

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 5th September 2025

Important dates for your diary

Term Dates 2025-2026

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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

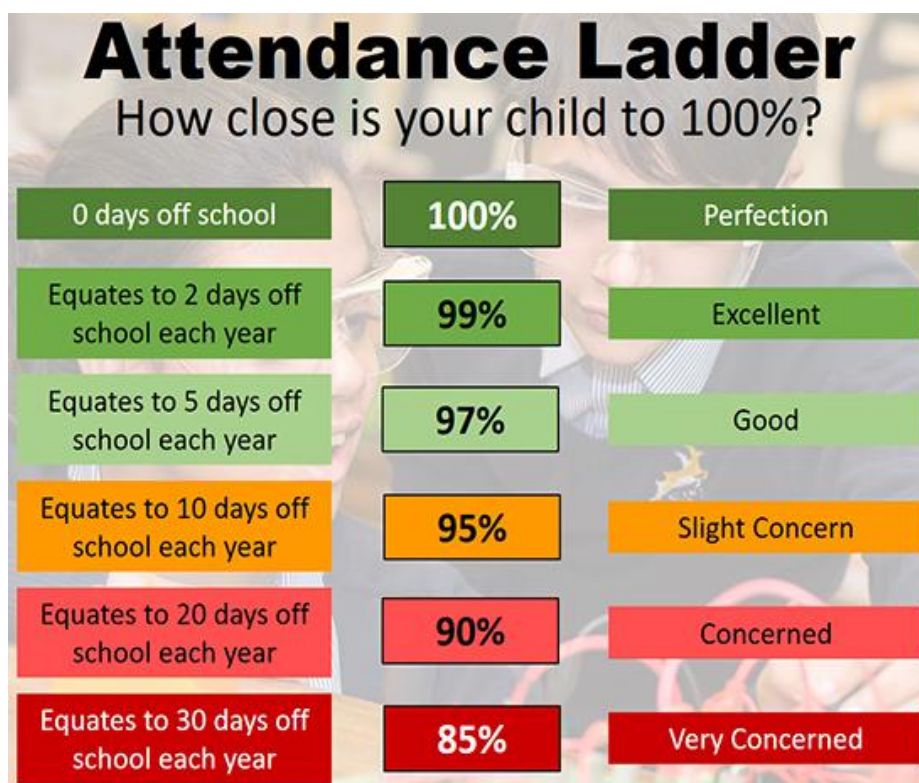
Bank Holidays

Polling Day

Event

18.09.25	Year 1 phonics and reading workshop at 9:05am
24.09.25	Year 1 celebration day at 9:00am
24.09.25	Reception celebration day at 1:30pm
29.09.25	Year 2 parent workshop at 9:05am
03.10.25	Reception phonics and reading workshop at 9:05am
06.10.25	Parents' evening
07.10.25	Parents' evening
07.10.25	Year 6 secondary school application meeting at 9:05am
14.10.25	Year 5 parent workshop
16.10.25	Years 3/4 parent workshop
21.10.25	Year 6 parent workshop

Attendance



Latest News

Welcome back!

It has been great to welcome back all of the amazing Keyworth children and to welcome for the first time our new starters! We look forward to working with our families in providing the best possible learning experiences and outcomes for your child/ren.

School times and gates

As a reminder:

- The school bell rings at 8:57am so that children can be ready for a prompt start to their learning at 9:00am;
- Doddington and Gaza Street gates open at 8:45am at the start of the school day. **Parents/carers should drop their children off at the gate and not come into the playground** - this is to ensure learning can start as soon as possible. If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, I would advise that you drop them off at Gaza Street gate so that you can see them go straight to their classroom. All other children will wait in the playground until the bell goes at 8:57am;
- Should the children be hungry in the morning, the school provides a bagel station in the playground where they can grab a bite to eat. We additionally have breakfast stations in Nursery, Reception and Year 1;
- School finishes at 3:30pm. Doddington and Gaza Street gates open **at 3:15pm and parents/carers can come into the playground to collect their child/ren.**
- **Faunce Street gate should not be used at the end of the school day as this is a legal requirement agreed between Southwark Council and local residents.**
- Should parents/carers wish to speak to their child/ren's class teacher/s, they can do so at the end of the school day or by making an appointment via the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support in relation to these arrangements.

