

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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Thank you

For your responses to the 'fill a bottle' enterprise. It will help us to use less plastic and be more sustainable. We will start a trial run after half term with washing-up liquid and hand soap.

Covid update

A parent has tested positive, the children have tested negative but are self-isolating.

Number of new cases	
Pupils	0
Staff	0
Parents	1

Link to updated information for parents and carers on the government website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Instagram

We were horrified to find out from a parent that one of the school's Instagram accounts had been hacked. We reported the problem to Instagram and decided to close all accounts immediately.

We do appreciate that parents do enjoy having photos of their children taking part in school and trip activities.

As a result, so that you can continue to enjoy these snapshots we have decided to upload photos to the schools ITs learning platform which is much more secure.

You will be able to access photos via your child's password and username on ITs learning.

Pyjamarama

Friday 14th May 2021

Love bedtime stories?

Love your pyjamas?

Then you will love Pyjamarama...

We will be celebrating the Book Trust's 'Pyjamarama' in school on Friday 14th May.

Children are invited to spend the day enjoying and sharing stories, all in the comfort of their pyjamas.

Families are also invited to donate £1 via SIMS which will go to BookTrust to help all children have access to stories and to reading.

Further details can be found here <https://www.booktrust.org.uk>.

Curriculum Events

24 th May	Local Geography week
7 th June	History Week
9 th June	London History day
7 th July	KS2 sports
12 th July	International week

Teachers are also planning trips in the minibuses and on foot.

Tooting leisure centre have informed us that Swimming will not resume until September because of repairs to the pool.

Reminder

Please inform the office staff in good time if someone else is picking up your child or you are going to be late.

Free online wellbeing courses and qualifications for parents/ adults 19+.

Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget.

The AIM Group, have several **Free** online Level 2 Accredited (OFSTED, NCFE, CACHE, CQC) Courses available to help parents better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and general wellbeing.

We currently have the following subjects available, along with others you may like:

- **Equality and Diversity** - Introduction to the concept of equality and diversity and the importance of it in our society, community and workplace. BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) Groups and BLM (Black Lives Matters) appreciation.
- **Children & Young People's Mental Health** - Exploring mental health and understanding how to support individuals with mental ill-health. Developing skills to form a mentally safe environment.
- **Safeguarding & Prevent** - Understanding signs of neglect and how to identify vulnerability. Awareness of the struggles of people who live in abusive and harmful environments.
- **Caring for Children & Young People** - Introduction to adverse childhood experiences. Exploring childhood and family structure. Developing strategies to improve outcomes for children affected by adverse childhood experiences.
- **Information, Advice and Guidance** - Learn some traits and skills to excel in the world of work and the walk of life. Importance of morals and ethics. Instilling general knowledge on key topic areas and useful tips.
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges** - Supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour.
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** - Understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, the importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties.

On average the courses take between **15-35 hours** to complete within a **6-week window** and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home.

No Exams or endpoint assessments are involved, the courses are purely Q&A based and are available to you 24/7.

You can do as many as you like, however, you can just do one at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible is the following:

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2020
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a government-funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

Please be advised to only enrol if genuinely interested. These courses are paid for via government funds in order to allow the public to complete them for free. **We must advise that if an individual enrolls on a course, accesses these government funds and makes no attempt whatsoever to complete it, they may be liable for the fee of enrolment.** This classifies as a blatant non-effort and a waste of funding. However, if the individual needs extra time (an additional 3/4 weeks for example) and communicates this to the college with a valid reason, extensions will be granted upon request.

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online wellbeing courses, then please complete the following link below as soon as possible. This will grant you direct access to these government funds in order to complete your chosen course free and fully funded!

https://formstack.io/TyZSZjXRWndR4L6rW7HXEpqL8_drGsA9XWS0F15Xqj56D1utKVODIduJM61p1nhbeNqD5-SdHfIHODS4TurDg

This link is specific to Furzedown Primary School.