

WEATHERFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carers

We have recently had a visit from the Local Authority with a focus around our safeguarding and progress being made with our processes. We are pleased to report that the Local Authority were pleased with our ongoing progress and the changes that have been made since their last visit in October. I can assure you that this is a priority for the whole school from Trustees and Governors to all staff at the Academy.

School Photos

The School Photographer visited us on Tuesday to take portrait and family photos. Proofs will be sent home shortly, with an opportunity to buy photos should you wish. More details to follow.

Trips & Educational Experiences

Learners have enjoyed a range of experiences this week, including Sitting Volleyball, a trip to the Cinema for semi-formal learners to see Superworm! and Smed & Smoo's. Afterwards learners will be using their maths/ communication and independence skills by trying to order in McDonalds as independently as possible. We also had a visit to the Academy from 'A Band in a Van' who gave a musical performance to learners. Thank you to staff members for organising these experiences and for those who supported them.

We are very pleased to have an annual visitors pass to Whipsnade Zoo, which was purchased from the funds raised at the Summer Fayre. During the coming year, we will be organising Zoo visits for every class across the Academy.

Children in Need

We raised £144.55 last week for Children in Need, with a non-uniform day and range of activities for learners to enjoy. Thank you to everyone involved in raising funds, organising and taking part in the day.

Easyfund

We have been paid £70.19 this week thanks to our community shopping online! A huge thank you to everyone who supports us. If you wish to get involved? Sign up to easyfundraising, so your Black Friday, Christmas and all other online shopping at your favourite retailers turns into much-needed funding for us. It'll take you two minutes to sign up:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/fweatherfieldacademy/J49BG7/dda/U5SijpKB/Q3244/facebook/70.19>

Staff Appointments

Congratulations to Miss Giddings, who has been appointed Lower School Pathway Leader for English and Miss Mohammed, who has been appointed Upper School Pathway Leader for English.

Yours sincerely



Mr L Meenan
Head of School

Dates for your Diaries

Fri 29th Nov - School closed to learners for Staff INSET Day

Tues 10th Dec - Whole School Trip to The Grove Theatre to see Beauty & the Beast – more details to follow.

Tues 10th Dec – Christmas Lunch – more details to follow

Tuesday 17th Dec – Celebration Service at St Mary's Church, Dunstable

Fri 20th Dec - End of Term – Break up for Christmas

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Weekly Bulletin for Families in the Dunstable area

In this week's edition:

- EHCP Mediation Preparation and What to Expect Online Training
 - CAMHS- Online Workshops for Parents and Carers
 - Have Your Voice Heard- Help make a difference in your Community
 - Better Housing Better Health
 - Parent Insight Sessions
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EHCP Mediation Preparation and What to Expect

Free Online Training

Tuesday 26th November 6.30pm-8.30pm

SNAP Parent Carer Forum provide a free online training session for parents and carers focusing on EHCP Mediation preparation and what to expect. The session covers:

What is mediation
How to prepare
What information to consider
Who can attend
What to expect

Booking is essential

To book a place

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SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

ONLINE TRAINING



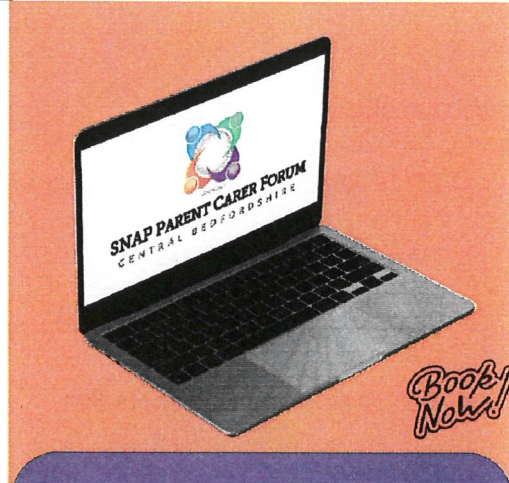

We are excited to announce our free online training for parent carers...

EHCP Mediation Preparation and What to Expect

Tuesday 26th of November
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

EHCP Mediation preparation and what to expect

- What is mediation?
- Mediation with the EHCP Team
- How to prepare?
- What information to consider?
- Who can attend?
- What to expect?



BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL...

DATE AND VENUE

Online Event (Link will be sent)
Tuesday 26th November
6.30 pm- 8.30 pm

Please book your place by emailing Mediation and your name to:

admin@snapppcf.org.uk

You need to be a member of SNAP PCF (free to join)



Upcoming...

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
A QUICK GUIDE TO THE EHC NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR PARENTS

HEALTHY PARENT CARERS - A 12 WEEK PROGRAM STARING JANUARY 2025- DETAILS TO FOLLOW

PLEASE JOIN SNAP PCF AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR INFORMATION ON OTHER TRAINING AND EVENTS

www.snapppcf.org.uk

CAMHS

Central Beds Mental Health Support Teams - Online Workshops for Parents

Parents & carers workshops:

- 15th January - Sleep Hygiene - 5pm until 6pm
- 30th April - Helping Your Child with Exam Stress - 5pm until 6pm
- 4th March - Understanding Worries in Children - 5pm until 6pm

- 18th June - Supporting School Transitions - 11am until 12pm
- 8th July - Supporting School Transitions - 5pm until 6pm

Central Bedfordshire Community Access Service

Upcoming Events

**Central Beds Mental Health Support Teams
Online Workshops
for Parents & Caregivers (click on each to sign up!)**

 <p>OCT 16 <i>Emotionally Based School Avoidance - for parents & caregivers</i> 5-6 PM</p>	 <p>JAN 15 <i>Sleep Hygiene - for parents & caregivers</i> 5-6PM</p>	 <p>APRIL 30 <i>Helping Your Child with Exam Stress - for parents & caregivers</i> 5-6 PM</p>
 <p>MAR 04 <i>Understanding Worries in Children - for parents & caregivers</i> 5-6 PM</p>	 <p>JUNE 18 <i>Supporting School Transitions - for parents & caregivers</i> 11 AM - 12 PM</p>	 <p>JUL 08 <i>Supporting School Transitions - for parents & caregivers</i> 5-6 PM</p>





[Click to book and find out further information](#)

Have your voice heard

Help make a difference in your community.

