

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 27th Nov - 1st Dec 2023 Week 1



Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week, Year 8 have had their Respect Day with the theme of relationships and personal responsibility. This included sessions delivered by our staff as well as a final presentation delivered by an outside speaker. Feedback was very positive and behaviour was excellent throughout the day.

Last night we held our presentation evening for the GCSE Class of 2023. It was lovely to see our past pupils in school to celebrate their achievements, and to award their certificates and prizes.

We noted from our recent Parents' Forum that some parents are unsure where to find their child's Home Study. For Years 10 and 11, this will be set on Google Classroom by class teachers. For Years 7, 8, and 9 all Home Study for each half term is set in a booklet which is posted on Form and Aspire Google Classroom pages. There is also a blank planner on Google Classroom to help your child to plan out their time. Links to the booklets are here: Year 7, Year 8, Year 9. Instructions for how to submit the work are also in the booklet. If your child would prefer a paper copy of the booklet, they can ask their form tutor to provide one.

We expect all pupils to complete the work set.

Just a note on drinks in school. Whilst there is a vending machine in school at the moment, this is temporary and we will be returning it when the contract expires. We continue to encourage all pupils and staff to bring reusable bottles and fill them from the water fountains. We would appreciate your support with this.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson Principal

ALL PUPILS will be learning about bank accounts, credit cards and banking in general in Monday's Secure session with their forms as part of 'Talk money' week. The resources will be available for parents to access via your child's Secure Google Classroom on Monday in case you wish to discuss this further with them.

Children in Need raised £1400!

Thank you so much for your kind donations. The hampers and the Crystal Aura voucher were won by Mrs O'Reilly, Liam P and Lexi H.

Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

Year 7: 100 pupils to date Year 8: 66 pupils to date Year 9: 69 pupils to date Year 10: 60 students to date Year 11: 76 students to date

All: 371 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 176 pupils Year 8: 129 pupils Year 9: 143 pupils Year 10: 127 students Year 11: 148 students All: 723 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

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How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 -

3?

Year 7: 170 pupils
Year 8: 121 pupils
Year 9: 119 pupils
Year 10: 94 students
Year 11: 117 students
All: 621 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school Parklands Bulletin

Weekly Learning Support Board - please click here



Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 94%

Overall school attendance for the week 92.6%

National Average since September - 94.6% as at 13/11

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 94.7%
South America 94%
Africa 94.1%
Asia 95%
Australasia 94.8%

Attendance by House since last week:

Europe 93.9%
South America 92.8%
Australasia 93.7%
Asia 94%
Africa 90.5%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Europe - Switzerland 96.7%

Australasia - Fiji 97.9%

South America - Paraguay 97.6%

Asia - Philippines 96.9%

Africa - Botswana 96.4%

Head Students' Page

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all had an amazing week! It's only 4 weeks until we leave for Christmas, so make your last few weeks of term count!

We have many exciting trips coming up for those who are eligible - the Trafford Centre, cinema and a disco for Year 7s and 8s.

Yesterday, we had our GCSE Presentation Evening and it was great to see all of their accomplishments throughout Parklands! It's another reminder for us to work our hardest during school!

We also met with the Head Pupil candidates who are about to begin their final interviews! The best of luck to them on behalf of our team!

Have a great weekend,

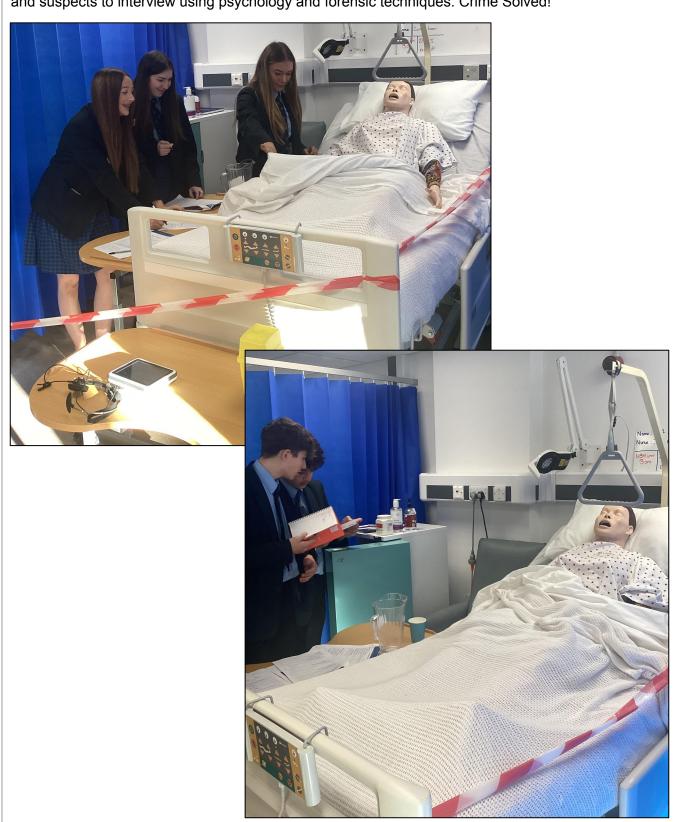
Grace:)

