

# Lancasterian Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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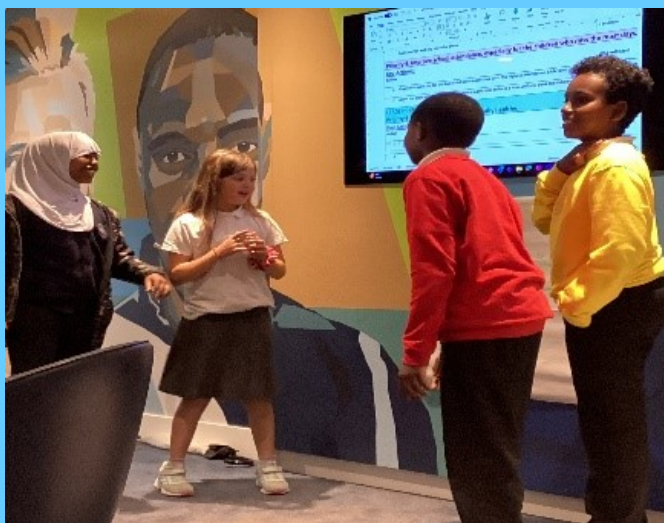
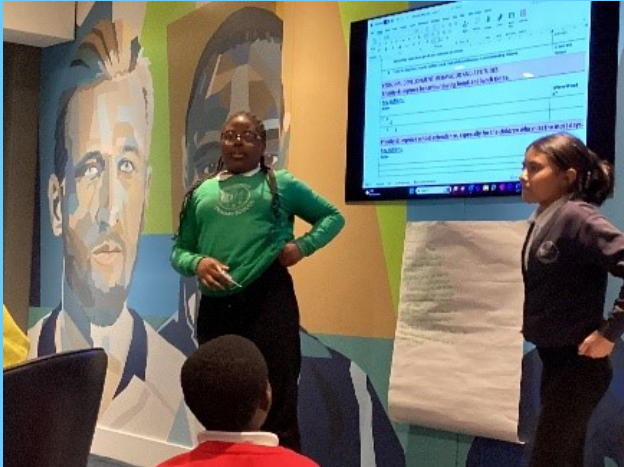
### House Captains' School Improvement Planning Day

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, the house captains and vice house captains carried out their annual school improvement planning day. As usual, Spurs kindly offered us an executive suite overlooking the pitch free-of-charge to carry out the work! The house captains focused on the following areas for improvement and their plan can be found it [www.lancasterianprimary.co.uk/key-information/self-evaluation-and-school-improvement-plan-\(sesip\)](http://www.lancasterianprimary.co.uk/key-information/self-evaluation-and-school-improvement-plan-(sesip)):

1. Improve Y6 SATs results, especially in reading.
2. Increase the number of class trips and visitors.
3. Ensure that teachers check children's understanding properly during lessons.
4. Improve behaviour during break and lunch times.
5. Improve school attendance, especially for the children who miss the most days.
6. Help the school to be financially healthy.

You can see them working hard in the pictures below! They showed our values of lifelong learning, growth mindset and high aspirations in abundance!





## Inclusion Ambassadors

A huge well done to the follow Y1-6 children who were chosen as our Inclusion Ambassadors by their teachers. These children have displayed the following behaviours in abundance this half term:

They are:

Class	Ambassador
Y1 Andrews	Amelia
Y1 Rashmi	Nasir
Y2 Ringgold	Khushneet
Y2 Jeffers	Gleycielle
Y3 Mian	Tahani
Y3 Akala	Monnaie
Y4 Olusoga	Anas
Y4 Kerr	Asra
Y5 Coelho	Ana
Y5 Magorian	Jaquan
Y6 Blackman	Megan
Y6 Zephaniah	Daria

### Values Behaviours

I love the fact that we are all different.

I understand that we all have our own strengths and needs.

I like to work with lots of different people.

I enjoy playing with lots of different people.

I try to treat everyone fairly.

I know that different people think in different ways.

I empathise with others by trying to understand how they may be feeling.

I show kindness to those who may be vulnerable.

I try to help people when they need it.

