



Edward Peake Bulletin



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With school closed for the vast majority of our pupils, we wish to keep in regular contact with our school community. We will use this newsletter to keep in touch with parents and pupils. Please remember that you can still contact school via 01767 314562 or info@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk It may take us a little longer to respond to your requests, we thank you for your patience and understanding during these unusual times.



Pupils in school:

Pupils in school have adapted very quickly to the new way of working and have enjoyed the varied activities we have undertaken in school. We will be supporting pupils with their academic work via the activities set by their teachers. We hope that they are just as enthusiastic this week.

The parent and pupil guide contains details on what pupils should bring with them to school. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, this may include a hat if it is sunny and a coat if it is cold or raining. We aim for the children to be outside as much as possible so appropriate clothing is essential.

Please park safely and considerately in local roads when dropping off or picking up your child. In particular, Williams Court is a private road and therefore should not be used to park your car.

Pupils at home:

It is wonderful to see the amazing work being completed by pupils, thank you to those who have shared their work with staff. Our staff continue to set home learning for every pupil via Google Classroom. Pupils are able to access resources and activities and communicate with their teacher. We know that every home is different and the amount of work that can be completed will vary in each home. If you need support with a topic or just want to check you are on the right lines, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher by emailing the school office so that they can direct your enquiry.

Each teacher is assigned to a group in school and are with them all day, this means that they are no longer able to make phone calls to their form class. Instead, our pastoral team will be making calls to check in with families. As there are only four members of staff in the team, it may take a while to get round everyone. If you are concerned about your child and would like to speak to someone, please contact the school office and we will get in touch as soon as possible.

We are currently at capacity with the children of keyworkers and unable to accept more children on site. We cannot yet open to other pupils but hope to in the near future. We will keep in touch with parents and update you if we are able to accept more pupils. If you are a keyworker and require a place for your child, please contact the school office. We will take your details and be in touch as soon as we have a space.



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SEND Survey

Central Bedfordshire Council would like to hear from parents and carers about their experiences with education, health and social care support and services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Following the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) Joint Area Inspection of SEND provision in November 2019, a SEND Partnership Programme has been established to develop and implement the Written Statement of Action. The Programme is governed by a SEND Partnership Board, jointly chaired by Sue Harrison (Director of Children's Services) and Anne Murray (Chief Nurse, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)) and membership includes senior leadership from across the Council, the CCG and the SNAP Parent Carer Forum.

To ensure their improvement journey is developing the right services and support for families, Central Bedfordshire Council have asked us to share the following survey link with your parents and carers to share their views and suggestions:

Survey link : <https://centralbedfordshire.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=159065910873>

The survey is open until 5.00 pm on Friday 19th June 2020.

Any questions, please email Send.Feedback@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

Teen and Pre Teen Support

Prior to the COVID-19 situation, Central Bedfordshire Council worked with Family Links to develop information sessions for parents on the topic of Understanding Teenagers. Unfortunately, they are currently unable to deliver these sessions in person, so their partners Home-Start have produced a video available on YouTube <https://youtu.be/XgQX0mbrvt4>.

Their other partner 4YP has produced a written presentation you can access here:

<https://centralbedfordshire.app.box.com/s/isoqyjcni02ilbt5mmu18lcq81ax25ow>

Please give your feedback through this survey for your chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher <https://centralbedfordshire.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=158989964136>.



Social Distancing

Everyone should be following the government guidance on social distancing: keeping two metres apart where possible and that contact with others outside of your household is kept to a minimum. This may be hard for children to follow but important to keep everyone safe.



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YOU CAN SAVE ME

KNOW

During lockdown, some children and young people may be being abused and exploited at home. They can be made to believe that they should never tell anyone and that the abuse is their fault. Shut in with their abusers, they have little chance to escape or to tell anyone.

These children need your help! As a neighbour or key worker visiting homes for any reason, you may be the only person able to spot abuse and report it.

LOOK

- Guarded behaviour of a child around particular individuals
- Sudden changes in behaviour
- Children with bruises, burns, bite marks or fractures
- Children appearing withdrawn, anxious or frightened
- Hearing or seeing shouting and violence towards a child
- Children seen carrying or using drugs
- Children being late or arriving home late in different cars
- Unaccompanied children visiting a house where only adults live

ACT

- Stay curious and look beyond the obvious
- If something doesn't feel right, it might not be
- Even if you're unsure, it's better to report your concerns
- Do not attempt to intervene yourself
- If you have a safeguarding manager / lead within your organisation, notify them immediately
- Call the police on **101** or **999** in an emergency
- Call the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**