Thank you to everybody who donated for the Ukraine Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Mrs Donohue and two Ukrainian students delivered 38 shoe boxes full of gifts to the Chorley and District Support for Ukraine warehouse, from where the boxes will be taken to Ukraine and given to children and adults to help them celebrate the festive season.



With Thanks **Stuart A. Clewlow**Co-ordinator, Chorley & District Support for Ukraine

On Friday 24th November 10 of our year 10 students attended a forensics and psychology masterclass at Wigan and leigh college. It was a very exciting day with crime scenes to investigate and suspects to interview using psychology and forensic techniques. Crime Solved!



PE Update week beginning 20th November

A week of girl power in the PE department! The number of pupils attending badminton, dodgeball, netball, football, basketball, dance and cheerleading clubs is fantastic! Our gymnastics team is working hard towards their competition in a couple of weeks time too.

U12s Girls Football Lancashire Cup Good luck to the team for the match today after school today against Archbishop Temple.

Y9 Girls Football Chorley Schools Semi Finals. An unfortunate loss to Bishop Rawsthorne, a draw against Holy Cross, despite being a player down for the competition. Great football on display by the girls but we struggled to score.

Under 14s Girls Football Lancashire cup against Darwen Vale High School. The game that was postponed due to weather... Despite absolutely horrendous weather conditions (again!) The girls came out with a fantastic 4-3 win! A quality team performance! Congratulations.



Under 14s Basketball - against Clitheroe Grammar School. Our first game of the season and we came up against a very good team. The boys fought valiantly but unfortunately fell short. Hopefully we have better results in the forthcoming fixtures.



Under 14s Girls football Lancashire cup.
Another dominant display by the girls. Shout out to CJ for a memorable goal! The game ended with a 3-1 victory. We now progress on to the next round of the cup!
Congratulations!



Year 7 Netball - A fantastic effort by both teams this week playing teams from Holy Cross, St Michaels and Bishop Rawsthorne. Huge improvements with footwork and creating space on the court which helped get a few victories! Well done!



We're so proud of the level of commitments shown by all of our pupils, well done!

There are some fantastic opportunities being offered for those interested in cricket. The MCC Cricket Hub are offering free access to coaching and match play for school children aged 11-16. For more information please click on the link below.

MCC Cricket Hub free coaching sessions

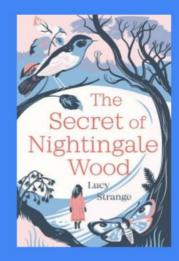


Like sport and PE but looking for a club to join? Click Here





Library book of the week



This debut from the fantastically named Lucy Strange combines the magical and the real world to create an engaging read for kids of all ages. The book is firmly on current trends, with its themes of battling patriarchy, a post pandemic, and mental health. Our heroine is a girl called Henrietta, known as Henry, and the book starts at the beginning of the interwar period, with Henry's family moving to a big house in the country get over the death of her older brother in a terrible accident. One of the books strengths is the thorough historical research by Strange, and there are plenty of factual titbits dropped into the text, including the origin of the phrase "Going round the bend".

There is a sombre tone to the book throughout as it deals with the grief of loss, her mother's depression and Henry's own emotions when reacting these two things. WW1 has taken from most characters, everyone has lost someone or something to the war. In the first half of the book, the plot is slowly revealed as Henry meets various characters including a mysterious woman who she thinks is a witch or even a ghost. The text here is rich with many references to classic children's literature. The Fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen, The Water Babies, Moonfleet are all woven cleverly into the first half of the book. Then as the story gets going, it ditches these references and just concentrates on plot, which becomes stronger, faster and more gripping. The Secret of Nightingale Wood is one of those books you like the more you read it. For fans of Emma Carroll.

