



# The Moggy Messenger

A little school with big ideas

Issue No 8 Friday 11th February 2022



## Message from our Executive Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are already very close to finishing for another half term. As always, all the children have been putting in so much effort in their lessons and showing **high standards** of behaviour and **kindness**, and demonstrating our school values of **determination, excellence, courage** and **inspiration**.

Now that restrictions have eased, you may have noticed that we have been able to arrange lots of exciting **trips, events** and **sports** occasions for the **children**. It is wonderful to be able to finally give the children extra experiences beyond the classroom.

We have had some wonderful new Moggies clubs starting up, including a **Gardening Club**, which is run by one of our pupil's grandparent. We are so grateful that they are volunteering and giving up their valuable time to run this after school. The children have already taken part in some brilliant activities, including making their own **bug hotel**, taking **seeds** from a **sunflower** and planting them, and **designing** a **garden**. We look forward to seeing what the children achieve in the coming weeks.



Children in **Owls** class were lucky enough to visit **The British Schools Museum** in Hitchin last week. Please see some photographs later on in this edition.

**Owls** class have also completed their **Bikeability** course while the children in **Kites** class took part in their **course** this week. They all gained vital on-road experience with the safety of the instructors accompanying them.

We also have the **Faith Tour** visit coming up at the beginning of March for **Owls** and **Kites** classes, which will enhance their knowledge of three different faiths.

**Swimming** for **Owls** and **Kites** classes will also be starting this Spring, which is wonderful as they have not been able to take part for the last two years.



**Early Years** will have a visit from a **fire engine** and some **firefighters** in the Spring term, which they are all very much looking forward to.

**Woodpeckers** have a very exciting **workshop** coming up, which involves a **visitor** linked to their **topic**. This will be a fully immersive experience and will send more details about this in due course. Now that Covid-19 restrictions are lifting, we are also looking forward to organising some off-site school trips for Chicks, Robins and Woodpeckers.

### Self-Isolation

I am sure that you will be aware that the **rules** regarding **self-isolation** have recently **changed**.

Staff and children who test positive for Covid-19 now only need to self-isolate for 7 days. If they test negative using an LFD on days 6 and 7 (tests must be 24 hours apart), then they can return to school or work, as long as they have no further symptoms and feel well enough.

If they do continue to have symptoms, or are testing positive on an LFD test, the full 10 days self-isolation must continue. Anyone who has had close proximity to a positive case, and is double-vaccinated, no longer has to self-isolate. You are advised, however, to carry out LFD tests on days 1, 4 and 7.

As of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and you test positive on an LFD, you are **no longer required** to take a **PCR** to confirm you have Covid.

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## Guide Dogs/Assistance Dogs

Please be aware that only **guide dogs** or **assistance dogs** are allowed onto our school site. One of our families has an assistance dog and, therefore, they will be able to bring the dog on to the school site when picking up and dropping off their child. You will be fully aware of who the dog is, as it will be wearing a specific coat and lead.



Our policy regarding all other dogs on site still remains the same and they should remain off the site at the school gate, if you need to bring them to drop off or pick up your child(ren).

## Trees - The Crescent

Please can I ask that you **do not allow** your son/daughter to **bounce** on, or **climb**, the **trees** in **The Crescent**. We have had a few complaints from local residents who are concerned that the branches will be broken off but, more importantly, that a child is going to be injured. Please can we ask you to support us by ensuring this does not happen, we do not want any child to be injured.

## Uniform Policy

Please be aware we **do not** allow **earrings** or any other **jewellery** to be worn in school, other than a wrist watch if you child would like to. A copy of our policy is on the website.

I hope you have a **wonderful half term** and we look forward to seeing all year groups back to school on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**.



Miss K Hayward  
Executive Principal

## Moggerhanger Football Star

Well done to **Adrian** who has started playing football for an elite team!!

He plays for **DW Soccer School** and also plays for **Sandy FC**. This is an amazing achievement—well done and keep up the good work!!



## General Notices

We would like to remind you that **earrings** are not part of our uniform policy, and we ask that children do not wear them, for safety reasons. Children are able to wear a watch, if they would like.

**Forest School** is now weekly on a **Thursday** for **Chicks**, **Robins** and **Woodpeckers**, with **Kites** and **Owls** on a **Friday**. Please provide wellies and waterproofs to go over their uniform.

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The **SNAP Parent Carer Forum** (SNAP PCF) have compiled a survey to understand more about the experiences of **SEND families** in 2021, to help inform and improve local services. It provides an opportunity for families to feedback on what can be improved, as well as their positive experiences.

**SNAP PCF** is an independent forum of parents and carers of **SEND children** in Central Bedfordshire and feedback will be shared with Central Bedfordshire Council, The Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Bedfordshire Community Health Services and CAMH/CHUMS, as well as SNAP members.

