



# Summer July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the many odd things about working in Education is that we celebrate and welcome the passing of every year. All of those wise words that our elders offer about not wishing your life away disappear when you work in schools! With the heat this week, we have certainly been keen for the school year to end and the summer holidays to start.

Having said that, July is always a good opportunity to look back and reflect on the journey over the past year. It is blissful to be able to talk about learning events and celebrate being together again.

This term we have had ten residential for pupils age 9 to age 19, only one had to be postponed and that will go ahead in the Autumn Term. As hard as the residential can be, it's a fantastic opportunity to see what the students are capable of and to realise how much we have to teach them in order to really develop their independence. More residential are already being planned for Spring and Summer term 2023 with plans to support our more complex students to access appropriate residential locations.

Parent Evenings have gone ahead in person for the first time in two years and it has been wonderful to celebrate our students achievements. Its frustrating for everyone that we have to limit the timings of these meetings. We are all so proud of the students that we could talk about them for hours. We are considering how we can facilitate these meetings more regularly and for longer.

As you know from previous correspondence, our pupil numbers are growing as we respond to demands across the city. Recruitment and preparation for September 2022 has been a priority for the leadership team this term. I am pleased to say we have recruited many new staff from a variety of different backgrounds in Education. Developing and broadening our skill set as a staff body will enable us to continue to meet the diverse range of needs our students have now and into the future.

Looking forward to the next academic year, I know that all of the staff commit to continuing to improve our practice so that we are confident that our best is good enough for the students at Uffculme. We will take up more opportunities to collaborate with other practitioners locally (Birmingham) as well nationally to make ensure that we are able to meet the Uffculme Mission Statement.

*Enabling all young people to lead meaningful and enjoyable lives.*

So, to finish this year, I'm sending a huge thank-you to students, parents, staff and all of the Uffculme community for making this year an exceptional one.

See you in September x

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Stubbs'.

**Charlotte Stubbs**  
**Headteacher**

# Woodlands Reflections

Another successful year at our Woodlands site!

It has been a privilege to work with pupils and watch them flourish over the past year!

We have welcomed some new students and families to Woodlands who have become part of our Uffculme Community. We have enjoyed the opportunity to welcome parents back on to the school site with parent workshops, new parent tours and our Jubilee picnic!

Our students have enjoyed going back out and about into the community! We have been to cafes, parks, swimming, climbing and gymnastics to name a few!

Some of our students have been on our first residential trips in over 2 years. They thrived in the new environment and enjoyed visiting Chester Zoo. Some students enjoyed it so much they were asking to go back again the following week!

We have been developing our curriculum and introduced new pathways including our Transition Curriculum. We have delivered parent workshop days to share information on the new pathways and enjoyed hearing the feedback from parents.

The Woodlands site has also seen some changes. We have seen our new Little Forest School and Sensory Garden develop over the past year, providing child centred outdoor learning experiences.

We look forward to everything next year has to offer and welcoming all of our students back in September!

Ellie Allen

Assistant Headteacher



Raccoons have enjoyed making sculptures from natural materials, based on the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

Miss Geraghty

Woodpeckers have been working hard throughout the year planting a selection of plants, herbs and vegetables. We had lots of fun harvesting our potato crop.

Mrs Tyler

## Hedgehogs Final Thoughts

We had lots of adventures, swimming and climbing and forest school too.

Thumbs up for the swings in the park.

We found slugs, worms and creepy bugs.

We like taking turns to be the leader on our walks.

Sometimes we love sitting on the bench to look at the trees.

Residential was amazing. Chester Zoo, the gym, and the quiet place with our friends.

We like buying food at Asda. Yum yum, we make food and eat it.

Our classroom pet is called Lackey. He was a caterpillar but now a moth. Today he flew away. He grew up just like us!

Mrs Eccles

During Summer term, Kingfisher class have learned all about minibeasts. We have read and written reports about lady birds, worms, bees and snails in our literacy lessons and went on an exciting minibeasts hunt. We have made our favourite minibeasts in D&T, using a range of materials.

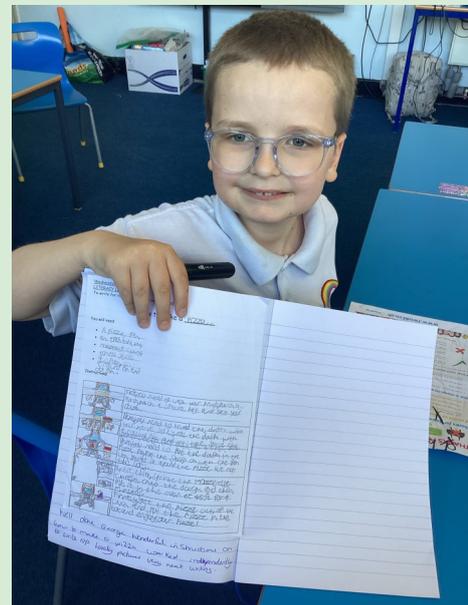
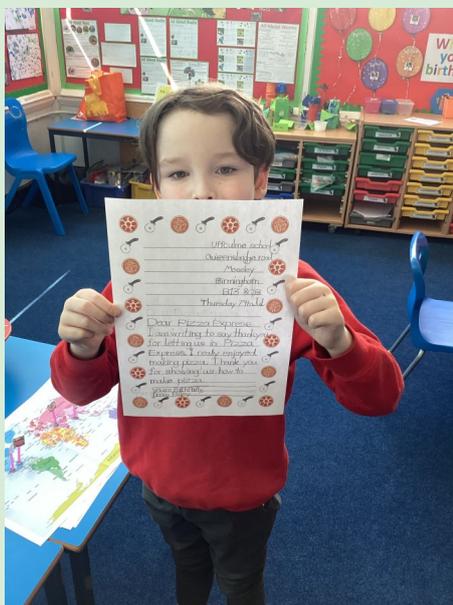
We have also enjoyed learning about the royal family and had a fantastic time at our Jubilee picnic.

