



TPS Newsletter 30.1.23

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This week some of you will be directly impacted by the NEU strike. There is lots of talk in the media about why these strikes are taking place, the simple reason is the chronic underfunding of schools. Teacher pay is one symptom of this underfunding, but there are many others. The majority of teachers feel that children's education is being damaged every day by strained school budgets and the challenges of recruitment.

Some may argue that these strikes will damage the education of our children. However the majority of teachers feel that if the strike action is not taken and schools continue to be underfunded, then the quality of the education we are able to offer will damage children's education much more.

If you have had to wait for an SEN assessment,; are fighting for the correct setting for an SEN child; frustrated at the lack of Teaching Assistants in your child's class or distressed at the cost of school trips, this is a direct result of underfunding.

We all hope that talks between the teacher's unions and the government will bring agreement. I understand that the situation may be frustrating, and I'm sorry about the potential disruption to your child's education. We are working closely with staff and their unions to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

Mrs Benarous

Every Child, Every Day, Every Chance this week:

Strike views from our pupils this week. Their critical thinking and wise thoughts are really quite impressive!

'I think it's the wrong thing to do, especially because we missed out because of Coronavirus lockdowns.'

'I think it is a good and a bad thing because the people in Year 6 like us, won't be getting the education we need for SAT's. But if the Government pays for the pay-rise then there will be more money to use for equipment and resources'

'The teachers just want to be paid fairly for the work that they do. I think it's good because they are standing up for what they should be given. If they don't get what they want, they will quit being a teacher and that's not good for anyone.'

'What about the other unions? I didn't understand why not all teachers are striking but now I know it's because not all teachers are in the same union. I have been thinking about other people who work and whether everyone would have liked to be in the same union. And what about other people who aren't teachers? They are worrying about the cost of living and inflation too.'

Community Help:

NO DOGS are allowed on Site, including carpark—last week a child was bitten and needed to seek medical attention. Only exception is for registered medical assistance dogs, certification required.

PARENT Forum Open Day —Have your say on how to make this forum work and to give your views on the first agenda item: Home Reading and other homework. If you have an opinion, this is your chance to have it heard!

Join me at school for coffee at 9am, or for tea at 2pm, or at 7.30pm (for I would like to say cocktails, but more like cocoa!)

Come along and meet other interested members of the Templars community. Date 8th February 2023

Dates for your Diary

Strike Days: Wednesday 1st February, 1st March, 15th-16th March

Heights and Weights checks for Reception and Year 6: Thursday 2nd February

Boot Fund Deadline: Tuesday 7th February

Parent Forum: Coffee 9am, Tea 2pm or 7.30pm School Office

Bedtime Stories for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2: Wednesday 8th February

Internet Safety Workshops for pupils and staff: Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February

DO NOT MISS! Internet Safety Event for Parents: Friday 17th February 2023 2pm – 3pm

Yr 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo: 22nd March 2023

Yr 3 Trip to Weston-super-Mare: Thursday 18th May

Award Winners!

Please can I nominate **Olivia** in RH for this weeks award, she always has fantastic manners and instils the values of the school.

Konnor S - For trying really hard in English over the past few weeks, offering ideas and generally being a pleasure to teach. Well done Konnor!

Please could Mrs Kennedy and I nominate **Amelie RK** for her fantastic retelling of the story of The Enormous Turnip for home learning. She had so much enthusiasm and excitement and she made us smile so much.

Orlina 3N for being a good friend and making sure other class members feel safe and happy.

Can **1C** have **Bertie** please, he has shown a fantastic attitude to his learning and his independent story was amazing.

Summer RB for demonstrating our Templars value of Respect through fantastic listening in class

Dominic 3H has written an incredible Ancient Egyptian Myth and has thought carefully about how to improve this along the way. He has really thought 'like a writer,' and used many writing features to make his work stand out. Well done Dominic - I look forward to seeing future pieces of published work.

Jahdel 5G for showing so much enthusiasm for learning this week. It's fantastic to see!

Dexter 4M - For being a thoughtful and responsible peer mentor and a friend that everyone in 4M is lucky to have.

Arya (3S)for wonderful independent writing.

Please can I nominate **Mohsin 5KG** this week for showing a positive attitude towards his learning on fractions in Maths.

This weeks award goes to **Blake in 1S** who has been working hard to be an amazing mathematician both at home and school! Well done I am very proud of you!