Safeguarding - reporting a child absent

If your child is going to be absent from school on any given day, you should call the school office/update Compass and provide a reason by 9:00am each day. If your child is absent on consecutive days, you still need to call the school office/update Compass every day that they are absent. *Please note that, if we are unable to contact you, this could result in senior leaders having to undertake a home visit for safeguarding reasons.*

Reading at home

As I have said on numerous occasions, if there is something that parents/carers can do at home that will really help their child/ren with their learning, it is to ensure that they read every day. Parents/carers will be receiving a reading record book which needs to be signed when your child/ren has/have read. In school, the children will receive rewards. I have asked school staff to monitor their class' home reading and to communicate with parents/carers either when reading may not be taking place or not frequently enough.

Communication between home and school

Our main form of informing parents/carers about what is going on in school will be done via email/Compass. Please ensure that you check your emails/Compass account regularly and then read any letters/newsletters that we send. Additionally, should your contact details change, please inform the school office.

The school office is open between 8:00am and 4:00pm daily, and office staff can be contacted via phone, email or in person.

The newsletter is sent via Compass every Friday. To ensure better communication, parents/carers need to ensure that they are doing their part by reading it regularly.

Is my child too ill for school?

We know that sometimes our children cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other children. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example, if they have a cough or cold without a temperature. The NHS guidance *Is my child too ill for school?* is designed to support parents/carers in their decision-making about mild illness. The document can be found below and used to support you when deciding whether your child is too unwell to attend school:

[Is my child too ill for school? \(NHS\)](#)

Year 6 secondary school applications - September 2026

If your child will be starting secondary school in September 2026, you need to apply online by **31st October 2025**. Further information about the application process, secondary schools and open days for Southwark residents can be found by clicking on the link below. If you do not live in Southwark, you need to apply through the website of the borough that you reside.

[Southwark secondary school admissions](#)

Please note that Assistant Headteacher Melissa leads the school's support around this and she will be delivering a workshop on **Tuesday 7th October at 9:05am**.

Reception applications - September 2026

If your child will be starting secondary school in September 2026, you need to apply online by **15th January 2026**. Further details about the application process can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Southwark Reception 2026 admissions](#)

School uniform and water bottles

Please ensure that all school uniform and water bottles are labelled with your child/ren's name/s and class/es so that any lost items can be easily returned to their owner.

Times Tables Rock Stars

As a reminder, all children from year 2 up have a Times Table Rock Stars login. By the end of year 4, all children are expected to know all of their times tables to 12x12. Please support your child/ren at home by giving them regular opportunities to practise their times tables. If your child does not have a login, please contact their teacher.



Vision and Values

This half-term we will be focusing on our Vision and Values in our KS1/KS2 themed assemblies and as a discussion session in class.

VISION

***Vision** is what we aspire to. It is what drives us.*

VISION

We are a proudly **diverse and inclusive** school where our pupils and staff have a **strong sense of belonging**, can be their **true selves** and know **they can achieve anything** with focus, effort, and support from the whole school community and where school and families value each other and work in close partnership.

VALUES

***Our shared values** underpin the collective behaviours of all who interact with and act on behalf of the school.*

VALUES

Academically Ambitious
Progressive
Creative and Practical
Self-aware and Supportive
Respectful
Connected to the community

Academically Ambitious

We strive to exceed in academic attainment.

We set ambitious goals and expect our students to attain and maintain the highest academic standards they can. For this reason, we regularly review pupil progress to ensure we know how children are developing, so that where necessary, we can support, encourage or intervene to get the very best from every child.

Progressive

We can be the change we want to see around us.

We nurture strong ethical values, integrity and a sense of social justice in our school community and teaching. We want our pupils to become independent thinkers, respectfully questioning convention, challenging inequality and finding their place as considerate individuals who will make a meaningful contribution to society.

Creative and Practical

We learn by doing, in and out of the classroom.

We actively encourage children to engage in the world around them. Our creative curriculum develops every aspect of the child which includes academic, emotional, social, physical, and cognitive skills. Children are immersed in hands-on, practical learning experiences tailored to their developmental stage.

Self-aware and Supportive

We are kind to ourselves and caring of others.