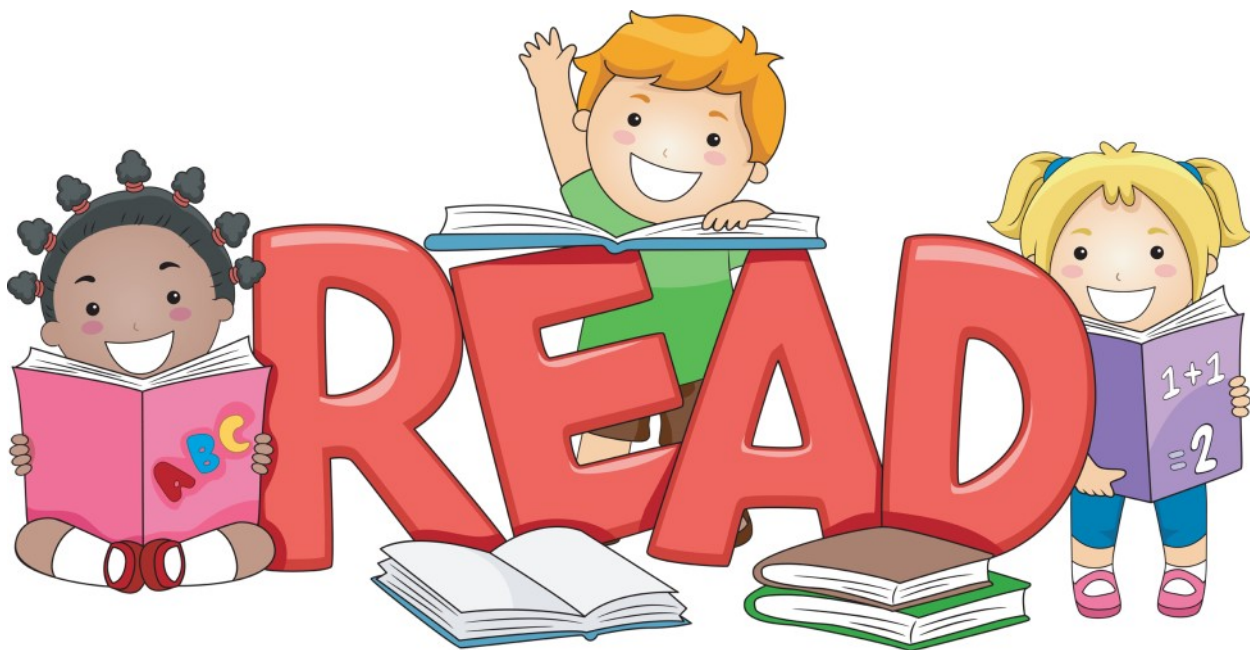
I help others to get along well together.



## Reading Champions

The following Y1-6 children were chosen by their teachers as this half-terms Reading Champions, children who are showing excellent effort in improving their reading both in school and at home.

Class	Ambassador
Y1 Andrews	Matthias
Y1 Rashmi	Gaia
Y2 Ringgold	Finnbar
Y2 Jeffers	Malcolm
Y3 Mian	Gabriella
Y3 Akala	Noah
Y4 Olusoga	Sa'hyi
Y4 Kerr	Harrison
Y5 Scarlett	Belinay
Y5 Magorian	Truman
Y6 Blackman	Fatjon
Y6 Zephaniah	Yashneel



### Hidden Needs Parents/Carers Working Group



Our next meeting will be Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 9am – 10am at the school. All parents/carers are welcome to attend, whether or not they have attended before. The group brings together parents/carers, staff and other professionals to support children with hidden needs to thrive both at school and at home, by enabling the adults around them to better understand their needs and use the right approaches and resources. “Hidden Needs”, which may include neurodiversity, describes the idea that people experience and interact with the world around them in many different ways; there is no one "right" way of thinking, learning, and behaving, and differences are not viewed as deficits.

### Bikes and Scooters in the Playgrounds

For safety reasons, the rules for bikes and scooters in playgrounds at the start and the end of the day is as follows:

- Bikes cannot be ridden at any time in the playground; they must be walked to the exits.
- Scooters can be ridden as long as this is done sensibly and speed is not excessive.