Mrs O'Sullivan

Kingfisher class went on a very successful trip to Pizza Express in Harborne on Tuesday 5th July. Kingfisher class spent the morning learning about ingredients to make a pizza, they were able to knead the dough, spread tomato sauce and sprinkle on the cheese with the support of the excellent staff from the restaurant. Each child was given a goodie bag and everyone brought back the pizza they had made. They also had a tour of the restaurant.



Follow up work has included writing a recount, a thank you letter, writing instructions how to make a pizza and the children role played an interview about the trip.



## Chamberlain Reflections

It has been an exciting year at Chamberlain. We have been able to run residential again with two classes going away. There has been lots of off-site activities including rock climbing, golf, and visits to local parks, Lickey Hills, the Midland Arts Centre and the city centre. A group of KS3 students have been involved in a music ensemble as part of Birmingham's hosting of the Commonwealth Games. This will culminate in a performance at the Symphony Hall in the last week of term.

We held a wonderful Sports Day in June. It was great to see parents watching their sons/ daughters enjoying the activities on a warm summer day.

We continue to develop our curriculum. Our Transition and Complex curriculum have now done a full year, we will continue to embed these practices next year and parents will be able to access the Evidence for Learning app to see what their children have been learning. In our main curriculum, we have introduced a new English scheme at KS3 and our currently revising our humanities schemes.

The end of the year is always a time to say some goodbyes. So, good luck to Taylor, Corey, Kaden, Tola, Harry, Luke and Stuart- our Year 11s leaving for new post-16 colleges.

We also have three staff leaving us at this year: Miss Warner who started with us on supply, then successfully passed her NQT year, and is now swapping Birmingham for Bangkok. Farewell also to Mrs Holland who has been leading the way with our teaching of science over the last few years making full use of our science lab with explosive effect on our students! And finally, Ms Tunstall who has taught a range of subjects over many years but has a particular passion for English and has introduced significant changes to our English curriculum. Best wishes to all of them, and thank you to all the staff at Chamberlain and our students' parents for their support.

Matthew Scarrott & Philippa Hunt

Acting Deputy Headteachers



## Chamberlain Reflections

KS3 Knight planned and prepared a wonderful picnic. Parents, pupils, and staff thoroughly enjoyed the food and conversations. Despite the rain it was a success.

Miss Parr

Abid Sulaiman

Abid joined Uffculme in Y7

My Memories...

I can remember having new friends. I felt happier in my new school. My first teacher was called Miss Southwood.

I liked going to the Midlands Arts Centre in Y11 and having a snack in the café. We went to an exhibition.

I liked playing golf and being shown what to do.

I loved cooking with Mr. Green. My favourite was curry and rice.

Raf Khan

Raf joined Uffculme halfway through Y10

My Memories...

I loved making friends at my new school, like Cobayne, Ishmael and Elijah who is very athletic.

I loved playing football with my class at break and lunchtimes.

I also loved cooking with Mr. Green. He is a baker and an expert.

I am the Wordle Champion in my class. You look at a silhouette of a country, then you have six chances to get it right. I usually get it in one or two guesses.

I am happy that I am going to Russell Road.

This term KS4 Tolkein had another visit from Let's Animate, this time they used plasticine to create stop motion videos. All students were extremely engaged with this activity and really enjoyed the session.

The class also visited Loco Lounge and were able to order their own food and drink as well as pay and check their change.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I will see you all in September

Miss Kirby

Joseph Wright Y11

Joseph has been at Uffculme since Reception

My Memories...

The first time I met an old friend from Reception in Primary.

When I went to secondary for the first time and feeling excited when I saw the new site.

My favourite lesson was Food because of the new skills and new things which I have never seen or eaten before.

The time when I went to Highbury Park to look around and find different types of leaves.

The time when I went to Samuel's birthday party back in primary in a bowling alley.

My friend Elijah and me have been friends since Year 2 or 3 which is now 10 years.

All the times when we see our new classes and find out what it will be like in the new year.

The first time I went to the Loco Lounge and the staff at the place told us how good we all were there.

The time when we went to the MAC to see the art gallery and then we went to the park.