If you are a Central Bedfordshire Council tenant, leaseholder, shared owner or license holder, why not be included in shaping your housing service

and improving your community.

Find out more

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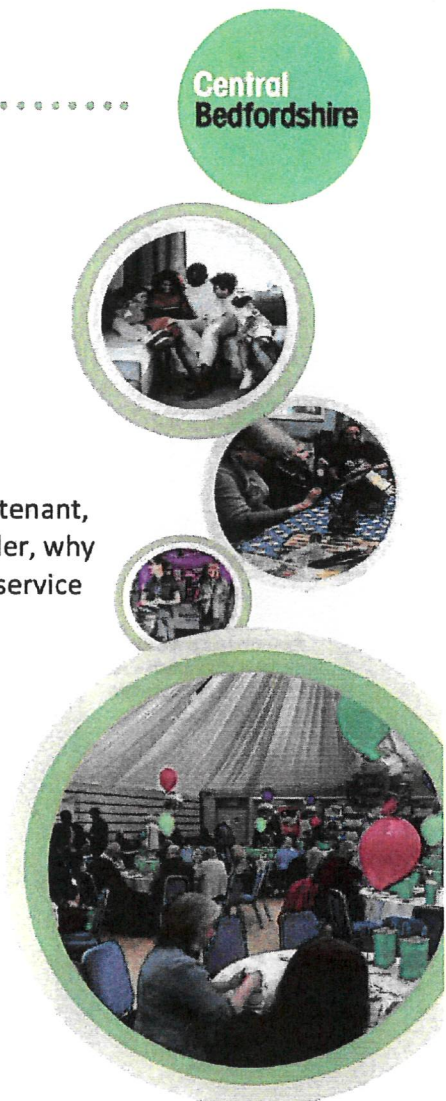
If you are a Central Bedfordshire Council tenant, leaseholder, shared owner or licence holder, why not be included in shaping your housing service and improving your community.

You can get involved in a way that suits your lifestyle, such as:

- Online or paper surveys
- Focus groups
- Events
- Estate inspections
- Online forums

It's easy to apply and you could earn gift vouchers as a thank you!

To register, scan the QR code or email:
tenant.involvement@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



Better Housing Better Health

Winter is coming.

Get your home ready with a FREE home energy assessment. The team at [Better Housing Better Health](#) can provide you with tailored advice to keep your home warm and energy-efficient this winter.

Call 0800 107 0044 to book your FREE visit and get ready for the colder months.

Keep an eye out for more energy saving tips and stay [#EnergyAware](#)



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GET READY FOR WINTER FOR FREE

Book a **FREE HOME VISIT** now to receive expert guidance and support

CALL FOR FREE

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www.bhbh.org.uk

Parent Insight Sessions

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**Insight Session
for
Parents**

**Keeping Children
Safe In a Digital
World**

Wednesday 20th November 9.30-10.30am

This informative session will offer attendees the opportunity to find out the up-to-date issues children and young people face in a digital world – including grooming, cyber bullying, and the sending of indecent images. The session will also look at how the online space can also be used to criminally exploit children.

Our guest speaker is Richard Denton who leads the Bedfordshire Police Education and Diversion Team. Richard has been involved working alongside children and young people for over twenty years with the last fifteen focusing on policing in schools and other educational settings. He has a wealth of knowledge around vulnerability and exploitation with a particular specialism in digital safeguarding.

The event takes place online via Microsoft Teams and is free to attend, but you will need to register for a space via link below.

[Register](#)

Criminal Exploitation - Keeping Children Safe

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Insight Session for Parents

Thursday 28th November 4.00- 5.00pm

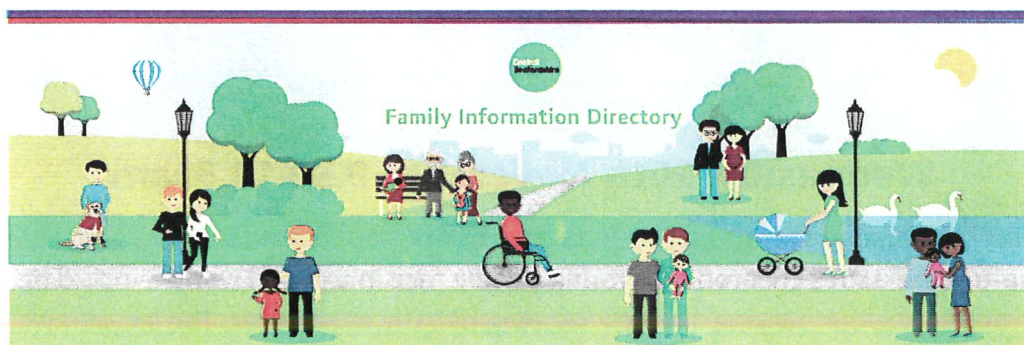
'Did you know children as young as 9 years old are being targeted and exploited?'

Though sadly, no child is exempt from the tactics of perpetrators, there is power in knowing the signs to spot a child at risk, so you can raise the alarm to prevent future harm.

Join us find out more about criminal exploitation of children, and how to keep your child safe.

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