

# FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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## Covid update

No reported cases. We have lateral flow tests and PCR tests for any children who may have symptoms and need a test urgently.	Number of new cases	
	Pupils	0
	Staff	0
	Parents	0

It's Mental Health Awareness Week, and this year's theme is **Connect With Nature**.

If you'd like to read more about this year's Mental Health Awareness Week, take a look at the **Mental Health Foundation's website**.

They have resources, videos and more information about the links between nature and our mental health.

## Photos of children at work.

Staff are uploading photographs and videos of the children on the ITs learning platform, instead of Instagram.

Tasks to complete at home are uploaded at the end of each week.

Every child has their school log-in to access this.

## Playtime bubbles

As we begin to come out of lockdown we have expanded our bubbles so that the children from 2 year groups can play with each other and enjoy a larger play space. Years 1 & 2, years 3 & 4 and years 5 & 6 will share their play space during break and lunch times.

## Eco-Refill

We are planning to start this after half-term in the carpark area from 2:30. You will need to bring empty washing up liquid bottles and bath/shower gel bottles to refill, if you are interested in taking part.

## School Streets

### Message from Wandsworth

Thank you to all the parents and staff who have adjusted their journeys to school to make Beclands Rd so much safer and calmer at the beginning and end of the school day.

For those who qualify for an exemption (e.g. due to disability) please take extra care when driving in the street and remember that all other highway rules apply.

IT IS AN OFFENCE to block the driveway of residents.

If you drive into Beclands Rd please be considerate of our neighbours.

## WEBSITE ALERT

[Discord | Your Place to Talk and Hang Out](#)

Merton CAMHS are sending out an alert to all CAMHS teams about this website

It is an unsafe website which appears to have been designed to attract young children. 'Discord is an app and platform for chat and community. It is dangerous because it is encrypted and unmonitored potentially by parents. **It is NOT designed for children or young people to hang out.**' - shared by a DSL

## 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](https://formstack.io/TyZSZjXRWndR4L6rW7HXEpqL8_drGsA9XWS0F15Xqj56D1utKVODIduJM61p1nhbeNqD5-SdHfIHODS4TurDg)

This link is specific to Furzedown Primary School.