This term, KS3 Zephaniah have been learning about Kings and Queens in our topic work. In English, students have been learning about Superheroes and Greek Myths. Students had a fantastic time during sports day and it was lovely to see parents supporting and cheering on! Students have also been going into the community learning about road safety and practising their skills of looking for items in a shop and paying for them.

Mr Trevelyan



## Uffculme Secondary School have successfully achieved the Gold School Games Mark Award!!!

### ***How we achieved it?***

The Gold School Games Mark requires maintaining a good relationship with the School Games Organiser (SGO). Throughout the year we worked alongside our SGO, who put us in touch with competitions, events and festivals that are happening within our local area. The SGO also helped us form links with partner schools close by. This meant we could share resources,, facilities and equipment.

The Gold School Games Mark also requires achieving certain criteria. The criteria involves delivering 'active minutes' outside of PE lessons, running intra school competitions, engaging with parents and using the Commonwealth Games to inspire our pupils in sport.

### ***What it means to the students?***

Being involved in bowling, boccia and curling competitions

Having class football & handball competitions

Completing 'Daily Miles' every day

Wearing MOKI bands to see how many steps and minutes of vigorous physical activity they are doing

Taking part in a whole school sports day by using Queensbridge and Bishop Challoner's playing field

Having their parents watch them take part in sports day

Going to the gym to complete health related fitness activities

Going to Highbury Park to complete orienteering activities

Going to Shirley Golf Club for lessons

Completing projects using the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay learning resources

Being nominated as a Commonwealth Games Baton Bearers for the Queens Baton Relay

Receiving Commonwealth Games 'Bring the Power' certificates at sports day

Having swimming lessons next academic year

*Mr Jones*

*PE Co-ordinator*

## Harewood residential to Macaroni

### Woods



I made my own pizza.  
I spent most of the time outdoors  
with my friends.  
I also loved riding the bikes and  
exploring Macaroni Woods.



I ordered McDonalds all by my-  
self.  
I made my own pizza and break-  
fast.  
I enjoyed feeding the animals and



I made my own pizza and breakfast.  
I enjoyed playing the drums and making  
music.  
I also loved exploring the forest, riding  
the bikes and the zip wire.



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## Russell Road Reflections

This year has been a great year at Russell Road, we have been able to start getting back to some normality and the students have been able to refocus on developing their life skills, independence, communication skills and social skills. They have increased in both their confidence and independence and it has been a joy to see them progress and develop in so many different ways.

Students have also been able to get out and about in the community again, they have been to the theatre, cafes, art shows, bowling and many other places within the local area and even further afield – including very successful residential, which every student who participated fully enjoyed!

We also managed to hold events for parents and the local community to attend – including the students planning, preparing and hosting a Jubilee party and started to engage in external work-related learning opportunities, with students experiencing working at a local stable, community gardens and the local Lions charity, as well our onsite activities to develop skills for the future.

Overall it has been a wonderful year and I look forward to the new academic year and the exciting opportunities that the students will access.

We wish the students leaving us this Summer the very best for the future, you will be missed!

Lisa Williams

Assistant Headteacher



## KS5E Residential to Frank Chapman

Students from KS5E really enjoyed taking part in the residential visit to Frank Chapman. They took part in a variety of activities including crate stacking, orienteering and focussing on developing life skills.



# Reflections

On the 4th July KS5M went on their residential to Frank Chapman in Bewdley.

KS5M took part in lots of different activities, including archery, tree climbing, marshmallow toasting, woodlands walk and the Safari Park.

At night we visited a local Wetherspoons and had fish and chips on the waterfront!



Being in a new place overnight has been a pleasure. It's a whole new world for us all to experience.

-Stefan



My favorite part of the residential was toasting marshmallows at the campfire.

-Nimra



I enjoyed the freedom we had on the residential. We could stay up late!

-Connor

The residential was extremely fun. I really enjoyed toasting marshmallows on the fire as it was relaxing!

-Jack



## Changes in rules for Universal Credit Claims by disabled young people

Some parents may have heard about the changes that have been made by the government to Universal Credit for young people ( 16+) who are still in education.

Under the new rules, it states **that *any young person who is 'receiving education' is not eligible for Universal Credit*** – however, according to the information shared by Contact a Family, there are some exemptions to these rules that are relevant for our students and their families when making Universal Credit claims.

The rules and exemptions for these claims can be really confusing, however Contact a Family has provided some key points in regards to the new eligibility and there are exemptions that would mean our students may be eligible still – even under the new rules.

The main exemption that applies to our students is that –

*Disabled students who get Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP), but only if they have also established a limited capability for work before they started receiving education **are able to claim.***

Support agency Contact a Family also advises that due to the changes in eligibility for Universal Credit, when your child turns 16, you make a 'credits only' claim for new style Employment and Support Allowance. This forces the DWP to carry out a work capability assessment, which could establish in advance that your child has 'a limited capability for work- and work-related activity' (LCWRA).

They advise that in reality the claim for ESA will not be successful as your son or daughter will not have paid any national insurance contributions in, however what it will do is establish a LCWRA for your son or daughter and this will stay on the system until your son or daughter claims once more when they are 19 years old.

