



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Emergency support for families.**

We are aware that the current uncertainty around government plans to contain and control the Covid-19 virus mean that many families are not sure if/ how this will affect them, financially or otherwise.

In the event of school closure, we wanted to make you aware of support avenues that are open to the parents and carers of young children who may be able to offer advice and support or to signpost to other local agencies that could assist.

**The Family Information Service (FIS)** is a local organisation that is able to offer advice around many issues including finance, housing, parenting, SEND and health and wellbeing. Their website can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis> and they can be contacted on 01926 742274

**The local Children and Family Centre** is located at Kingsway School. There is an open drop in session every Thursday 1-3pm. To speak to a family support worker at any other time they can be contacted on 01926 412412, website details can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilycentres>

The school is a registered distributor of **Food Bank** vouchers and these can be issue to families in crisis. Other agencies that are able to signpost to this service include GP practices, midwives, health visitors and Children's Centres. Details of the Warwick Food Bank can be found here: <https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

Other local community initiatives can be found at the **Sydni Centre** <https://www.sydni.org/> and The **Brunswick Hub** <https://brunswickhlc.org.uk/>. Staff would be able to access support/ signpost in particular times of need.

### **Warwick and Leamington Covid-19 Help Group**

This is a local group hoping to help the community during the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK. Please follow the link below to request help or register to volunteer.

<https://warwickleamingtoncovidhelp.wordpress.com/>

### **Child Protection**

For **Child Protection Concerns** (where a child is being abused or at risk of abuse) Warwickshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) can be contacted on 01926 414144. Please note that this agency is for Child Protection referrals only.

Best wishes,

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