Oscar A 5DG for making our new member of the class feel very welcome at Templars

This weeks award for **2L** goes to **Niveditha** for working really hard on her learning and her behaviour

4R - Abbey for demonstrating a growth mindset when given a difficult challenge in Maths this week! She stayed calm and used the skills she had been practising to enable her to be successful

6R – Moyin For settling into life at Templars so well. I hope you have enjoyed your first two weeks with us

6S Please could **Layla D** receive Golden Scroll this week for her hard work in all subjects

This week's **4D** SOW goes to **Oakley**. This is for his growing confidence, hard work and for developing resilience. Well done to Oakley!

2A Kayla for always showing respect and enthusiasm across all lessons

2H – Brooke for trying extremely hard during Maths this week.

INTERNET SAFETY

NOW

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING FOR PARENTS & CARERS

FREE workshop for parents of children of all ages—not to be missed. 17th February 2023. Templars School. 2pm– 3pm.

Attention ALL Parents- Children's Well-Being Courses!

Hello all,

We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver **Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses** to parents to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

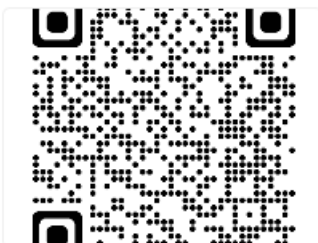
Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

- Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (Most popular)
- Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health
- Understanding Autism
- Neuroscience in Early Years (New Course)

These are just the popular qualifications, but they have over 30 available!

The qualifications are completed online within 12-week period in your own leisure but you can complete as quickly as you like. You can do as many as you like, however you can just do one at a time.

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses or would like further information, then please take a look at our website, sign up and choose the course that you wish to take. -<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/registration>



Scan here for more information and full range of courses.

SEND Support



Coventry Education Psychology Team will be running a FREE session for parents/carers on

Emotion Coaching

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.

Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient
- Achieve more academically in school
- Have fewer behavioural problems

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and its scientific basis, and will involve practical activities and resource-sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

Video Link Session

EITHER Monday 6th February 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

OR Monday 6th March 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

*The same session will be delivered twice, so please state which date you can attend or if you are available for either date

To request an invite and for further information contact:

SEND Information Advice and Support Service

Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Coughs and colds: It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature: If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox: If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores: There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#). Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis: You don't need to keep your child away from school once they have begun treatment for [conjunctivitis](#). Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either: have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities. If they have mild symptoms and they feel well enough, they can still go to school.

Ear infection: If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling [better](#) or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease: If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits: There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo: If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm: If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever: If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP.

Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease): You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#), because once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

If you suspect your child has slapped cheek syndrome, take them to see a GP and let their school know if they're diagnosed with it.

Sore throat: You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea: Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Keeping Safe

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness. The early symptoms include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Children typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue' (a swollen, cracked tongue). As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur. The usual treatment for scarlet fever is a 10-day course of antibiotics. The fever will usually subside within 24 hours of starting this, but it is important to take the whole course to protect others from becoming infected. During an outbreak of scarlet fever, children who have had chickenpox in the past three weeks are at increased risk of developing the more severe, invasive infection (iGAS). Parents should look out for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling) which may indicate a more serious problem and seek medical assistance promptly. Any children with an underlying condition which affects their immune system, should contact their GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.





UK Health
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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>.

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Things to Do

GYM
Guiding Young Minds

GYM PRESENTS

ESCAPE

YOUTH GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY!

(DURING TERM TIME ONLY)

6:00PM - 7:30 PM

COVENTRY NORTH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
(THE OLD YOUTH CLUB)
JARDINE CRESCENT, TILE HILL, COVENTRY CV4 9PL

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SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY
FACE OFF 7:00PM
SKYDOME ARENA (CV1 3AZ)

MANCHESTER STORM

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WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
FACE OFF 7:30PM
SKYDOME ARENA (CV1 3AZ)

BLAZE V SHEFFIELD STEELERS
SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
FACE OFF 5:30PM
SKYDOME ARENA (CV1 3AZ)

Please scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera to be taken through to our online booking form.

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February Half Term Activity Sessions

Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023 at Xcel Leisure Centre

Monday 20th February	Tuesday 21st February	Wednesday 22nd February	Thursday 23rd February	Friday 24th February
Swim*	Soft Play	Swim*	Soft Play	Swim*
Dodgeball	Dance	Football	Hockey	Volleyball
Tennis	Cricket	Gymnastics	Arts and Crafts	Football
Arts and Crafts	Team Games	Tennis	Endzone	Archery

*Swim kit and towels is required for taking part in swim sessions.