Further information can be found here –

<https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/benefits-financial-help/benefits-and-tax-credits/universal-credit/universal-credit-for-young-people/>

**Note: If your child does get Universal Credit in their own right, any benefits that you receive for them as a dependent child, such as Child Benefit or tax credits, will stop.**

**Before claiming Universal Credit for a child aged 16-19 in education, get advice. Make sure that you will not be worse off as a household.**

***Thank you to Mrs Henessy for sharing the link from Contact a Family providing details of these changes.***

# Jubilee Celebrations



We had some lovely Jubilee celebrations across our three sites, Woodlands, Chamberlain and Russell Road and it was lovely to see so many parents come along to celebrate with us. Here are some pictures of our Jubilee picnic held at Woodlands.



# Staff leavers and New Staff

The end of the Academic year always brings changes in staff. This year is no exception. We welcome our new colleagues and wish all our parting colleagues the best on their onwards journeys.

## Lizi Snushall

Lizi has been part of the fabric of Uffculme for over 25 years and had a huge impact on the students and families she has supported. She probably should have her own page of accomplishments and farewells but we wouldn't have the space to fit it all in. She has helped many staff develop their practice as teachers and as communicators. Lizi is retiring after dedicating much of her working life to the students of Uffculme. We wish her well as she scales mountains, cycles through jungles and swims oceans. She will be missed.

## Liz Tunstall

Liz has been an integral part of the development of the English provision at Chamberlain site. Her support for students with Specific Learning Difficulties has been vital to their success. Liz' next step is to move into adults literacy. We have no doubt she will have the same impact and enthusiasm that she does for students at Uffculme.

## Cerina Holland

Cerina has developed the Science curriculum for KS3 and KS4. Her exciting lessons include bangs, pops, fizzes and whirrs. All without setting off any fire alarms :) Cerina is now making another attempt at retirement. She hopes to spend time with her grand-children, no doubt keeping them busy with more inspirational experiments

## Claire Warner

Claire came to Uffculme as a Teaching Assistant. She was supported to complete her teaching qualifications at Uffculme and grew to become an amazing teacher. Claire has returned to Thailand to continue her teaching career. We are already planning overseas partnerships!

## Iftikhar Ahmed

Iftikhar will be taking a sabbatical to teach overseas for the next twelve months. He hopes to develop his teaching practice during this time and will return in Sept 2023 to continue his journey with Uffculme. He will be back! His classroom seat will be kept warm for him ...

## Ed Sutton

Earlier this year, Ed and his wife had a beautiful baby. Ed is wisely taking a role closer to home so he can spend more time with them both. He has been a valued member of the Woodlands team and has support students with a variety of needs across the site.

## Teresa Wellings

Teresa is a long standing member of the Uffculme community. Her empathy enables her to build a close rapport with students and as a result she made a huge impact on their lives and the lives of the families. Teresa is off to enjoy her retirement!

## Tamara Collins

Tamara has made a huge impact during her time at Russell Road. She is very popular with students and staff alike and will be missed. We wish her luck on her next career step.

## New Staff

Lewis Kirk will be joining us at Deputy Head Teacher for Secondary and Post 16. Samantha Rowley, Taffimai Long, Anna Smith, Tom Jones, Ruth Mann will be joining the teaching staff. We also have 12 Teaching Assistants joining us in September!

I'm delighted to be joining the school in September and, whilst I am a little nervous about starting a new job, the little I have already learned about the Uffculme community tells me that it will be a very friendly and welcoming place to be. I look forward to getting to know you all then. Have a great summer! Taffimai Long

My name is Anna Smith and I will be coming to join you as a key stage 4 class teacher in September. I'm really looking forward to joining the Uffculme family and being a part of your fantastic school, so please say hi if you see me looking lost.

## School info

Parents, especially those with primary age children, will be aware that it has been a difficult year on our Woodlands site, which has faced the challenges of: failed electrics, a major red diesel leak and multiple boiler issues. However, on a more positive note, Woodpeckers classroom has now been refurbished and there are a number of significant projects taking place over the summer holidays to further improve our facilities.

At Woodlands, the gates are going to be upgraded to improve security and safety on site. Following the classroom refurbishments in Foundation Stage last summer, the toilet area is going to be refurbished.

The Local Authority will also start works to replace the very old boilers. It is also hoped that, following the fuel leak, further work to decontaminate the car park and Forest School will take place over the break.

At Chamberlain, three new temporary classrooms are being installed to support the growing numbers of students, perimeter fencing is being replaced and a number of areas will be redecorated.