Please could you help us to enforce this with your children.



### **Bed Bugs – Information from the NHS**

Bedbugs are small insects that often live on furniture or bedding. Their bites can be itchy, but do not usually cause other health problems.



Bedbugs can be dark yellow, red or brown. Adults are around 5mm long.

Bedbugs can hide in many places, including on bed frames, mattresses, clothing, furniture, behind pictures and under loose wallpaper.

Signs of bedbugs include:

- bites – often on skin exposed while sleeping, like the face, neck and arms
- spots of blood on your bedding – from the bites or from squashing a bedbug
- small brown spots on bedding or furniture (bedbug poo)

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Bedbug bites can be raised and itchy. They're often in a line or grouped together. On white skin, bedbug bites usually look red. On black or brown skin, they may look purple and may be harder to see.

Some people have a reaction to the bites. They can be very itchy and there may be painful swelling. A severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) is also possible but rare.

## How you can treat bedbug bites:

Bedbug bites usually clear up on their own in a week or so.

Things you can do include:

- putting something cool, like a clean, damp cloth, on the affected area to help with the itching and any swelling
- keeping the affected area clean
- not scratching the bites to avoid getting an infection

A pharmacist can help with bedbug bites. You can ask a pharmacist about:

mild steroid cream like hydrocortisone cream to ease bedbug bites (children under 10 and pregnant women should get advice from a doctor before using hydrocortisone cream)

antihistamines – these may help if the bites are very itchy and you're unable to sleep

See a GP if:

- bedbug bites are still very painful, swollen or itchy after trying treatments from a pharmacist
- the pain or swelling around the bites is spreading

You may have an infection and need treatment with antibiotics.

## How to get rid of bedbugs

If you think you have bedbugs, you should contact your local council or pest control service. It's very difficult to get rid of bedbugs yourself because they can be hard to find and may be resistant to some insecticides. There are some things you can try yourself, but these are unlikely to get rid of bedbugs completely.

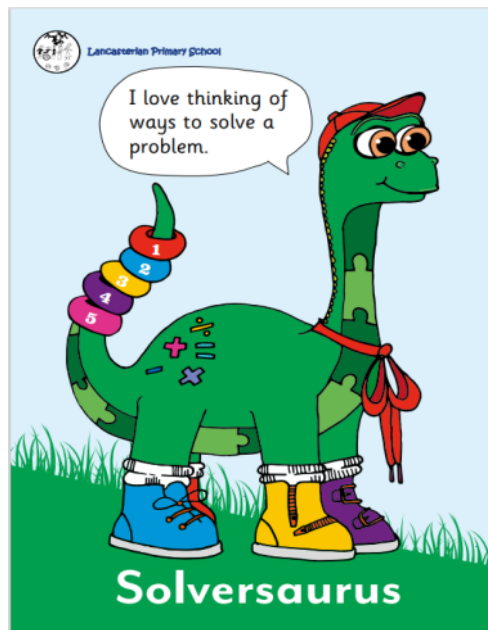
DO:

- wash affected bedding and clothing on a hot wash (60C) and tumble dry on a hot setting for at least 30 minutes
- put affected clothing and bedding in a plastic bag and put it in the freezer for 3 or 4 days
- clean and vacuum regularly – bedbugs are found in both clean and dirty places, but regular cleaning will help you spot them early

DON'T

- keep clutter around your bed
- bring second hand furniture indoors without carefully checking it first
- take luggage or clothing indoors without checking it carefully if you have come from somewhere where you know there were bedbugs

## Meet our EYFS Dinosaurs!



### Dinosaur visit to Early Years

We have launched our Growth mindset dinosaurs this week with visits from the dinosaurs. We have been so excited in the Early Years as the Dinosaurs have been visiting. They have left us eggs, giant foot prints and a letter. What will happen next! We are very excited!



### Lancs wins Haringey in Bloom Award

Well done to Lancasterian Primary School for winning 'Appreciation of best school' award from Haringey in Bloom. Your hard work in the garden has resulted in a beautiful garden and a fantastic award! Thanks to all adults who have supported with this, especially Sophia, our environmental tutor.



