



Brindishe  
Federation

## Brindishe Federation Newsletter

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022*

### *Lewisham Winter Programme*

Please find attached to this newsletter the Winter Holiday HAF Programme. This winter, with funding from the Department of Education, Lewisham Council is providing a varied holiday programme, with free activities and lunches for schoolaged children and young people (aged 5–16 years–up to 19 for children/young people with SEND) eligible for and in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals. Please note priority is given to families and young people who are in receipt of free school meals ages 4-16 years.

Dates of delivery is 19-30<sup>th</sup> December 2022.



### *Starting primary school in 2023 - advice and support for Lewisham families*

#### Event

Lewisham are excited to announce that they are running a free informal event for parents to learn about the primary application process. They will be offering friendly and supportive advice from Admissions, Family Information Service, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and Free School Meals teams.

**This will be on Wednesday 14 December from 9am-6pm at Catford Library.**

**Primary schools and Early Years providers** – Please see the below link where you can find out more and book a space if you are interested – Lewisham have broken up the day into four timed sessions and some may be more popular than others.

[Book your slot on the 'starting primary school in 2023' event at Catford Library](#)

#### Email reminders

Don't forget you can also sign up for weekly emails – these go out weekly every Tuesday with tips, advice, and reminders and have been very useful for parents in the past.

[Sign up for weekly emails about applying for a primary school place in 2023](#)



## ***Cost-of-living support***

We know everyone is feeling the pinch this winter and we want to support those families in our school community who are impacted the most. If you're struggling with your finances, please do get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help. We want to do everything we can to help you and your child through this difficult winter.

Each week we will aim to provide some support and information here to help support our families.

### **Get free or low-cost food**

If you're worried about not having enough food to feed your family, you're not alone. There are a number of places offering support.

- If you have a child under 4, and meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to [healthy start food vouchers](#)
- Find a local foodbank with these websites: [Bankuet](#), [The Independent Food Aid Network](#), the [Trussell Trust](#), or your local [community fridge](#)
- Use food waste apps and websites like [Olio](#) (for free food and household items from your local community), [Too Good To Go](#) (for low cost food from local restaurants), or [Low Price Foods](#) (food that has passed its best before date, but is still safe to consume)

## ***Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin***

### **Pop-ups and adverts**

When your child is playing on certain games or is on social media, they may see adverts/ pop up adverts. The content in these adverts may not always be appropriate to them, particularly if clicked on.

It is important to talk to your child about adverts and to think about what they are clicking on before they do and if they are unsure to either ignore them or to check with a trusted adult.

Further information <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/security/pop-ups-adverts/>





## ***Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week***

### **Article 4 (implementation of the Convention)**

Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

### **Article 41 (respect for higher national standards)**

If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

### **Human Rights Day**

On 10th December 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

This important moment in human history is now remembered on that date every year and is known as Human Rights Day.

All children have the same human rights as adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the **additional** rights that all children have until the age of 18.

Children's rights are human rights so we can celebrate them alongside the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



## ***Key Federation Dates***

- End of Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Closing date for primary applications – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Primary offer day – Monday 17 April 2023 (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)



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### ***Governing Body Dates***

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - [lizcmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:lizcmurphy@gmail.com)

Autumn 2

Brindishe Manor

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 6pm

Spring 1

Brindishe Lee

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 6pm

Spring 2

Brindishe Green

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, 6pm

Summer 1

Brindishe Manor

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6pm

Summer 2

Brindishe Lee

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6pm