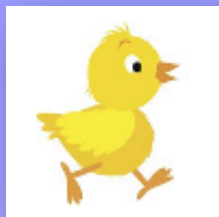
[Parents and carers can access the survey here, or by visiting \[www.snappcf.org.uk\]\(http://www.snappcf.org.uk\)](#). Responses will be processed confidentially and only group data will be made available. Further information about SNAP PCF is available at [www.snappcf.org.uk](http://www.snappcf.org.uk).

Thank you.

**School Readiness and Childcare Team**  
**Early Years**  
0-12's Family Service  
Children's Services

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## Chicks Class

What a fantastic week the Chicks and Robins have had celebrating the Chinese New Year to welcome the Year of the Tiger!

The children have learnt why and when the Chinese New Year is celebrated and have enjoyed making lanterns, tiger masks and participating in dragon dancing and making music. The classrooms are now decorated with very creative tigers, paper lanterns and a very colourful dragon!



## Kites Class

This week in our Science lessons, Kites class learnt about how we see different colours.

We investigated sorting some Skittles sweets with different coloured filters over our eyes and saw how some colours looked the same, as different colours of light were allowed through, or absorbed, through the filters.





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## Owls Class

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in Owls class! Last week, some of the children completed the Bikeability programme (please see photographs on the next page).

More recently, Owls had a fantastic school trip to the British Schools Museum in Hitchin. This visit was a great way for us to consolidate our learning in our ongoing Victorians topic and also to experience what life would have been like for children in the Victorian era!

We began with a lesson in a Victorian classroom, complete with a strict teacher and Victorian costumes for the children to wear! The lesson covered all of the '3 Rs' (reading, writing and arithmetic); the children read from a typical Victorian school book, learnt about Victorian units of money and wrote on slate boards, and then practised their handwriting, using a feathered pen!

After a short break, we were able to explore the Headmaster's House, during which time we were able to see what a typical middle-class Victorian home would have looked like, while our guides told us all about what their daily lives would have been like and explained some of the unfamiliar objects!

After lunch, the children were taught a drill lesson, which was a Victorian style PE lesson. The children all had a wonderful time, they were so engaged and interested in their learning, it really was lovely to see!



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## Information from our local Children's Centre

### Speech & Language Drop-ins

Lisa Mitchell attends Sandy Children's Centre & Biggleswade Youth Centre once a month to meet with families where speech and language may be a concern. Parents/guardians can contact Lisa for more information by emailing [lisa.mitchell26@nhs.net](mailto:lisa.mitchell26@nhs.net) to book an appointment at one of the sessions.

### Parent Puzzle

This year we are running both 4 and 10 week Parent Puzzle courses. This will be aimed for families who have children aged between 3 – 5 years. This is a nurturing parenting course where positive parenting strategies are given to improve family life. If parents/guardians are interested and would like to book a place or would like more information, please contact [Claire.Racher@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.Racher@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) or phone 0300 300 8114.

### Time for Two's

For families who have a 2 year old, we run 5 week sessions for play, have fun and to get ready for Pre-school. For more information and to book a place, contact [Karen.Burton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.Burton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

## G. A National Thank You to teachers, TAs, school teams

During the week of November 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, the "One Show" featured some teachers, teaching assistants and school teams receiving national awards which celebrated their contribution to learning during 2021. The nomination process for 2022 is now under way.

The national Thank A Teacher campaign is open all year round and celebrates ALL staff working in schools. Anyone can send a FREE thank you at any time by visiting [www.thankateacher.co.uk](http://www.thankateacher.co.uk) to arrange a Thank You e-card to be sent to a member of staff.

This thank you e-card can be the springboard to entering the Pearson National Teaching Awards because when a school staff member receives an outstanding Thank You, a Pearson team member will contact the school and invite them to enter the person they have thanked into the Awards where there will be a relevant category.

Another way is to access this link to enter the Awards: [The 2022 Pearson National Teaching Awards - The Pearson National Teaching Awards](#).

Do not hesitate; everyone in school deserves a Thank You.

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## SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SEND

LED BY SARAH CAVENDER &  
DAVID WASHINGTON,  
LEAD SENDCOS AT THE SHARED LEARNING TRUST



24TH FEBRUARY  
4:00PM - 5:15PM



ONLINE

### DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AGED 4 - 16 WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

- Understanding how additional support will benefit your child
- What it means to be on the SEND register

FREE TO JOIN  
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

EMAIL: [CPD@THESHAREDLEARNINGTRUST.ORG.UK](mailto:CPD@THESHAREDLEARNINGTRUST.ORG.UK)



THE  
SHARED  
LEARNING  
TRUST

## SUPPORTING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AT HOME

LED BY JERMAINE BURROUGHS,  
SPECIALIST LEADER OF PE AT THE SHARED LEARNING TRUST



10TH FEBRUARY  
4:00PM - 5:15PM



ONLINE

### DESIGNED FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND (AGED 3-9)

FREE TO JOIN  
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

EMAIL: [CPD@THESHAREDLEARNINGTRUST.ORG.UK](mailto:CPD@THESHAREDLEARNINGTRUST.ORG.UK)



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## February 2022 Goal Keeping Camp By 4 Corner Coaching



**Handling**

**Footwork**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Only** Venue: Eynesbury Rovers FC (Grass) PE10 2SF

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Only** Venue: Sandy Sports Centre (Grass) SG19 1BL  
Time – 9.30am till 12.30pm

Goal Keeping Camp for 7-14 year olds. Places very limited....

