



Newsletter

Dear Armfield Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to this week's newsletter! We are always delighted to share the fantastic achievements of our students and keep you updated with important reminders to ensure everything runs smoothly at Armfield Academy.

Messages

We want to thank all our families for their support over the last half term. It's been a short term, but filled with utter joy for the vast majority of our students. They have worked hard; they have laughed and they are really stepping up when it comes to standards and behaviour. We are so proud of them.

We really hope the weather improves for you all over the Easter break and we look forward to seeing all our students back in school on Monday 13th April. The high school gates open at 8:20am and we want all students in full school uniform and ready to learn.

We also want to wish all the students and staff a bon voyage heading off to Austria on the ski trip. Have a fabulous time and we can't wait to hear all about it when you return.

Happy easter to all our wonderful families and community. We appreciate you.



Weekly maths challenge

11 times table

1	x	11	=	11
2	x	11	=	22
3	x	11	=	33
4	x	11	=	44
5	x	11	=	55
6	x	11	=	66
7	x	11	=	77
8	x	11	=	88
9	x	11	=	99
10	x	11	=	110
11	x	11	=	121
12	x	11	=	132

Timestables.co.uk

The foundation of all mathematics is the times tables.
It is important to enable fast mental arithmetic, problem solving and developing maths confidence.

Please can we ask parents to work hard with their you people to ensure they can do their times tables.

Blackpool young carers

Take 5 Sessions

Take 5 Sessions are held for young carers at Beaverbrooks House (during term time only) on the following days:

- Take 5 Primary - Thursdays 4.00-6.00pm
- Take 5 Secondary - Wednesdays 4.00-6.00pm

We also hold other groups at various times throughout the year.



Contact Details

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FY3 8LZ

Tel: 01253 393748

Email: admin@blackpoolcarers.org

You can also send us a message using the 'Contact Us Form' on our website:

www.blackpoolcarers.org

Beaverbrooks House is open
9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday
and some weekends.
Please ring before you visit.



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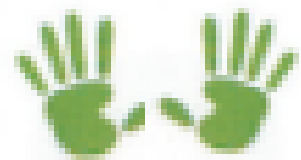
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**Blackpool
Young Carers**

AN INTRODUCTION
TO THE SERVICE



Blackpool young carers

What is a Young Carer?

Young carers are children and young people under the age of 18 years, who provide care to another family member who has a physical illness or disability, mental ill health, sensory disability or has problematic use of drugs or alcohol and the level of care they provide would normally be undertaken by an adult, thus impacting adversely on their childhood.

Young carers do lots of different jobs to help support their family

- Giving emotional support
- Shopping
- Cleaning
- Cooking family meals
- Managing money and paying bills
- Providing personal care such as washing, dressing, or giving medicine
- Looking after younger brothers and sisters



Being a young carer means you may have problems at school, such as

- Not being able to concentrate in class
- Feeling tired all the time
- Feeling worried about what is happening at home
- Not having time to do homework
- Being bullied
- Getting into trouble with teaching staff



There may be times when you

- Worry about the person you care for
- Feel embarrassed to talk about what you do
- Find school life difficult to manage
- Miss out on spending time with your friends

What sort of support do young carers receive?

The support each young carer receives depends on the level of care they give. Each young person will be assessed and given a RAG (red, amber or green) status.

Support offered for each status is shown below:

Red

- One to one work
- Family support plan
- Whole family support
- Trips and activities
- Residential breaks
- Consultation events and forums
- Respite sessions (Free activities and food provided)



Amber

- Family support plan
- Some trips and activities
- Consultation events and forums
- Respite sessions (Free activities and food provided)



Green

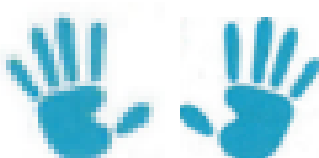
- Youth Club (Free activities and food provided)
- Invitation to one-off events eg. fun days and Christmas Party
- Consulted on views on young carers issues.

Online Referral Form

Scan the QR Code or visit:
[www.blackpoolcarers.org/
advice-and-support/
online-carers-referral-form/](http://www.blackpoolcarers.org/advice-and-support/online-carers-referral-form/)
to refer to our service.