Mr Johnston - Library Manager

Dame Rachel De Souza the Children's Commissioner for England has asked that all schools share this information with parents and carers.

This quote is from her letter to schools.

"I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Lancashire are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision-makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with the Government to ensure that children's voices are heard."

Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.



School Counsellor

Pupils now have opportunity to access counselling with Mrs Denby school counsellor. Pupils can access the service through House Achievement Leaders or attend drop in sessions via appointment on Tuesdays and Thursday's 3-4pm. Counselling gives young people a regular and confidential space to talk. Counselling has a positive effect on young people's confidence, resilience, sense of self-worth, family relationships, friendships, school attendance and academic achievement.

If a pupil has been assessed as "Gillick" competent they have the legal right not to tell parents or carers that they have been accessing counselling and this should be respected. Of course, the pupil themselves are free to tell whoever they wish that they are engaging in counselling and often do.

Mrs Denby

Useful resources and links to websites/apps:

Link to support Apps/websites

https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/apps-1

https://www.butterflyandphoenix.org/

https://www.kooth.com/ https://www.papyrus-uk.org/

Useful telephone numbers:

Samaritans - 116 123

Young Minds – Text service for urgent help – Text YM to 85258 Hope - 0800 068 4141 Text - 07860039967

Crisis numbers:

If you need urgent help or assistance, please call 999.

If you require urgent support you can contact the crisis team on 01772 647024. 01772 773433. (over 16)
Chorley, Preston and south Ribble (under 16) 0800 953 0110

It can be helpful to think ahead, so when you are feeling low you have a plan of what to do to keep yourself safe, this may be a person that you trust to speak to and ask for help. There may be a distraction tool that works for you, so it could be helpful to know what this is. Make sure you have the above resources handy, so you know where to find them if you are in need of help.



Parklands Trips 2024



Please find on link <u>here</u> the following slides all the trips with spaces available and running this year.

Please note some trips may require payments ASAP to catch up.

Please contact the member of staff on the slide for the specific trip for further details.

All the trips are dependant on good behaviour and attendance and pupils can be removed once on a trip for poor behaviour and attendance.

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP

- 5 full days with ski instruction
- Ski or snowboard hire
- Boot hire
- All meals provided including breakfast on the outbound and inbound journey
- Full area ski lift pass
- Apres ski programme including bowling, pizza, ice cream & disco
- Trip hoody
- Helmet hire
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance.

Open to years 7-10
The next trip will not go until 2027 so
don't miss out!





Barcelona Football Tour



Saturday 25th May – 31st May 2024

Pupils in current years 7-10 who play and attend school football club are welcome to attend!

- 2 professional coaching sessions
- Festival Matches against other schools
- A stadium tour and museum/shop visit.
 - Visit to Las Ramblas Visits to the LLoret De Mar Beach
- Bowling on one of the evenings included in price
 - Sightseeing in Barcelona
- All meals during the trip are included in the price. Breakfast and Tea and a packed lunch for days when out of
 - Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
 - 2 x Tour tops including 1 x football top for matches.

Total Cost estimate £775. NOW TAKING PAYMENTS VIA SCOPAY

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk





Barcelona Dance Trip



Saturday 25th May - Friday 31st May 2024

All pupils who dance inside and outside of school are welcome to attend!

- 4 professional coaching sessions
- Visit to Las Ramblas
- Visits to the LLoret De Mar Beach
- Bowling on one of the evenings
- Sightseeing in Barcelona
- All meals during the trip are included in the price. Breakfast, packed lunch and Tea.
- Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
- 2 x Tour tops.

Total Cost estimate £775.

Deposit of £100 required by 7th July 2023

NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY UNDER BARCELONA DANCE TRIP

Email gmarr@parklandsacademu.co.uk for more information



ONLY OPEN TO YEARS 7,8 AND 9

Pay £50 deposit now and you don't need to make any more payments until September 2024 (Further payments can be made if you would prefer). A fantastic summer holiday experience! Letter available here.



MEDITERRANEAN ADVENTURE, SPAIN

Ideally located between the popular beach resorts of Tossa de Mar & Lloret de Mar in the Costa Brava, Spain, this exciting Mediterranean Adventure is packed full of beach water sports from big SUPs to kayaying, You'll also enjoy a fun-filled day at the local waterpark and soak up some Spanish culture in Barcelona.