Roz Marston, Strategic Business Manager

## School Contact Details

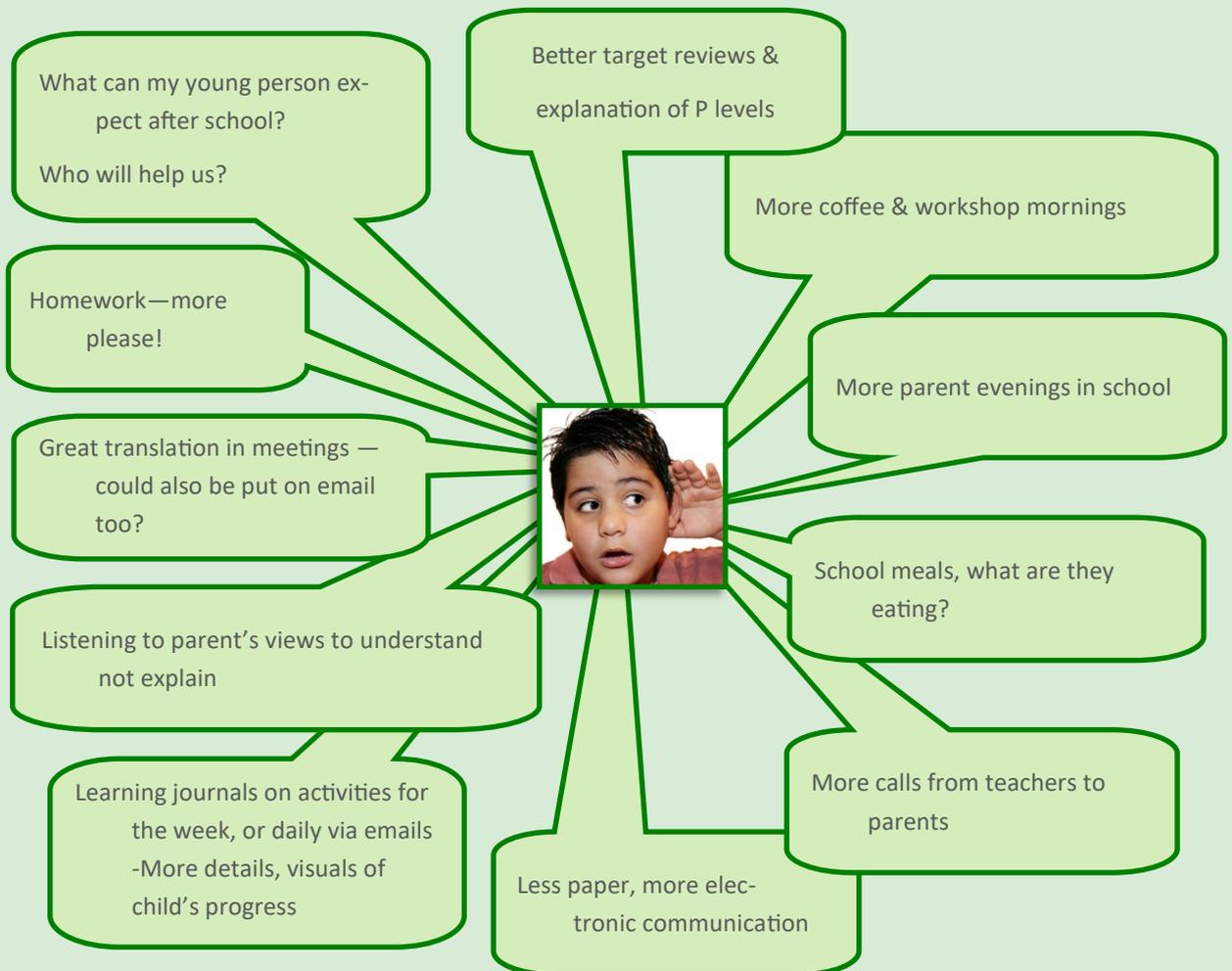
Phone: 0121 464 9634

E-mail: [enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk)

<b>Woodlands</b>	<b>Chamberlain</b>	<b>Russell Road</b>
Primary Site	Secondary Site	Post 16 Site
Queensbridge Road	2 Yew Tree Road	40 Russell Road
Moseley	Moseley	Moseley
Birmingham	Birmingham	Birmingham
B13 8QB	B13 8QG	B13 8RE

## Parent Workshop Feedback

In early Summer Term, we hosted 'Meet the Headteacher' coffee mornings across the sites. The aim of this was to get together after a long absence from school, and to talk about how we could better communicate with parents and carers.



### Coffee mornings for 2022– 23

These coffee mornings will be opportunities to get together with other parents and talk about key issues affecting your child/young person and you! Agendas and meeting topics published closer to the date.

Woodlands—29/11, 31/1, 22/3, 2/5, 13/6

Chamberlain— 30/11, 1/2, 23/3, 3/5, 14/6

Russell Road— 23/9, 2/12, 3/2, 24/3, 5/5, 8/7

### Meet the Headteacher:

In person: 22 Sept, 19 Jan, 27th Apr at 10:30 - 12pm

Teams Meetings: 6:00—7:30

22nd Sept Meeting ID: 378 107 622 465 Passcode: NnBQmp

19th Jan Meeting ID: 340 288 429 393 Passcode: 26EgfV

27 April Meeting ID: 340 387 706 249 Passcode: p2GFSf

## Home to School Transport

### Applications

Please note that Uffculme School does not manage the Home to School Transport agreements. This is done by the Local Authority. It may be that your request for Transport may not be approved by the Local Authority. If this is the case, you will need to raise your concerns to them through appeal.