**Costs £15 per person.**

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS  
Safeguarding – BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

Contact : Mark – 07419764033 - [mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk](mailto:mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk)

Natasha – 07957980492 - [natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk](mailto:natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk)

[www.4cornercoaching.co.uk](http://www.4cornercoaching.co.uk)



## February 2022 Football By 4 Corner Coaching



**FUN**

**FRIENDS**

**FOOTBALL**

Venue: Sandy Sports Centre (Grass) SG19 1BL

**Tuesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
Time – 9.30am till 12.30pm

**Costs £15 per person per session.**

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS  
Safeguarding – BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

Contact : Mark – 07419764033 - [mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk](mailto:mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk)

Natasha – 07957980492 - [natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk](mailto:natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk)

[www.4cornercoaching.co.uk](http://www.4cornercoaching.co.uk)





## FEBRUARY FOOTBALL CAMP

Join us for our  
Fun Football Camp  
February 15th - 17th 2022  
Pendleton Sports Centre  
Stotfold

Catch Our 10% Early  
Bird Discount



Limited Places  
Available

10% discount for siblings, NHS, Police and Military Personnel

Held at Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold  
Camp drop off 10am, pick up 3pm  
Available to players between the ages of 4-15 years  
Delivered by UEFA B and FA Licenced Coaches

**Book Today:**


Head over to: [www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk](http://www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk)  
Send us an email: [midbedsfutsal@gmail.com](mailto:midbedsfutsal@gmail.com)



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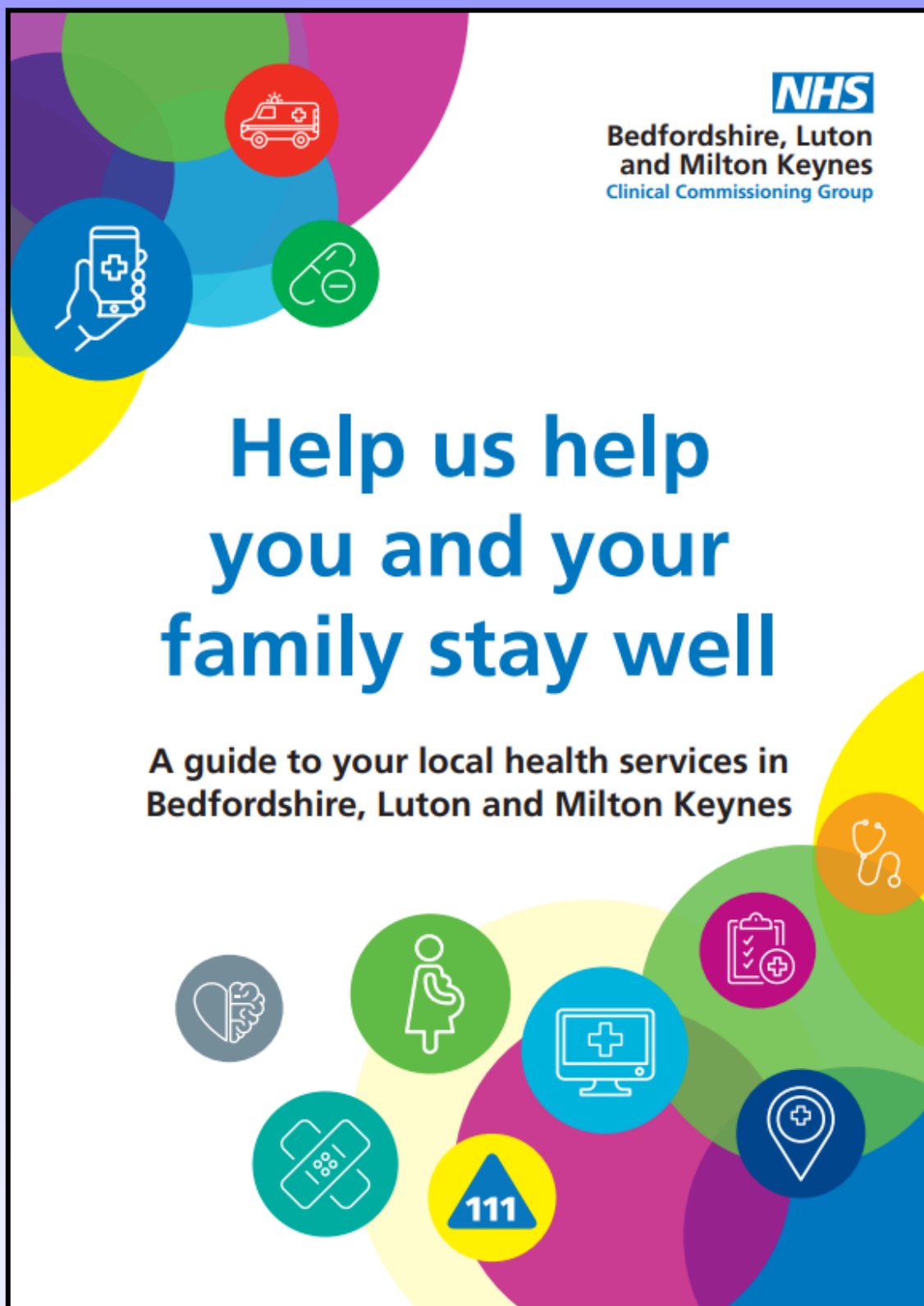
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## Help us help you and your family stay well