## School Photos

School Photographers are coming to take the children's individual and family group photographs on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Please ensure your children come to school in full uniform on this day.

Many thanks.



## School Nurse Drop-In Session

Every Monday

12pm - 2pm in the medical room

Please come along to discuss any aspect of your child's health

If you would like a private 1:1 appointment with the School Nurse,  
please contact the school office



### Lancs Parent Exhibits Art in Haringey Libraries



Local artist and Lancs parent Syreeta King will display her art throughout Coombes Croft and Marcus Garvey Libraries.

Be sure to experience the evocative and narrative art Syreeta produces!

Please click on the link below to find out the dates of the exhibition.

[Exhibition: Syreeta King | Haringey Council](#)



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LEARNING IN  
TOTTENHAM  
EDUCATION NETWORK

King's Road, Tottenham, London, N17 8NN

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Head Teacher: Paul Murphy

Deputy Head Teacher: Charlotte Clinton

Dear Parents/Carers

## FIXED PENALTY NOTICE ADVICE TO PARENTS

There is a very clear and demonstrable link between good attendance at school and good educational outcomes. Also, when a child is absent or late to school, this causes disruption to the rest of the class and causes your child to fall behind. To ensure that our pupils attend school every day, I am writing to you to let you know that we are working in partnership with Haringey Council, who will be issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to parents whose children are absent from school for unauthorised reasons.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their children receive a full-time education. This is stated in Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act:

*"The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him to receive efficient full-time education suitable to his age, ability and aptitude, and to any special educational needs he may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise".*

Regular attendance has been defined in law as meaning that a child must attend school every day. Unless your child cannot attend school due to an unavoidable cause or is too unwell to come to school, we expect your child to attend school every day, on time, on days when the school is open.

Schools can only authorise a pupil's absence in exceptional circumstances, and being absent from school due to a family holiday will not be considered as an exceptional circumstance. We understand that family circumstances differ however, and we will consider every request for leave when the school is open on an individual basis. Please put your request in writing and address it to the Head Teacher for consideration. Further details are available from the school office.

All headteachers must follow Department for Education guidance in relation to taking leave when schools are open, but it is the headteacher's decision whether to accept any parental explanation for absence, and to mark an absence as authorised or unauthorised in registers. Please be aware that pupils arriving to school after the official close of registers will be marked as being 'unauthorised absent' unless there are legitimate reasons for your child's late arrival.



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Should your child be absent for unauthorised reasons, you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice by Haringey Council. This is a penalty of £120, payable for each of your children that have been absent from school for unauthorised reasons. The penalty is payable by each parent. This means that both you and your partner will have to pay the penalty. If the penalty notice is paid within 21 days, there is a 50% discount, so the amount payable is £60 per penalty notice. Late or part payments are not accepted.

Every day in school counts towards your child's future, and I thank you in advance for supporting us in ensuring excellent school attendance.

This letter acts as a warning that any unauthorised absence may result in a penalty notice being issued to you.

Yours sincerely

EWO

Education Welfare Officer

Education Welfare Service

Cc. Gemma Horgan -Pastoral Care Manager



Dear Parents & Carers

### **Starting Primary School in 2024 – Reception Admissions**

It has been wonderful to see how well your child has settled into our nursery. They are already having so much fun learning in our setting! We would love to welcome your child to join Lancasterian Primary School in September 2024.

If you would like any information about our school, you can visit our school website <https://www.lancasterianprimary.co.uk/>

All children starting in reception class at Lancasterian Primary School in September 2024 will receive the following free of charge:

- a Kindle Fire tablet (or equivalent) to support with home learning.
- a school jumper.
- a school bag.

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a reception school place for September 2024.

**You must submit your application by 15 January 2024**

Any applications received after 15/01/2024 will be processed after all those who applied on time, and families could potentially miss out on a place at their preferred school.

If you are not able to apply online, please contact school admissions to request a paper form. However, there must be a legitimate reason for you not applying online. This form must reach the school admission team by 15/01/2024.