ACCOMMODATION

Stay in your own private ensuite cabins set within a private zone of the Cala Llevado complex which features a large swimming pool (with lifeguard). Dine in the onsite canteen next to the pool.

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE:

Acorn is a fully accredited, well established, ABTA bonded operator with over 40 years' experience.





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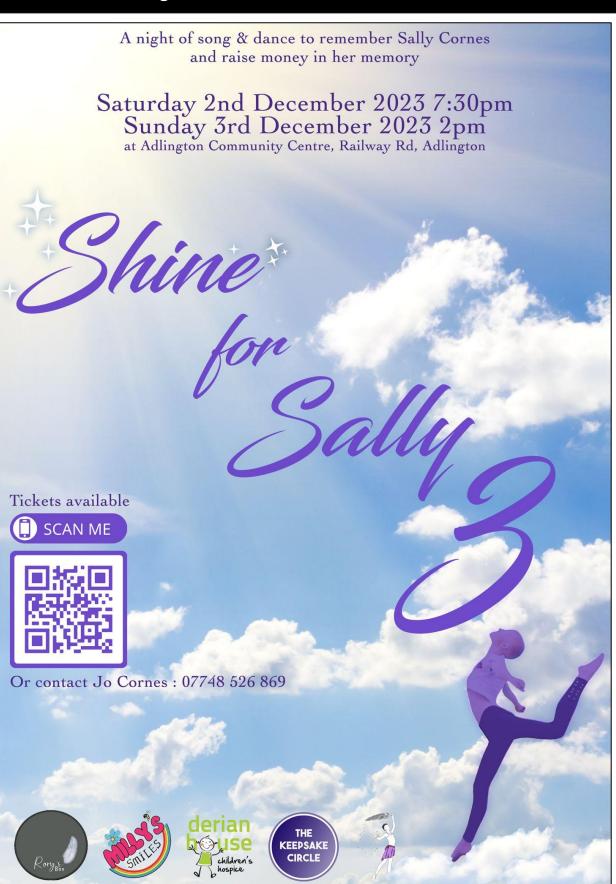
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BEACH GAMES
ARCHERY
CLIMBING WALL
BARCELONA
TOWN VISIT

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Please click <u>here</u> for the weekly menu and additional information.







Payment for the Derian Elf Army key chains can also be made on scopay. It is listed as "**DERIAN ELF ARMY KEY CHAIN**" Orders will be delivered to forms. Thank you for your support **



Year 8, 9, 10 and 11

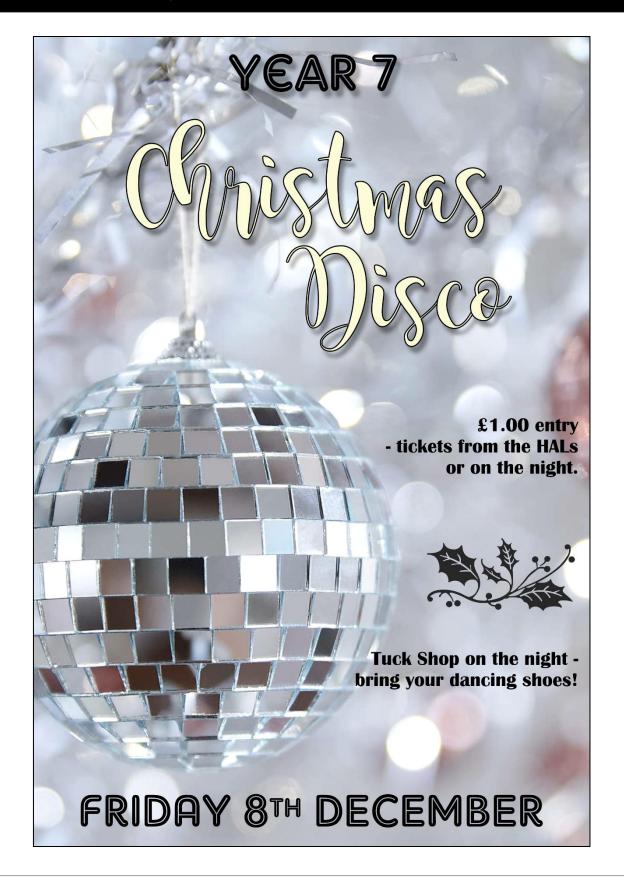
Christmas trip to the Trafford Centre for shopping, bowling and eating

£9 coach fare - purchase through Scopay













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Vacancies for Exam Invigilators

This is an opportunity to work as part of a team of invigilators at various dates throughout the school year, in particular around the external exam periods in May and June.