We nurture engagement in learning, positive relationships and greater empathy by helping children develop:

- ☐ **emotional literacy** - managing their feelings;
- ☐ **social skills** - being aware of others' emotions;
- ☐ **resilience** - having the tools to deal with challenges and new things.

Respectful

We are respectful of each other's ideas, beliefs, backgrounds and practices.

We are considerate of the cultural identity and norms of the students and families we serve. Diversity, equality and inclusion are of great importance to us. We strive to support and educate children and adults to be sensitive to and respectful of diversity and put this into action through a socially aware curriculum and inclusive activities.

Connected to the community

We have a strong sense of being a part of and having responsibility for our community.

We recognise that family, school and community relationships directly affect student attainment, therefore we are committed to bringing children, families and communities together in and out of the classroom to share, learn and celebrate the diversity of our city and world.

A vibrant poster for a drama club. The background is dark blue with red curtains on the sides and yellow stars. At the top, the BT logo (a red 'C' shape) is next to the text 'BRIDGE THE GAP STUDIOS'. Below this, a yellow comedy mask is on the left and a blue tragedy mask is on the right. The main title 'DRAMA CLUB' is in large yellow letters, followed by 'at KEYWORTH PRIMARY' and 'For Years 3-6 (Ages 7-11)' in white. A list of bullet points describes the club's activities. The schedule and location are listed below. A yellow speech bubble contains the text 'REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE!' with an arrow pointing to a QR code. Below the QR code is a URL. At the bottom, three diverse children are illustrated with their arms raised. The footer contains the BT logo and the organization's mission statement.

BT BRIDGE THE GAP STUDIOS

DRAMA CLUB

at **KEYWORTH PRIMARY**

For Years 3-6 (Ages 7-11)

- Fun, creative drama sessions after school
- Build confidence, teamwork & communication skills
- Led by qualified, DB5-checked facilitators

Starting September 2025 – Term-time only
Weekly, 1.5-hour sessions
At Keyworth Primary School
£4 per session

Limited spaces – first come, first served
Sessions will only run
depending on level of interest

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE!



<https://forms.gle/b3PobA6rscEFMsfu6>

BT BRIDGE THE GAP EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH CREATIVITY

Keyworth Primary School

MEET THE PTA

PTA COMMITTEE 2025-2026!



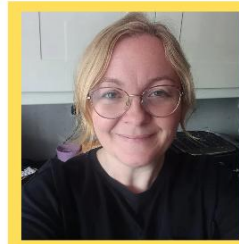
Sherona
Chair
Yr 1 & Yr 3 mum



Lydia
Treasurer
Yr 2 & 5 Mum



Leah
Secretary
Yr 5 Mum



Donna
Nursery Mum



Nancy
Yr 5 Mum



Denisa
Yr 5 Mum

Shirley
Yr 3 & 4 Mum

Rolo
Former Yr 6 Mum

Amel
Yr 4 Mum

Gillian
Yr 2 Mum

Beverly
Yr 2 & 6 Mum

WHY JOIN?

With your help, we will make a big impact this year by advocating for our students, teachers, and school! Your membership helps support a variety of school activities and programs while creating a fun, engaging, and positive community!

LEARN ABOUT OUR PTA

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Our mission is to advocate, encourage, and support a positive school environment for students, teachers, staff, families, and community.

CONNECT WITH US

Email: Keyworthfriends@gmail.com | Instagram: www.instagram.com/keyworthprimaryschoolfriends

WHY JOIN PTA!?

Keyworth friends PTA NEEDS YOU!



STUDENTS

By joining the PTA, you actively contribute to creating a better educational experience for your child. Your involvement helps fundraise for educational resources, organize enriching events, and advocate for improvements in the school environment.

VOLUNTEER

Your voice matters. Engage in discussions, share your feedback, and be a part of decision-making processes that shape the future of our school. Your active involvement empowers positive change.

CONNECTION

Connect with other parents, educators, and school administrators who share your commitment to quality education through Volunteering.

COMMUNITY

By joining the PTA, you're becoming an essential part of a collective effort to enhance the educational experience for all students. Your participation, insights, and support contribute to a stronger, more connected school community.

**READY
TO JOIN?**

CONTACT PTA CHAIR SHERONA
OR SIGN UP TO COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING.