Home to School Transport applications are now completed online:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/xfp/form/902> (link on school website)

### Queries, Issues or Complaints

If you have any queries with regard to your child's transport these should be directed to Travel Assist using either of the following contact methods:

Tel: 0121 303 4955, Option 3 then Option 2

Email: [travelassist@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:travelassist@birmingham.gov.uk)

If a bus is late to pick up or drop off your child please contact your transport contractor:

Primary Routes UFP01 - UFP08, All Secondary and Post-16 Routes UFC01, UFC03 & UFC04:  
Contact National Express Accessible Transport (NEAT) on 0333 241 2745.

Primary Routes UFP09 - UFP13:

Contract Green Destinations on 0121 553 3369, 07737 024 090 or by WhatsApp on 07534 927837.

Primary Routes UFP04 & UFP05 will be run by Green Destinations on a temporary basis from 16.11.2021.

Post-16 Route UFP02 will be run by Green Destinations on a temporary basis from 22.11.2021.

Please note that if the school is made aware of any delays to transport a text message will be sent to parents/carers.

### Transport Updates

Updates from Birmingham City Council regarding transport can be found here: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/home-to-school-transport/home-to-school-transport-news/> (link on school website).

If school is made aware of any delays to transport a text message will be sent to parents.

## School Meals

When your child first starts at Uffculme School, we ask what their meal booking pattern will be. Over time, your child's requirements may change. If you would like to change your child's meal booking pattern please email [enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk) and include the following information:

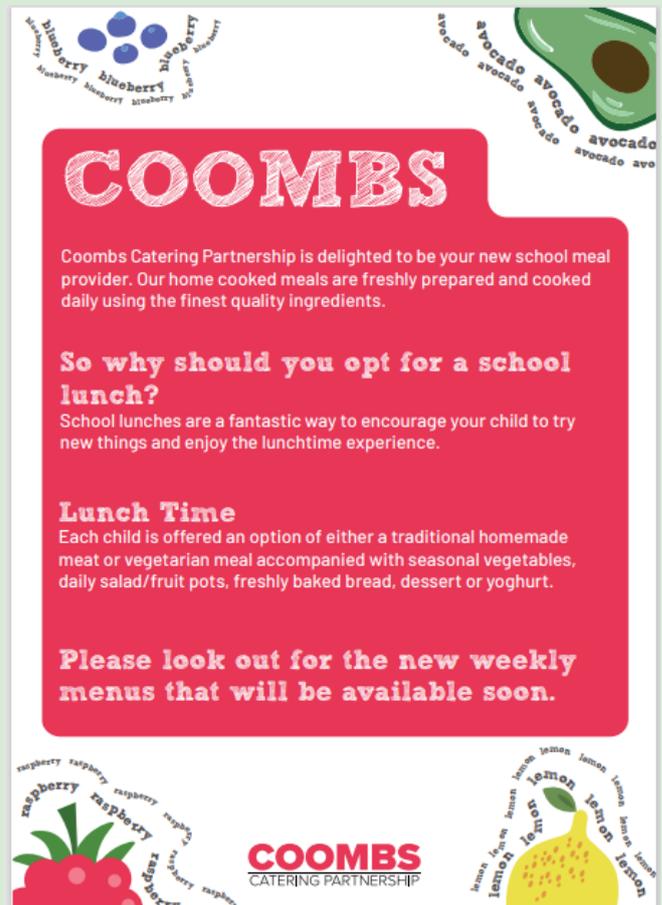
- Your child's name
- The new meal booking pattern for each day
- The date you would like this to start from (please allow 24 hours' notice for any changes)

All payments for school meals must be made on ParentPay **in advance**. If you require any support with ParentPay or require your activation details, please contact the school office.

If your child may be eligible for free school meals you can complete an online check: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham> (link on school website). You will receive an instant decision and the school will also be notified of the outcome by email. You only need to apply once, if your eligibility changes since the initial application school will be notified automatically.

Children in reception class that are of compulsory school age, until the end of year 2 are currently entitled to universal free school meals. When your child moves into year 3 you will be charged for school meals unless your child is eligible for free school meals or you make any changes to your child's meal booking pattern before then.

If you have any queries regarding school meals, please contact the school office.



The flyer features a central red box with white text. At the top, the word 'COOMBS' is written in a large, white, hand-drawn font. Below it, a smaller white font reads: 'Coombs Catering Partnership is delighted to be your new school meal provider. Our home cooked meals are freshly prepared and cooked daily using the finest quality ingredients.' The next section is titled 'So why should you opt for a school lunch?' in white, followed by the text: 'School lunches are a fantastic way to encourage your child to try new things and enjoy the lunchtime experience.' The 'Lunch Time' section is also in white, stating: 'Each child is offered an option of either a traditional homemade meat or vegetarian meal accompanied with seasonal vegetables, daily salad/fruit pots, freshly baked bread, dessert or yoghurt.' The final section says: 'Please look out for the new weekly menus that will be available soon.' The flyer is decorated with circular patterns of fruit names: raspberries at the top left, avocados at the top right, and lemons at the bottom right. The COOMBS CATERING PARTNERSHIP logo is at the bottom center.