A guide to your local health services in  
Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes



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**With all the different ways to access health services, it can be confusing to know the best place to go.**

**Our guide can help you make the right choice.**

## SELF-CARE



**You can treat most minor illnesses and injuries at home.**

Keep your medicine cabinet well-stocked with essentials like pain killers, antihistamine, cold and flu remedies, anti-diarrhoea and indigestion medicine. If you have children, make sure you've got the right medicines according to their age.

## THE NHS APP



**If you have a smart phone or tablet, the NHS app is a secure way to access a range of NHS services.**

To use the app, you must be registered with a GP surgery in England and aged 13 or over. There are many things you can do on the app including:

- Use the NHS symptom checker
- Order your repeat prescriptions
- Get health advice
- See your test results and access other information on your health record
- See your NHS COVID vaccination status.

More information is available at [www.nhs.uk/nhs-app](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app)

## NHS ONLINE – [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

The NHS website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) provides lots of information to help you manage your health and wellbeing. This includes:

### A to Z guide to Health

A guide to health conditions, symptoms and treatments, including what to do and when to get help.

### A to Z guide to Medicines

Find out how your medicine works, how and when to take it, possible side effects and answers to your common questions.

### NHS Services

Find your nearest NHS services, including pharmacies, GPs, dentists and A&E and how to use their services.

### Living Well advice

Advice, tips and tools to help you make the best choices about your health and wellbeing.

### Social care and support guide

If you or someone you know needs help with day-to-day living because of illness or disability, the website explains your options and where you can get support.

### Pregnancy

A guide which includes information about trying for a baby, pregnancy, labour and birth.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Get NHS advice about COVID-19, including symptoms, testing, vaccination and self-isolation.

## PHARMACY



If you're suffering from a cold, cuts and grazes or minor illnesses, your pharmacist will be able to give you remedies, so you don't have to see a GP or nurse.

Your local pharmacist is trained to help you with the safe use of prescription, repeat prescription and over-the-counter medicines. Pharmacies are often open until late and at weekends, and many have a quiet area where you can talk to a pharmacist in private.

## SELF-REFERRAL



There are some services in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes where you can 'self-refer', by contacting the provider directly.

## THE MUSCULOSKELETAL SERVICE (MSK)



If you have joint, muscle or bone problems, such as back, hips, knees, ankles and hands, you can self-refer to the local musculoskeletal (MSK) service. They can diagnose and treat your condition with physiotherapy or may refer you to another specialist medical team.

Your GP can make a referral, or if you live in Bedfordshire or Milton Keynes you can self-refer by visiting:

Bedfordshire: [www.circlehealth.co.uk/integratedcare/msk/phio/](http://www.circlehealth.co.uk/integratedcare/msk/phio/)

Milton Keynes: [www.connecthealth.co.uk/services/milton-keynes/](http://www.connecthealth.co.uk/services/milton-keynes/)  
or call **01908 229432**

## COMMUNITY URGENT EYECARE SERVICES (CUES)



The service provides urgent assessment and treatment for sudden onset eye problems. The following symptoms can be treated:

- Red or painful eye or eyelids
- Recently occurring flashes and floaters
- Recent and sudden loss of vision
- Foreign body in the eye.

This service is not an eye test and is not for people with long standing or major eye conditions that are being regularly monitored by an optometrist or hospital eye service. If you're experiencing contact lens issues, you should discuss these with your optician.

The service is open **7 days a week** between 8am and 8pm.