Time	Age	Per day per child	For a week per child
9.00am - 4.00pm	5 - 11 years	£15.00	£65.00

All bookings are final. Prior to a session being cancelled, we will give 48 hours notice.

If a refund is required, only credit notes will be given.

To Book:

Xcel Leisure Centre

Mitchell Avenue, Coventry, CV4 8DY
02476856956

For Enquires:

Jade Woodward

jwoodward@cvlife.co.uk



Support for Families

#InThisTogether

Supporting Coventry with the cost of living crisis

Across Coventry, more and more people are feeling the pressure from the increasing cost of living. If you're struggling financially or concerned about the future, getting help early can make a big difference.

Don't be afraid to reach out for help if you need it. This leaflet has information about some of the key support available across Coventry.

For more information, visit:

**[www.coventry.gov.uk/
costofliving](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/costofliving)**

or call: 08085 834 333

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Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is designed to support households most in need, particularly those including children and pensioners who would otherwise struggle with energy, food and water bills. Visit: www.coventry.gov.uk/householdsupportfund or call **08085 834 333**.



Support with energy bills

You may feel you need some extra support or advice in regards to managing your energy bills or making your home more energy efficient. Visit: www.coventry.gov.uk/energybills or call **08085 834 333**.



Help with water bills

If you need help with your water bills, we're here to help along with our partners at Severn Trent Water. Visit: www.stwater.co.uk/bigdifferencescheme or call **0345 7500 500**.



Help with broadband bills

Social tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming some benefits. They're delivered in the same way as normal packages, just at a lower price. Visit: www.coventry.gov.uk/socialtariffs or call **0300 123 3333**.



Social supermarket, food hubs and foodbanks

If you need support from a social supermarket, food hub or foodbank in the city, visit our website to find out where your nearest one is: www.coventry.gov.uk/foodmap or call **08085 834 333**.



Warm welcome

There are lots of places all over Coventry that are free to call in to throughout the day where you can find a warm welcome, access information, take part in activities, or connect with other support. Find your nearest venue at: www.coventry.gov.uk/costofliving or call **08085 834 333**.



Free school meals

One in four children in Coventry is eligible for a Free School Meal. More are taking up their entitlement but there are so many more who could be benefiting. If you want to find out if you're eligible, visit: www.coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call **024 7683 3773**.



Healthy start vouchers

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant - or have a child aged under four- you may be able to get help to buy healthy food and milk with the NHS Healthy Start Scheme.

Visit: www.healthystart.nhs.uk or call **08085 834 333**.



Help with essentials

Lots of support is available from many different partner organisations to help you with essentials.

Visit: www.coventry.gov.uk/helpwithessentials or call **08085 834 333**.



School uniform support

Clothing Coventry is supporting families struggling with the cost of school uniform by providing free, good quality second-hand school uniforms. To find out more or request clothing, visit: www.coventry.gov.uk/schooluniformsupport



Internet access, equipment, skills and support

All Coventry residents should have equal opportunities to use digital tools, technology, and services in the right way for them. We want to improve digital access and support our residents as best we can and our libraries can help with this.

Visit: www.coventry.gov.uk/covconnects or call **08085 834 333**.



8 Family Hubs across the city

- Aspire (Gosford/Lower Stoke)
- Families for All (Foleshill)
- Harmony (Hillfields)
- Mosaic (Tile Hill)
- Pathways (Radford)
- Park Edge (Bell Green)
- The Moat (Wood End)
- Wood Side (Willenhall)



Providing a safe base for partners to offer a service within in the local community.

Access to a number of resource some of which include use of a telephone, use of public access computer, laundry facilities, sensory rooms etc.

Access to a variety of bespoke and timetabled interventions that are delivered by the Family Hub and or by Early Help Partners

Here to Help

Advice and support through signposting and navigation to the relevant services

Provide basis necessary items through the distribution of food bank vouchers, and other immediate practical help

Family Hubs

'Serving children and families in the local communities'



Multidisciplinary team working together to help children, young people (0-19) and their families in the local community

- Family Hub practitioners (Family support)
- Youth Workers
- P.C.S.O's (Community policing)
- Early Help Social workers
- Early Help Partnership Co-ordinators
- Leaders and managers

Working in partnership with a range of agencies and services such as

- Midwives
- Health Visitors
- Coventry Independent Advice Service
- Advice for Families (Coventry Law Centre)
- Haven
- Primary Mental Health Service
- Neighbourhood Police
- Social care
- Local community groups



This is a video sharing a day in the life of a family hub, join us as we follow Amber's account (Family Hub Worker)

<https://youtu.be/6Qsy1LNKvR8>