# School Governors

We are very happy to welcome Neil Drury and Maria Jennings to the School Governing Body. We continue to have vacancies for co-opted Governors and Parent Governors. Parent Governor Elections will go ahead in September.

## **Annual statement from Governors**

John Garrett—Chair of Governors

Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish all those children that are leaving the school, and their families the very best for the future, to thank all the staff at Uffculme for their hard work and dedication, and to say a little bit about the work of the governing body ahead of the next academic year.

The role of governors.

The governing body is made up of parent representatives, the headteacher and a staff representative, alongside volunteers from the community. The governing body forms an important part of school governance. The governing body are responsible for:

- Developing a vision and strategy for the school
- Overseeing financial performance and making sure money is well spent
- Holding the school leader to account

We are not responsible for the day to day running of the school which lies with the headteacher and her team.

We meet as a full governing board six times a year.

We will be holding elections for parent governors early in the Autumn term and hope that some of you will feel able to consider joining us.

Looking forward.

The number of children seeking a place at Uffculme continues to grow, including those with complex needs, reflecting both the good reputation of the school and a growing need for special education. The governors support a long-term strategy for the school that seeks to increase the number of school places, meeting the individual needs of all pupils through an enriched curriculum that supports both academic and personal development.

We are conscious that the buildings and facilities at Uffculme are not all in good condition and do not provide the best environment for learning. Governors have prioritized site surveys and physical improvements to the school. The school has been supported by the Council and improvements made, but a great deal remains to be done. This will remain a priority for next year.

The school manages its finances well and this has enabled governors to support additional investment in improvements from the school budget. We have set a budget for 2022/23 which will enable the school to maintain staffing levels whilst investing in training and development and improved facilities.

Although governor attendance at meetings is good we are very conscious that there are not enough of us and we have not spent enough time in school observing and seeking feedback from staff or parents. We intend to make sure we spend more time in school next year and we look forward to meeting some of you then.

## **Safeguarding Governor—Kate Taylor**

This year I have taken on the important role of Safeguarding Governor. This means I check that the many measures used to ensure the school is run safely for everyone are all working well. I conducted a visit earlier in the year and was really pleased to see that all the correct procedures are in place for safeguarding staff and children and that all the paperwork is up to date and easily accessible. During meetings I have been able to see that some improvements have been made to safeguarding procedures, for staff and children, and I am confident that these will have a positive impact. In the coming year I would like to visit school and talk to children to ask them about whether they feel safe in school and if there is anything they would like governors to do to support them. I would also like to ensure parents are aware of the many measures school undertakes to keep children safe and again speak to them to see how governors can support them.

## Term Dates

**Inset Days**      Monday 5th September

                                 Tuesday 6th September

3x INSET Days—to be confirmed

### Autumn Term 2022

**Autumn 1:** Starts Monday 5th September 2022

**Autumn 1:** Ends Friday 21st October 2022

**Half Term:** Monday 24th October 2022 – Friday 28th October 2022

**Autumn 2:** Starts Monday 31st October 2022

**Autumn 2:** Ends Friday 16th December 2022

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### Spring Term 2023

**Spring 1:** Starts Tuesday 3rd January 2023

**Spring 1:** Ends Friday 17th February 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 20th February 2023 – Friday 24th February 2023

**Spring 2:** Starts Monday 27th February 2023

**Spring 2:** Ends Friday 31st March 2023

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### Summer Term 2023

**Summer 1:** Starts Monday 17th April 2023

**Summer 1:** Ends Friday 26th May 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023

**Summer 2:** Starts Monday 5th June 2023

**Summer 2:** Ends Friday 25th July 2023

## Birmingham SEND Survey

### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEY OF SEND SERVICES – HAVE YOUR SAY

As part of our work to improve the SEND service offering in Birmingham, we are asking children and young people with additional needs about their experiences of SEND services.

**Tell us what you think about SEND services in Birmingham to be in with a chance of winning one of 4 £20 shopping vouchers**

*Have your say on improving SEND services and support*

#### **Are you aged 12 to 29?**

Do you have any type of Additional Need or Disability?

What are your experiences of support for this in Birmingham?

What support has worked well for you?

What support hasn't worked well for you?

What else could have helped?

If interested, please fill in the 5 minute survey!

This is for Young People with Additional Needs aged 12 to 29 in Birmingham. Parents and Carers are welcome to help the young person complete it.

If you need help, please contact Rowan and [SENDImpComm@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:SENDImpComm@birmingham.gov.uk).

The survey will close on Friday 9 September. The links are

<https://forms.office.com/r/X1mxxNNPdB> (Ages 12-18)

<https://forms.office.com/r/F5E0pKzE80> (Ages 18+)

Have your say on SEND services



## SEND Art Competition – What are you like?

We are running an art competition over the summer holiday to get children and young people with additional needs in the creative mood and showcasing their lives.