If you need to contact CUES, call **0800 316 9200**

For more information please visit

[www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/community-urgent-eyecare-service-cues/](http://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/community-urgent-eyecare-service-cues/)



## WELLBEING SERVICE



If you are aged over 18 and are not your usual self, because you feel worried, anxious or depressed about certain issues in your life, you can contact your GP or local wellbeing service. Our local wellbeing services provide a range of free and confidential talking therapies and specialist support to help you to feel better.

Bedfordshire: [www.bedfordshirewellbeingsservice.nhs.uk](http://www.bedfordshirewellbeingsservice.nhs.uk)  
or call **01234 880400**

Luton: [www.totalwellbeingluton.org](http://www.totalwellbeingluton.org)  
or call **0300 555 4152**

Milton Keynes: [www.mktalkingtherapies.nhs.uk](http://www.mktalkingtherapies.nhs.uk)  
or call **01908 725099**

Self-help materials including tips, guides, tools and activities are also available online: [www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/](http://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/)

## LOCAL GP SERVICES



If you've been unwell for more than 48 hours and need medical help, you can book an appointment with a healthcare professional at your GP practice.

When you contact the GP practice, you will be asked a number of questions to help direct you to the healthcare professional best suited for your health care needs.

GP practices provide many ways you can access their services including online consultations, telephone, video and face-to-face appointments.

If you have the NHS app you can use this to access some of the services available from your GP practice.

If you need a routine appointment in the evening or weekend, your practice may be able to book an appointment for you using Extended Access Services (these are appointments outside of normal surgery hours).

## NHS111



You can call **NHS111** for help with an urgent medical problem.

You can contact the NHS111 service online at **www.111.nhs.uk** or you can call **111**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Your symptoms will be assessed and you will be provided with healthcare advice. This may include:

- Self-care
- Visiting a pharmacy
- Contacting your GP practice
- Contacting an urgent treatment or walk-in centre
- Going to A&E.

If needed, NHS111 can also send an ambulance, or where available can also book appointment times to some services.

## LOCAL URGENT CARE SERVICES



If you are very unwell and have an illness or an injury that requires urgent attention, but it's **not an emergency** (an emergency is when it is life-threatening), NHS111 can make you an appointment at a local urgent treatment centre (UTC) or you can use a walk-in centre (WiC).

### Bedford UTC

Bedford Hospital  
(Cauldwell Centre)  
Kempston Road  
MK42 9DJ

### Service available:

11am to 11pm  
365 days a year  
(Appointments available via NHS111 if clinically appropriate)



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## **Putnoe walk-in centre**

93 Queens Drive  
Putnoe  
Bedford  
MK41 9JE

Monday to Friday  
8am to 2pm

Weekends and bank holidays  
8am to 5pm

## **Luton UTC**

Town Centre GP Surgery  
14-16 Chapel Street  
Luton  
Bedfordshire  
LU1 2SE

Every day (including weekends and  
bank holidays)

**8am to 8pm**

Doors close at 6pm daily, after 6pm  
access is via NHS111  
appointment only

## **Milton Keynes UCC**

Milton Keynes Hospital  
Standing Way  
Eaglestone  
Milton Keynes  
MK6 5NG

**Open 24 hours a day**

(Appointments available via NHS111  
if clinically appropriate)



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## MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS



If you are currently experiencing a mental health crisis or supporting someone in crisis and need urgent help, 24-hour support is available every day for adults, children or young people.

BLMK Mind Crisis Café (Adults 18+): Call **01525 722225**  
(5pm to 11pm, 365 days a year)

Bedfordshire and Luton: call **111** and select **option 2**

Milton Keynes: call **111** or **0800 023 4650** for out of hours crisis support.

## PREGNANCY AND MATERNITY SERVICES



Our local hospitals and community midwives provide a range of services to support you through your pregnancy and birth.

You can refer yourself directly to maternity services through the hospital website using an online form. Alternatively, you can contact a midwife through your GP practice. It is important that you contact the service as soon as you find out you're pregnant to make sure you get all the information and support you need to have a healthy pregnancy. Your first appointment with a midwife should happen before you're 10 weeks pregnant.

If you need to contact the maternity services in an emergency, please call:




Bedford Hospital triage line: **01234 795805**

Luton and Dunstable Hospital triage line: **01582 502285**

Milton Keynes University Hospital Labour ward: **01908 996471**

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<b>ADVICE FOR PARENTS</b>		As a parent you have great instincts, please do use them.		If you feel that your child is unwell, or you are unable to care for them, seek medical help. This could be your local pharmacist, NHS111, GP, an urgent treatment centre (UTC) or A&E.	
<b>Signs relating to:</b>					
<b>Appearance</b>		<b>Breathing/Chest</b>	<b>Hydration</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal skin, lips and tongue colour</li> <li>Responding normally/still smiling</li> <li>Stays awake or wakes up easily</li> <li>Normal cry or strong cry</li> <li>Mild pain e.g. earache, tummy ache</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child becoming worse/parents more concerned</li> <li>Less activity/more sleepy than usual</li> <li>Change in normal behaviour/not acting in usual manner</li> <li>Irritable/no smile</li> <li>Pain e.g. persistent severe earache, severe tummy ache - seek advice</li> <li>Mild/moderate allergic reaction - seek advice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breathing normally with no wheeze</li> <li>Mild cough or runny nose without affecting breathing</li> <li>Noisy breathing/wheezy/fast breathing/nasal 'flaring'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baby feeding/child drinking as normal or slightly reduced</li> <li>Sick, but drinking and keeping most fluids down</li> <li>Diarrhoea for less than 2 days</li> <li>Passing urine, normal colour or slightly darker than usual</li> <li>Drinking less than half of usual amounts/vomiting most feeds</li> <li>Less wet nappies than usual/less urine or darker concentrated urine</li> <li>For babies under 1 year - sick more than 3 times in 24 hours, diarrhoea 6 times in 24 hours</li> <li>For children 1 and over - diarrhoea for longer than 2 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mild temperature raised up to 38°C (101° F) but controlled if paracetamol is given. Seek advice if temperature continues for 3-5 days</li> </ul>	<b>GREEN - CARE AT HOME</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your local pharmacist or NHS111 can give advice</li> <li>Check <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a></li> <li>Consider paracetamol</li> <li>Encourage rest and drinks, even if only in small amounts</li> </ul>
					<b>AMBER - GP/NHS111</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone your GP for advice and decision - this may be by telephone/video or face to face</li> <li>Call GP/NHS111 if concerned</li> <li>If worried, always seek advice</li> </ul>
					<b>RED - URGENT HELP REQUIRED</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take your child to your nearest A&amp;E department</li> <li>CALL 999 FOR BREATHING DIFFICULTIES OR A NON-BLANCHING RASH (rash that does not fade and lose colour under pressure - glass test)/COLLAPSE</li> </ul>

## EMERGENCY SERVICES – AMBULANCE AND A&E



Emergency services should only be used for life-threatening illnesses or accidents which require immediate, intensive treatment.

In an emergency you should ring the ambulance service (**via 999**) or go to the hospital's Accident and Emergency (A&E) department.

If it's not life-threatening or an emergency, please use the other options available to you.

**Vaccines are the most effective way to prevent infectious diseases. Having a vaccination is the most important thing you can do to protect yourself and your family against ill health.**

Do you need this document in a different format?



Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes  
Clinical Commissioning Group (BLMK CCG)  
Email: [blmkccg.communications@nhs.net](mailto:blmkccg.communications@nhs.net)  
Website: [www.blmkccg.nhs.uk](http://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk)

Reference: 326/BLMK/HUHYAYFSW/07.21



Central Bedfordshire Council

## Fun with the School Readiness & Childcare Team

Spring 2022 — Issue 5



There's lots to celebrate at this time of year: World Book Day, Mothering Sunday, and the official start of Spring amongst others. Have fun trying some of these ideas with your children during this time!



### February 1<sup>st</sup>: Chinese New Year

- 2022 is the year of the tiger. Visit your local library and read 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr
- Enjoy some Chinese food... you could try noodles, prawn crackers or spring rolls

### February 4<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>: Winter Olympics

- Make an olympic torch and have a relay with friends or family
- Watch some of the Winter Olympics on the television and talk about it with a grown up
- Cut a cardboard tube into slices and decorate to make your own Olympic rings
- Get outside and get active - have your own Olympic challenges!



### February 17<sup>th</sup>: Random Acts of Kindness Day

- Talk about being kind to others and how it feels when someone is kind to you
- Think of something you can do to be kind to someone else
- Surprise someone with a random act of kindness

### March 1<sup>st</sup>: St David's Day

- Go for a walk and look out for daffodils
- Make potato and leek soup and enjoy it for lunch [Get the recipe here](#)
- Search the toy box for dragons and discuss. Read a dragon story together





## March 1<sup>st</sup>: Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

- Make pancakes - [Get the recipe here!](#)
- Make a cardboard frying pan out of a paper plate, attach a handle, and see if you can toss paper pancakes as you run in a pancake race with your family and friends

## March 3<sup>rd</sup>: World Book Day

- Read your favourite stories, draw or paint a picture of your favourite character
- Visit the library to choose new books to read at home
- Visit [Storytime Online](#) for lots of stories to share with your children



## March 18<sup>th</sup>: Holi

- Enjoy some Indian food... you could try papadoms, samosas, or drink some lassi
- Create a Holi card to give to family or friends. You could cover the card in lots of different coloured tissue paper or lots of coloured finger prints - Happy Holi

## 17<sup>th</sup> March: St Patrick's Day

- Wear green all day to look like a leprechaun
- Make a rainbow fruit salad [Recipe](#)
- Create a rainbow using paints, crayons, felt tips
- Go for a walk and look very carefully for a four leaf clover



