Welcome to Our Spring term Newsletter.

Our newsletters aim to provide families and young people with some useful tips for keeping healthy. Childhood is an important time to instil healthy habits and learn crucial life skills. Establishing these habits early on will help to improve your child's quality of life in the future and enable them to reach their full potential educationally.

Spring Term



School Nurses continue to be available for children, young people and families, if you have a concern regarding your child please use the contact details below to contact us. We can work with you via phone, video call, and email or in person using PPE

Brent school nurses work in all schools. School nurses help promote and look after children and young people's physical and emotional health. We work across education and health, providing a link between school and home for children and young people aged five to 19-years-old.

Here are some tips on how you can support your child returning to school:

- Talk to your child about how they are feeling about going back to school and try not to make assumptions.
- Provide your child with as much information about their new routine and school day as you can.
- Reassure your child.
- Re-establish a routine to help ease into school life
- Don't put pressure on yourself.
- Think ahead.
- Seek support if you need it.

Information taken from Young Minds. For more information please visit www.youngminds.org.uk

Please have a look at **CLCH Trust website** for Brent School Nursing. There is further information about our role and what we offer in Brent.

www.healthmatters.clch.nhs.uk/brent/pri mary-years-4-11

You will also find links to videos on keeping healthy and information about staying safe and friendship.

www.clch.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing provides you contact information and

provides you contact information and links to other CLCH services.



Quick & Easy Healthy Snacks For Kids | Change4Life (www.nhs.uk)

Healthy School lunch box ideas

Healthy Recipes | Change4Life (www.nhs.uk)

Vision and Hearing Screening is normally offered to children at school when they are aged 4 - 5. Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic we were not able to offer hearing and vision screening in 2020.

We are now able to offer a catch- up programme for the children who are now in Year 1. We are working in partnership with Family Wellbeing Centres and Schools across Brent.

Vision and Hearing screening is very important, especially for learning and development. Please look out for more information if your child is in Year

Find a Food Bank - The Trussell Trust

https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/findafoodbank

We know it's a challenging time for everyone at the moment as the coronavirus pandemic unfolds. Food banks are grassroots, community organisations aimed at supporting people who cannot afford the essentials in life. If you are in financial crisis and live in England or Wales, please call our confidential free helpline on 0808 208 2138 (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm).

The School Nursing Service can support you to access local food banks across Brent and other support services.



Thank you for staying home and supporting the NHS.

We understand home schooling and lockdown is hard for all. So if you need support please contact us and we can signpost you.



Should I send my unwell child to school? A guide for parents and GPs

NHS North West London Collaboration Clinical Commissioning Group

A fever is above or equal to 37.8°C (100°F) when measured, or when the chest/back feels hotter to touch than usual

A complete loss or change in sense of taste or smell

A "continuous cough" is coughing A LOT throughout the day and night, and is different from the cough that usually comes with a runny nose

YES

Click here for further guidance on helping your unwell child.

Click here for the latest version of this flowchart

Updated 1st October 2020

Adapted from the original diagram by Dr Simon Hodes, Dr Ashley Reece and Dr Sarah Fissler, with thanks

Brent School Nursing is here for you

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