We are looking for images created by children and young people of themselves, their families, their friends and their interests. **We want to include a selection on the SEND Local Offer over the next year, so that the website shows the creative talents of our children and young people in Birmingham, and also a reflection of what they get up to.**

The competition will run from now until **16th September** and will be organised in the following age categories:

Age 0-7, Age 8-13, Age 14+

We are looking for images (drawings, paintings, collage, computer generated etc. however they wish to create) on the following subjects:

- *Me and my favourite games*
- *Me and my schoolwork*
- *Me and my family*
- *Me and my friends*
- *My journey to school*
- *Me and my additional need*

*Me living my best life*



There will be **voucher prizes** in each category. A child or young person may enter as many categories as they wish.

Please email entries to: [info@localofferbirmingham.co.uk](mailto:info@localofferbirmingham.co.uk), or post to PO Box 16289, Birmingham, B2 2XN - please mark the envelope SEND Art Competition

Please label each drawing with the child or young person's name and age and please include contact details if you wish the artwork to be entered into the competition. We will not be able to return artwork and will label any submissions we use on the website and social media using only the child or young person's first name and age.

The SEND Local Offer  
website - support,  
information & advice  
for SEND, all in  
one place

[www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk)



## Relaxed Commonwealth Games

Come and join us on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July** 12pm-8pm and/or **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July** 11am-7pm for Sense TouchBase Pears Festival Site as part of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games!

On 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July, the Relaxed Festival Live Site at Sense Touchbase Pears will be a joyous, welcoming Games experience for everyone. Our inclusive sports and arts programme will allow everyone to be their authentic selves, offering an opportunity to learn and try new things. Come and visit us for an engaging and enriching couple of days, focusing on people's senses; great smelling food, familiar sounds, and friendly faces! The Relaxed Festival Site will connect anyone who identifies as disabled, neurodivergent or has specific access needs, to the Games in a way they never would have done so before!

The Birmingham 2022 Festival Sites are free to enter Festival Sites, happening in the City Centre and across city Neighbourhoods, where sports and culture go hand in hand providing you with access to enjoy big screen sporting action, innovative digital and live cultural content, food and drink in a festival atmosphere.

Across the Friday and Saturday, there will be a range of inclusive and accessible arts, sports and cultural activities for you to try. You can book places at these activities using the links at the bottom of this email.

There will also be big TV's screening live Games events, relaxing spaces, comfy seating, dimmed lighting, the accessible venue as a whole and communication and access support available. Access will include BSL and Tactile interpretation, Audio Description, Objects of Reference and Easy Read information. We're ensuring that the whole community can come together to enjoy the Commonwealth Games in whatever way they want to!

To be involved in this once in a lifetime opportunity, please click the following link, providing an overview of all Arts and Sports activities available on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July**:

[Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games - Sense](#)

All activities will fall into one of three timeslots. For reference and ease, here are links to individual bookable timeslots:

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

[12pm - 2pm](#)

[3pm - 5pm](#)

[6pm - 8pm](#)

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

[11am - 1pm](#)

[2pm - 4pm](#)

[5pm - 7pm](#)



There will be facilitators, STBP staff and volunteers to support activities throughout the whole event, to make sure your experience has the best level of access required, and to ensure your visit is as relaxed as possible! If you have any questions prior to your visit, please contact [asw@sense.org.uk](mailto:asw@sense.org.uk).

## KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

### ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

### DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

**YO!** Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

### HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

### IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

### BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

### DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

### CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

### MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.



## Alvechurch Football Club



### Ability Counts Sessions

Alvechurch Football Club are proud to be hosting Ability Count Sessions. These sessions are held for those with conditions ranging from Mild learning difficulties to physical disabilities. These sessions are also FREE of charge.

**Date:** Every Friday

**Time:** 5pm onwards

**Venue:** The Hayes Sports Field, Redhill Road, B38 8LP

(Entrance adjacent to Birmingham City training facility - West Hills)

**Age Range:** 5 year olds - 13 year olds

These sessions will be held on a brand new state-of-the-art 3G astroturf at the Hayes.

For further enquiries and to get in touch, please contact the Head of Disability: **Matt Clarson**  
([mattclarson1@gmail.com](mailto:mattclarson1@gmail.com))

YOU'RE WELCOME!  
KHARNIVAL!

Kings Heath Action for Refugees are back with our community carnival fundraiser, celebrating those who make Birmingham their home.

An afternoon of music, food, craft, games workshops and more.

SUNDAY 17TH JULY

Join us at  
Highbury Orchard  
and Mansion  
B13 8QG  
12-5pm



# TASTER DAY

with Open Theatre and Freefall Dance



**Are you interested in theatre and ballet? Aged over 16?  
Would you like to try out a FREE taster day with professional artists?**

**WHEN?** Monday 25th July 2022, 10am - 4pm

**WHERE?** Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre, Thorp Street, Southside,  
Birmingham, B5 4TB

**HOW?** To book your place, email [hannah@opentheatre.co.uk](mailto:hannah@opentheatre.co.uk)



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