We are hosting school tours this term. If you are interested in attending to find out more about our wonderful school, please see all available dates on the school website.

<https://www.lancasterianprimary.co.uk/key-information/admissions>

#### **Useful information:**

[www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school) - All relevant information (booklet and open events information).

[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) – E-admission site/online application.

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-catchment-areas> - Distance Calculator – This will only work for Haringey residents requiring their home to school distance measurements to Haringey Schools.

[schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk) – school admissions support team.

Dear Parents & Carers

**Re: Secondary School Transfer Deadline 31/10/2023**

We are writing to inform you about the Secondary transfer admissions process.

If you live in Haringey and your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you will need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024.

Please note that applications must be received before the deadline of **31 October 2023**. Any applications received after this date will be processed after all those who applied on time, and families could potentially miss out on a place at their preferred school.

Please apply via:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Haringey School Admission Team live online talks event:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school#talk>

The Secondary Transfer Meeting with Haringey Admissions Team will take place at school in the KS2 Hall on Tuesday 26/09/23 at 3:30 pm.

Secondary Booklet:

[https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/secondary\\_admissions\\_booklet.pdf](https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/secondary_admissions_booklet.pdf)

We strongly urge you to read this as it will take you through the process and provide you with important information on the schools' admission criteria and new legislation from the Department of Education. There is also a step-by-step guide on how to apply online.

Secondary school open Events:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/secondary-schools/secondary-school-open-events>

Families are advised to check the school website as many schools are requesting families to book online.

**eAdmissions site** <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> This will take you to the eAdmissions site where you can apply online. Please ensure that you read the application form carefully before ticking any boxes and ensure that you provide the evidence required. Make sure that you submit your application and any edited versions by the deadline date 31 October 2023.

**Distance Calculator:** <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/find-your-local-schools> – This will only work for Haringey residents requiring their home to school distance measurements to Haringey Schools. For distances to schools outside of Haringey, you will have to contact the authority that the school is in.

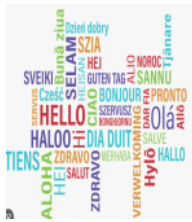
**Customer Services:** [schooladmissionscs@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissionscs@haringey.gov.uk) This is the email address you can use if you are an out of borough resident requesting your home to school distance measurements for Haringey schools.

**School Admissions contact:** [schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk) – This is the email address you can use to contact us at school admissions.

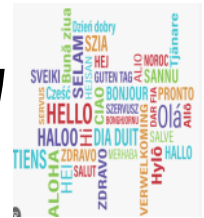
Yours sincerely



Paul Murphy – Head Teacher



# Meet Your Language Champions!



Our community at Lancasterian is wonderfully diverse. This is true of both our families and staff and is something we are incredibly proud of.

We want to ensure that every family in our community is fully involved in school life, and that if English is not a first language, this is not a barrier in any way.