## 18<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day

- Wear something red all day
- Balance your red nose on a spoon and have a 'Nose and Spoon race' with your friends and family
- Make red pompom monsters, stick googly eyes and a sticky mouth. Use them to throw at chalk drawn numbered circle targets, on a wall or on the ground
- Have a look at the [website](#) for other ideas

## 20<sup>th</sup> March: Spring begins

- Get outside in the garden and do some weeding with the children
- Go for a spring time walk and use the "I Spy in the Spring" activity sheet



## 27<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day

- Visit your local library and read books like: 'Mum's the word' by Timothy Knapman or 'Mother's Day' by Shirley Hughes
- Create butterfly footprints together as a beautiful keepsake: [Instructions](#)
- Make easy & delicious chocolate crackles ([Recipe](#)) for Mum, Grandma or other special person

## 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April: Easter

- Find and decorate an oval shaped stone with pens or paints with Easter egg patterns or the Easter bunny
- Borrow Easter stories from your local library such as: 'Happy Easter, Tooth Fairy!' by Peter Bently & Garry Parsons, 'Peppa the Easter Bunny' by Lauren Holowaty
- Eat soft boiled eggs for breakfast
- Use either paints and baby buds or felt tip pens to create Easter patterns on a hard boiled egg



## 23<sup>rd</sup> April: St George's Day

- Read your favourite dragon story
- Make a shield and a sword, or a princess hat: [Instructions](#)
- Dress up as a princess, St George or as the dragon
- Make St Georges day bunting and flags
- Make a fire breathing dragon: [Instructions](#)

*Whatever you choose to do with your children this Spring,  
stay safe and have fun!*

## Fun Ideas for Under 5s!

I-spy in the spring....