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KEYWORTH PRIMARY
SCHOOL FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION

Keyworth Friends



Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!

Dear Keyworth School Families,

A warm welcome to the start of a new and exciting school year . It is with great enthusiasm that i continue the role of PTA Chair. My name is Sherona, and I am both honored and thrilled to continue on this journey alongside each and every one of you.

As a parent of both a year 1 and 3rd year pupil here, I understand the profound importance of a supportive and nurturing educational environment. I am truly excited to be the PTA Chair and continue to be wholeheartedly committed to making a positive impact on our students, families, and staff members.

Giving back to our community has always been a core value for me, and I am dedicated to channeling that spirit into meaningful initiatives that will benefit us all. Throughout this school year, you can expect an array of engaging fundraisers and events aimed at enriching our educational programs, enhancing our school facilities. We have an amazing committee that all dedicate the time and efforts that they are able to and last year we managed to raise over £4k for the school, this year we hope to do the same and even better so we will always benefit from more members or event volunteers!

Your ideas, energy, and participation are essential to our success. Together, we have the power to create a vibrant and empowering educational experience for our children that extends far beyond the classroom.

I am truly excited about the year that lies ahead and am eager to connect with all of you. Please feel free to reach out to me with your thoughts, suggestions, or to simply say hello. Let's work hand in hand to shape a school year filled with growth, achievement, and cherished memories.



Kind Regards

PTA Chair

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Art Week Focus - Year 5

For Art Week, year 5 have been studying the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and have been taking inspiration from her works to create still life art. They have enjoyed using sketching techniques to create still life compositions. They're really proud of their drawing skills.


Lesson 1: Artist Study

Learning Question: Can I explore the role and work of an artist and draw inspiration? 03.09.25

Success Criteria:


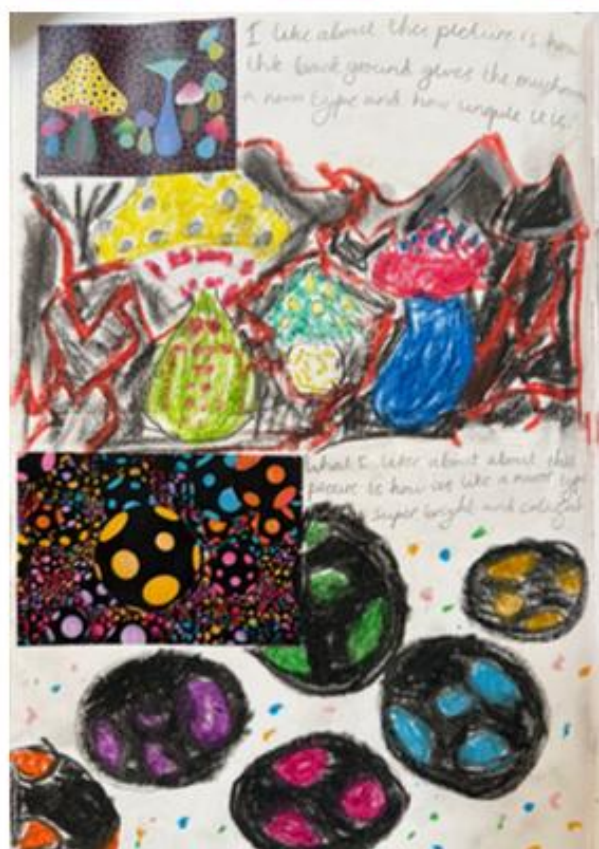
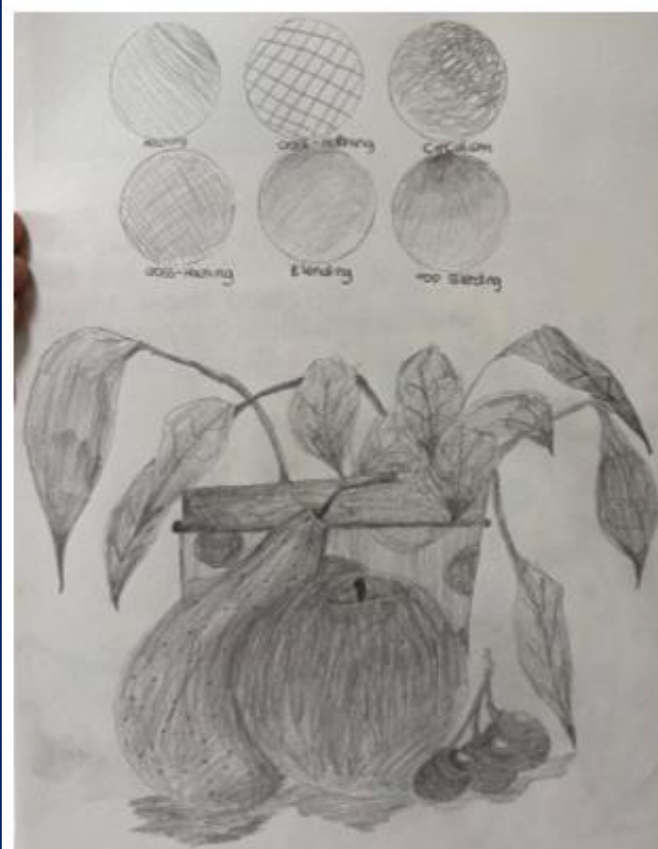
- I can explore the work of an artist and draw inspiration.
- I can select and record from first hand observation and explore ideas for different purposes.
- I can express my feelings about and evaluate a work of art and replicate some of their techniques.

