & Reece

Year 3 - Seth & Ebony

Year 4 - Annalise & Kayci-May

Year 5 - Melody & Mihran

Year 6 - Olivia & Darcie-Willow

## Lunch Menu

## Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christmas Holiday	Teacher Training	Teacher Training	Beef Stew & Dumplings Vegetable Stew & Dumplings	Pizza Selection Popcorn Fish Fillet
			New Potatoes Carrots	Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn
			Apple Flapjack	Crackers & Cheese



Be an attendance HERO  
Here Everyday Ready Ontime