great  
prospects



Daffodils



Snowdrops



Bluebells



Catkins



Caterpillar

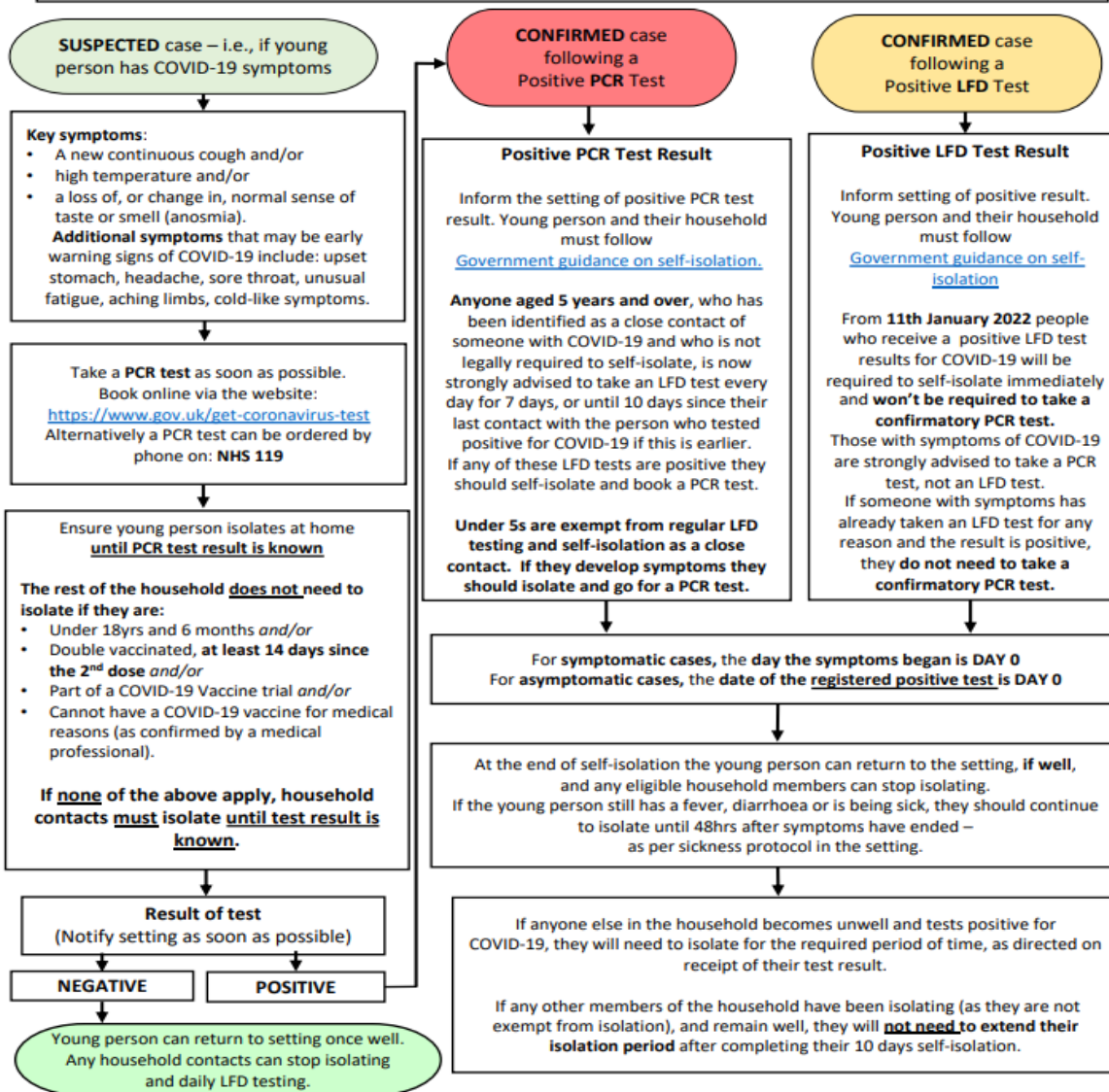


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## COVID-19 Guidance for Parents/Carers in Central Bedfordshire Education Settings: 17.01.22

For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a young person please follow the flow chart below.



- We continue to ask families/young people to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, and to wear face masks in crowded, public, indoor areas.
- Face masks should continue to be worn in communal areas, in classrooms and on school and public transport to and from education settings.
- LFD test:** A Lateral Flow Device test is rapid test that can be used at home, and the result is available after 30 minutes. Click [here](#) to find out how to collect/order LFD tests free of charge.
- PCR test:** A Polymerase Chain Reaction test can be [booked online](#) and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have recently (**within 90 days**) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, you are exempt from testing by PCR, **unless you develop new symptoms**. However, it is now recommended that you take part in regular LFD testing within the 90 day period. If an LFD test returns a positive result you must follow Government Guidance and isolate immediately.
- If you have had a COVID-19 vaccination, you should still take part in LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.





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A little school with big ideas

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## Moggerhanger Primary School Academic Calendar - 2022/2023 – Set Final

School Holiday	Open Day	Bank Holiday	Pupil Day	Training Day
<b>September 2022</b>				
Mon	5	12	19	26
Tue	6	13	20	27
Wed	7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22
Fri	2	9	16	23
Sat	3	10	17	24
Sun	4	11	18	25
<b>October 2022</b>				
Mon	3	10	17	24
Tue	4	11	18	25
Wed	5	12	19	26
Thu	6	13	20	27
Fri	7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22
Sun	2	9	16	23
<b>November 2022</b>				
Mon	7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22
Wed	2	9	16	23
Thu	3	10	17	24
Fri	4	11	18	25
Sat	5	12	19	26
Sun	6	13	20	27
<b>December 2022</b>				
Mon	5	12	19	26
Tue	6	13	20	27
Wed	7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22
Fri	2	9	16	23
Sat	3	10	17	24
Sun	4	11	18	25
<b>January 2023</b>				
Mon	2	9	16	23
Tue	3	10	17	24
Wed	4	11	18	25
Thu	5	12	19	26
Fri	6	13	20	27
Sat	7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22
<b>February 2023</b>				
Mon	6	13	20	27
Tue	7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22
Thu	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
Sat	4	11	18	25
Sun	5	12	19	26
<b>March 2023</b>				
Mon	6	13	20	27
Tue	7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22
Thu	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
Sat	4	11	18	25
Sun	5	12	19	26
<b>April 2023</b>				
Mon	3	10	17	24
Tue	4	11	18	25
Wed	5	12	19	26
Thu	6	13	20	27
Fri	7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22
Sun	2	9	16	23
<b>May 2023</b>				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
Wed	3	10	17	24
Thu	4	11	18	25
Fri	5	12	19	26
Sat	6	13	20	27
Sun	7	14	21	28
<b>June 2023</b>				
Mon	5	12	19	26
Tue	6	13	20	27
Wed	7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22
Fri	2	9	16	23
Sat	3	10	17	24
Sun	4	11	18	25
<b>July 2023</b>				
Mon	3	10	17	24
Tue	4	11	18	25
Wed	5	12	19	26
Thu	6	13	20	27
Fri	7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22
Sun	2	9	16	23
<b>August 2023</b>				
Mon	7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22
Wed	2	9	16	23
Thu	3	10	17	24
Fri	4	11	18	25
Sat	5	12	19	26
Sun	6	13	20	27

Term 1 - 72 days Term 2 - 59 days Term 3 - 64 days = 195 days

Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. Schools will be closed on five of the 195 days. These five days will enable teacher training to take place in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service.

Training days set as follows: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 (2 days), Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (1 day), Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 (1 day), Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (1 day).

The law requires that a parent ensures that their child receives a full and efficient education. If you enrol your child at a school, then you must ensure that they attend regularly. Regular school attendance is defined as being 'in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school' and means that if the school is open for 190 days, then this is what your child is expected to attend.

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