Artist Study: Yayoi Kusama



Yayoi Kusama was born in Japan in 1929. She is known as The Princess of Polka Dots because she creates works of art that are all made up of dots. When she was a girl she had hallucinations which scared her so she created pictures of these to make her feel better. She went to study Japanese art but began to put her own ideas into her work, including polka dots. She moved to America because she was famous for her work.

I like how Kusama uses so many colours to make it unique. And how there's so many patterns.

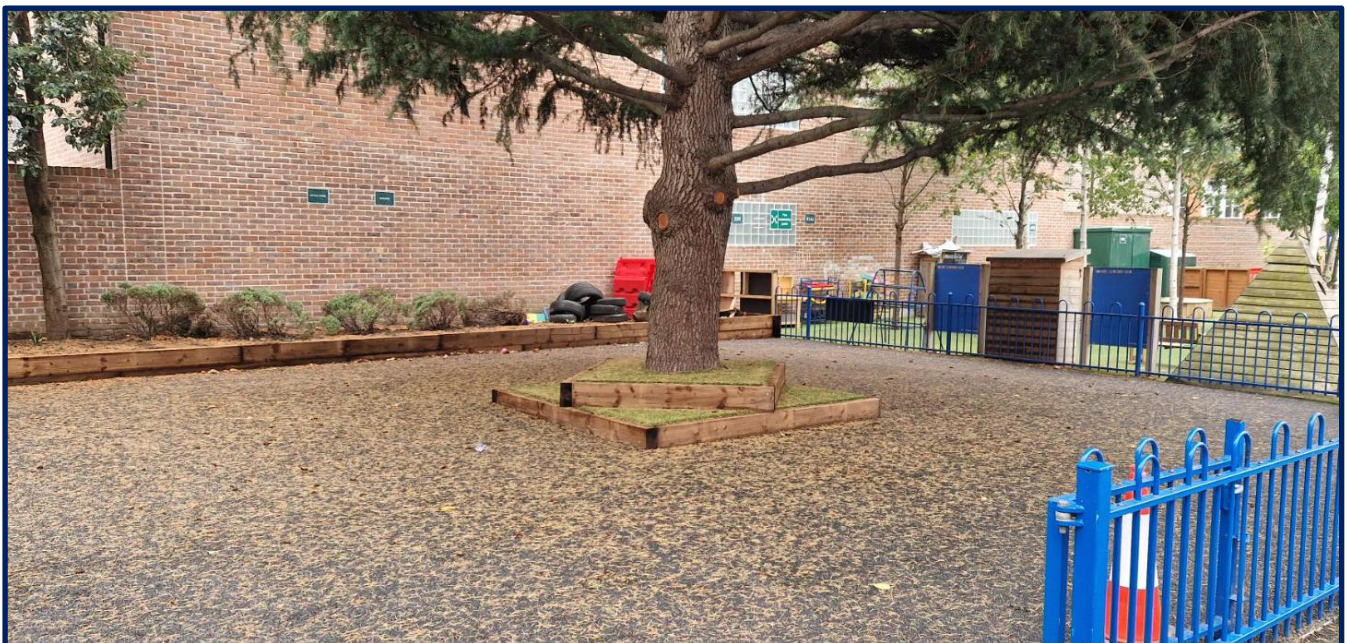
Home learning

Below showcases the stunning home learning completed by King in class 5AB - what a talent!