Young Carer's Referral Journey



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonsafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however; some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Harry Collins is a tech writer, journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of writing for BBC, such as the Sunday Times, What's PC? and Computerworld, as a reporter, reporter, on a host of print, radio, television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 4's Inside Out, the News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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Easter Holiday

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Morning 9:30am - 11:30am	History 2238 AWI Paper 1 - Germany RS 2019 LWA Paper 1 - Christian beliefs and practices French 2245 KBU GCSE French Speaking Skills Boost English Literature 2228 Romeo and Juliet Paper 1 Construction 4009 - HHA L1/2 - Unit 3	RS 2019 LWA Paper 2 - Themes B&D Religion and Life, Religion, peace and Justice History 2236 AWI Paper 2 - Medicine Maths- Paper 1 2020 Practise/higher foundation English Literature 2228 An Inspector Calls Paper 2	History 2121 LBL Paper 1 - Conflict & Tension History 2126 BRE Paper 1 English Literature 2228 A Christmas Carol Paper 1	Computer Science 4114 SMO Paper 1 + 2 English Literature 2219 Power & Conflict Poetry Paper 2	School Closed Good Friday

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WEEK 2	Monday 6th April	Tuesday 7th April	Wednesday 8th April	Thursday 9th April	Friday 10th April
Morning 9:30am - 11:30am	School Closed Easter Monday	Sports studies 3118 LFR R184 - LO1, LO2 & LO3. Maths- Paper 1 practise/higher foundation English Literature 2219 Romeo & Juliet Paper 1	History 2121 LBL Paper 2 - Elizabeth Geography 2125 LCR Paper 1 - Living World	Travel and Tourism 2125 LCR Component 3 Maths- Paper 1 practise/higher foundation	History 2126 BRE Paper 2 Chemistry 2107 JHU Paper 1
Afternoon 12pm - 2pm	School Closed Easter Monday	Maths- Paper 2 and 3 practise/higher foundation Art - Exam Prep JEV 4109 Graphics - Exam Prep LPO 4105	History 2121 LBL Paper 2 - Health Geography 2125 LCR Paper 1 - Rivers and Coasts	Travel and Tourism 2125 LCR Component 3 Maths- Paper 2 and 3 practise/higher foundation	History 2126 BRE Paper 2 Geography 2125 LCR Paper 2 - Changing Economic World
		English Literature 2219 Romeo & Juliet Paper 1			

Year 7 Girls' Rugby: Blackpool Schools Tournament

A massive well done to our Year 7 girls' rugby team for their fantastic performance at the Blackpool Schools Tournament this past Monday!

The team displayed brilliant tactical awareness throughout the afternoon, securing a series of impressive results by winning four out of five games. This success is a testament to the hard work and focus these girls bring to every PE lesson; their dedication to mastering T1 rugby has really shone through on the pitch. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school!



The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Year 1 finished off their English unit of work 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' with a real tea party. It included special guests, a huge, stripy tiger and a real-life Sophie, as the main character in the story is called Sophie. We had biscuits, cakes and lovely cups of teas too. We had our faces painted and had a terrrrific time.





House System Update

The term ended in charitable fashion with an Armfield 'Cake-Off' event. Pupils, parents and staff were challenged to bake a sweet treat based on either of the following themes:

- **Blackpool – Armfield – The House System – The Curriculum – A Book – Jimmy Armfield**

The student captains and ambassadors then used their enterprising skills to raise as much money as possible for their respective house charities in a break time cake sale. In total, 119 bakes of various colours, tastes and sizes were contributed to the event, raising £406. Points were awarded for most cakes and most money raised:

Most Cakes

- 1st - 50 points = **Ruby**
- 2nd - 40 points = **Sapphire**
- 3rd - 30 points = **Citrine**
- 4th - 20 points = **Amethyst**
- 5th - 10 points = **Emerald**



The 10-point bonus was again handed **Sapphire House** as a result of having the highest average attendance [91.26%].

Thank you to pupils, staff and parents for your continued support of the academy's culture.



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Free under 16's swim sessions

Moor Park

Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 April: 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday 1 April: 1:00pm – 2:30pm
Friday 3 April: 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Monday 6, Tuesday 7
1:30pm to 3:00pm
Wednesday 8 and Friday 10 April: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Palatine

Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April
1:00pm – 2:30pm
Closed Friday 3 April

- Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult
- Unaccompanied juniors must have a valid leisure card

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Thank you for your continued support—we love celebrating our students' successes with you
Best wishes,
The Armfield Academy