

# WEATHERFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Spring 2 Term, with brighter weather and lighter evenings ahead. We continue to work with our School Improvement Partner from Whipperley Trust over the coming terms, with a number of our staff visiting their schools in addition to us welcoming staff from the Whipperley Trust to Weatherfield. This is proving to be a very successful partnership

## Lower School - Sun Sea & Sand Day

On Wednesday, learners in the Lower School took part in a 'Sun, Sea & Sand' Day as part of their 'Coastlines' themed studies this term. Students were invited to dress up with a beach theme, with the opportunity to take part in a number of practical activities giving learners a taster of areas that will be covered over, from shell painting to beach ball. This proved a great success, with both learners and staff really enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone involved.

## KS5 – Careers Visit

Over recent months, learners in KS5 have had the opportunity to visit a selection of colleges to explore future pathways in preparation for adulthood. Today, a number of learners attended an Open Day at Gaps in Dunstable, which provides access to a variety of Study Programmes to support entry into further education.

## Bikeability

A reminder that a number of learners will be taking part in Bikeability next week. Details have already been sent to those involved in the scheme and we look forward to seeing their developments in skills and confidence as the week develops. Thank you to all involved in organising and taking part in this excellent scheme.

## Beecroft Community Centre Donation

We were delighted to receive a donation of £500 for our School Fund from Beecroft Community Centre recently. The funds will be used to purchase additional playground equipment for our young people to enjoy at break and lunch times. Thank you to Beecroft Community Centre for this kind donation which is much appreciated.

## Parking on Site

In order to allow access for those with physical needs to the front of the school, please could I remind parents to park in the surrounding roads and walk the short distance into the site when picking up and dropping off. We also need to ensure that the roundabout at the front of the school is left clear should emergency services be needed. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## SEND Conference for Parents/Carers

The conference is taking place on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at the Rufus Centre in Flitwick. There is a morning session running from 9:30am to 12:30pm and an evening session running from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Parent/carers will be able to hear from our new Director of Children and Families and get information and support from a variety of organisations. Please see the attached flyer giving further details.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School

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**Safeguarding at Weatherfield Academy**

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Welcome to our newsletter. Safeguarding at Weatherfield Academy continues to be monitored closely by the DSL, DDSL and Safeguarding Governor along with Central Beds Council Staff to ensure all procedures and protocols are working at the best level possible to ensure safety of all here at Weatherfield Academy. The DSL and DDSL meet regularly with the Chair of Governors and Safeguarding Governor.

**LATEST NEWS – 28th February 2025**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARENT(S)/CARER(S) FOR HELPING OUR STUDENTS TO BE RESPONSIBLE WITH THEIR MOBILE PHONES/IPADS AND WITH THEIR ONLINE BEHAVIOURS TOO**

**– This is very much appreciated.**

**THANK YOU.**

**There is a new safeguarding board at the front of the school which will have information for everyone from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.**

If you have any questions, concerns or general comments please email me in the first instance –  
Carol Patterson, DSL, [cpatterson@weatherfield.beds.sch.uk](mailto:cpatterson@weatherfield.beds.sch.uk)

Central Bedfordshire Council  
[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/SEND)



# SEND conference for parent carers

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You can also sign up for two of the following workshops on the day:

- Therapeutic thinking
- Graduated approach
- Speech and language
- Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

The conference is taking place on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at the Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road, Flitwick, MK45 1AH. There is a morning session running from 9:30am to 12:30pm and an evening session running from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

To book your free place please visit:  
[bit.ly/CBCSEND2025](http://bit.ly/CBCSEND2025) or scan the QR code on this poster.



**SEND** | Together is better



Hertfordshire Community  
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Missed your  
routine  
childhood  
vaccinations???



# Catch up vaccination clinics

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED  
JUST WALK IN! 10AM TO 2PM**

HPV, DTP & MEN acvy- Year 9 and above  
MMR - All year groups

**The Weatherley Centre  
Biggleswade, SG18 8JH  
Saturday 8th March**

**Linmere Farmstead  
Huckett Street, Houghton Regis, LU5 5GX  
Thursday 10th April**

**Meppershall Village Hall,  
Walnut Tree Way, Meppershall, SG17 5AB  
Wednesday 16th April**

For queries call 0300 555 5055



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## **LUTON IRISH FORUM**

102 Hitchin Road, LU2 0ES

Saturday 1st March  
Saturday 29th March  
Monday 7th April  
Monday 14th April

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