Premises improvements

During the summer holiday, this area of the Early Years/Year 1 playground was tarmacked to make it a more accessible space for the children to use, making it easier for your children to scoot/cycle.



Support for families 1 - discounted Kensington Palace tickets

Kensington Palace offer discounted £1.00 entry tickets for eligible families. Click on the link below to see if you meet the criteria:

[£1.00 Kensington Palace tickets](#)

Support for families 2 - Tap-in sessions

At the end of this newsletter are posters containing information about parenting support sessions.

Support for families 3 - Wonder Day

Ever WONDERED what happens to your recycling? Southwark's FREE fun-filled, family-friendly Wonder Day is back on **Saturday 13th September 2025, 10:00am - 4:00pm**. Come along to our annual Wonder Day, to see our Integrated Waste Management Facility (IWMF) sort recycling using the latest innovations and meet some of the amazing experts that work behind the scenes. Click on the link below for further information:

[Wonder Day](#)

Support for families 4 - Urban Elephant Festival

The Urban Elephant Festival returns to Elephant and Castle on **Saturday 20th September** for a free festival of diverse art, music and dance. There will be a range of activities available for all the family, as well as a chance to try out Our Bike's e-cargo bikes. Click on the link below for further information:

[Urban Elephant Festival](#)

Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **accident**. Please discuss its meaning with your child/ren and encourage them to share what they have learned with their teachers in school to receive gems. Do they know the origin? Can they use the word correctly in a sentence? Can they identify and explain the meaning of alternative forms e.g. **accidently/accidental**. Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School



TAP – IN SESSIONS

Free and stand alone information sessions for parents and carers on a range of topics.

Join us with Thinking About Parenting and TAP in to.....

New dates to be announced with new topics...

- **Parenting Foundations**

Exploring the importance of communication, boundaries, praise and appropriate discipline for our family life and relationship with our children

- **Bullying Awareness**

What is the impact of bullying on children? Why might children bully? What can we do to support them

- **Emotionally Based School Avoidance**

What it is, why it happens and how to seek help and provide support to our young people

These will be joining our existing topics

- Digital Safety
- Parental Emotional Wellbeing
- Ages and Stages

- Parenting and Autism
- Parenting and ADHD



All sessions held online - link will be sent out 1-2 days before session via email

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN NOW

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Join us with Thinking About Parenting and TAP in to.....

Thursday 18th Sept
10am
MS Teams

[Parenting and Autism](#)

Tuesday 30th Sept
10am
MS Teams

[Parenting and ADHD](#)

Tuesday 14th Oct
10am
MS Teams

[Ages and Stages](#)

Tuesday 21st Oct
10am
MS Teams

[Parental Emotional Wellbeing](#)

Thursday 6th Nov
10am
MS Teams

[Bullying Awareness](#)

Tuesday 11th Nov
10am
MS Teams

[Emotional Based School Avoidance](#)

Tuesday 18th Nov
10am
MS Teams

[Digital Safety](#)

Thursday 27th Nov
10am
MS Teams

[Parenting Foundations](#)

Friday 5th Dec
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MS Teams

[Parenting and ADHD](#)

Tuesday 9th Dec
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MS Teams

[Parenting and Autism](#)

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TAP – TOGETHER

FOR THIS TERM WE PROUDLY OUR PARENTING SESSIONS AS A FULL GROUP PROGRAMME

All the information from the sessions with the added benefit of a group support dynamic

A great opportunity to learn about specific areas of parenting, with other parents and share experiences TOGETHER!

8 Sessions will be held online in the evenings and run fortnightly covering a different topic each sessions

TAP-Together includes

- Ages and Stages
- Parenting Foundations
- Parental Emotional Wellbeing
- Bullying Awareness
- Digital Safety
- Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Plus access to our Reducing Parental Conflict information and support



STARTING SEPT 25

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6-8PM

ONLINE

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