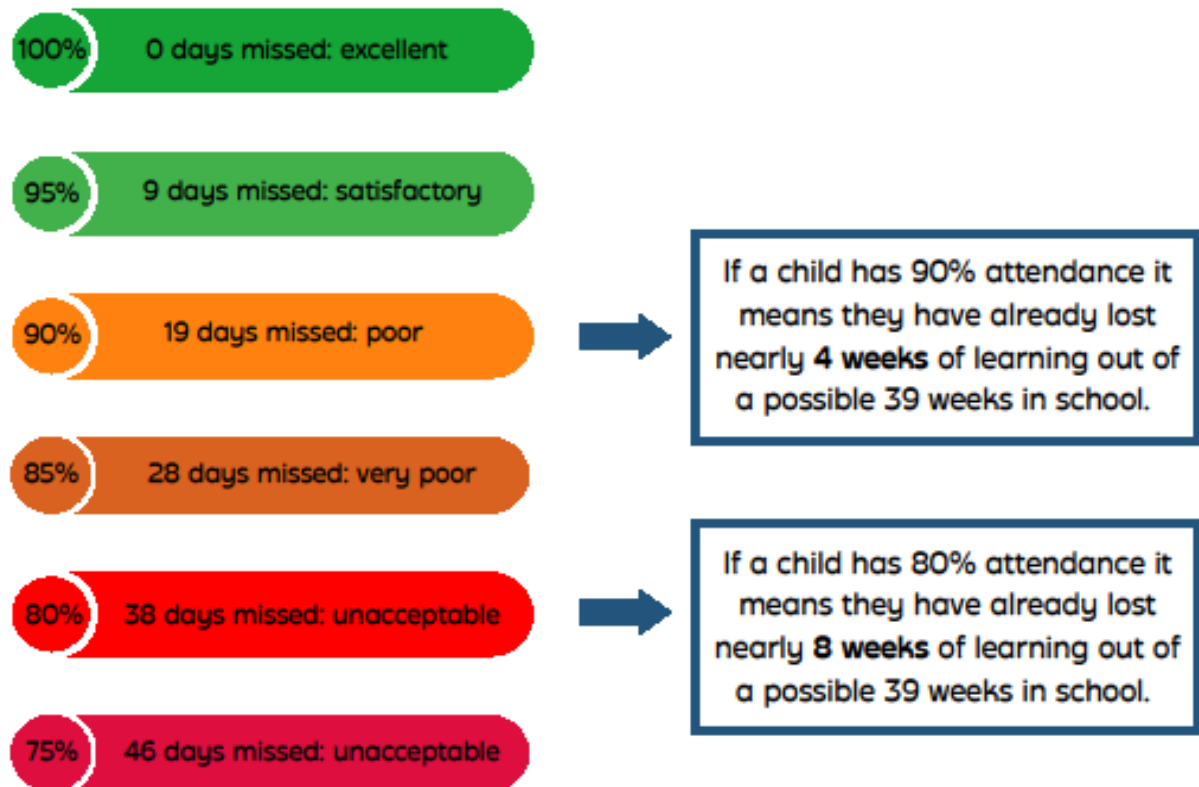
In addition to English, Sibel and Mel speak Turkish and Marsha speaks Spanish. They are available in the playgrounds at the start and end of the day for quick check-ins or, with prior arrangement, they are willing and able to interpret at meetings, or translate written communication that has been sent to you from school.

If you feel you would benefit from having a Language Champion to help improve your communication with school, please do get in touch via the school office.

We would also like to ensure that when families join our school, they are linked with 'Parent/Carer Language Champions', should they need it. We think many of our parents and carers would be fantastic Language Champions! If you'd be interested in being a Parent/Carer Language Champion please do get in touch via the office.



## What do attendance percentages mean?



**Getting to school on time really matters, lost time is lost learning.**

Minutes late every day	Days of school lost	Lessons lost
5 minutes late	3 school days lost	16 lessons lost
10 minutes late	5 school days lost	32 lessons lost
15 minutes late	8 school days lost	48 lessons lost
20 minutes late	11 school days lost	63 lessons lost

# SEND

## Help us improve support descriptions for children with SEND

### Have your say!

We're updating the language used to describe the needs of children with SEND.

We need your help to ensure the new descriptors are accurate, useful and fair.

Have your say by filling out our consultation survey!



Use the QR code above or visit:  
[haringeysendbandings.commonplace.is](https://haringeysendbandings.commonplace.is)



**Haringey**  
LONDON

# **WEBINARS FOR PARENTS DELIVERED BY HARINGEY EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE**

## **AUTUMN TERM DATES**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 12pm – 1pm**  
**Managing Behaviour**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 12pm – 1pm**  
**Managing Children's Anxiety**

## **SIGN UP HERE**

**[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/  
O/MARKFIELD-31140926185](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/markfield-31140926185)**



## **Managing Behaviour**

This webinar will focus on thinking about reasons behind behaviour and strategies to manage behaviour - for parents of primary aged children

## **Managing Children's Anxiety**

This webinar will focus on understanding and managing children's anxiety - for parents of children of all ages

## **Future Webinars**

These will be held in the Spring and Summer terms on the following topics:  
Sleep  
Emotion Coaching  
Reading/literacy  
Understanding different profiles of children with Autistic Spectrum Condition