This is a casual contract. No experience is necessary as full training will be given and successful applicants will always work with experienced invigilators.

A strong attention to detail and the ability to remain calm, with a pleasant demeanour is highly desirable.

You will be responsible for:

- Maintaining the security of the examination question papers at all times and conducting the examinations in accordance with examination board and JCQ regulations
- · Preparing the exam as required by the examination board
- Ensuring that the candidates adhere to the exam rules at all times
- Assisting with any issues that arise during the examination
- · Assisting with any persons needing to leave the examination hall

Parklands High school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.

The post will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Please contact the school Exams Manager, Mrs S Adamson via sadamson@parklandsacademy.co.uk for further details. Application forms available from the vacancies section of school website.

Please note, we reserve the right to withdraw this vacancy at any time and regret we are unable to contact individual applicants who may be unsuccessful. Aspirational Futures is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its staff and pupils and expects those working at the School to share this commitment. Applications from ethnic minority candidates and other diverse groups are welcomed. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service as well as qualification and reference checks. Online checks will also be conducted on shortlisted candidates Copies of our Recruitment and Selection policy are available from hrm.gov.nu/minutes/.

For more information on the vacancies please click here.



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We are currently seeking a dynamic and inspirational

Teacher of English

A February 2024 start is desirable; a later start date can be negotiated

Full time, one year in the first instance. Hours of work are as detailed in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document

We are seeking a teacher of English to join our highly successful English department. The position would suit an experienced practitioner but we would also welcome applications from ECTs / RQTs.

You will receive high quality, comprehensive CPD and support from your colleagues who will coach and guide you through any continued professional development. Parklands has a bespoke ECT/RQT programme in place and staff also benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of corporate healthcare cash plans provided by UK Healthcare and out of hours access to our gym facilities.

Parklands High School is a popular, over-subscribed and high-achieving school. This is an opportunity to work in a friendly, supportive, well-resourced and forward looking environment. If you wish to come and visit us or require more information regarding the role, please contact Lucy Pilkington, Vice Principal, by telephone or email (pilkington@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available on our school website, along with a letter of no more than 3 sides of A4, in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Electronic applications should be returned to the email address hr@aspirationalfutures.co.uk

Closing date for applications: 12 noon Friday 8th December with interviews to be helitiom 13th December.

Please note, we reserve the right to withdraw this vacancy at any time and regret we are unable to contact individual applicants who may be unsuccessful. Parklands High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its staff and pupils and expects those working at the School to share this commitment. Applications from ethnic minority candidates and other diverse groups are welcomed. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service as well as qualification and reference checks Copies of our Recruitment and Selection policy are available from hr@aspirationaltutures.co.uk

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We are currently seeking a dynamic and inspirational

Teaching Assistant Level 3

Required from 8th January 2024 - 37 hours per week, Term Time only.

Grade 6, Scale points 11-19 £21966.79 – £ 25178.22 (£25979 - £29777 fte)

Parklands High School is a popular and high-achieving school with an excellent reputation in the local community. We are committed to improving outcomes for all our students and levels of achievement have increased markedly over the past few years, along with many other key aspects of the school's provision.

As an ever-developing school, we have a vacancy for an enthusiastic, committed and well organised Teaching Assistant. The suitable candidate will have a proven record in supporting and assisting in the learning of students with SEND or those in need of additional support, in a range of ways across the curriculum including: in-class support, one-to-one and in small groups. We are looking for a person who can interact well with students, must be able to engage them, inspire and generally enjoy education. In a demanding and fast-moving environment, it is really important that you are able to build and maintain a rapport with students. You would be joining a small, but highly effective department, with a passion for SEN and determination to ensure excellent outcomes for all students who require support.

The successful candidate must be adaptable to any changes in the future development of both the school and the role, and be willing to take part in training relevant to the post and other administrative tasks as required. They must also be aware of confidentiality requirements and Health & Safety issues.

Parklands staff benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of corporate healthcare cash plans provided by UK Healthcare, we are part of the cycle to work scheme (from April 2021) and have out of hours access to our new Fitness Suite facilities.

For further information about the role, please contact Lisa Williams, SENCO lwilliams@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available from our school website, along with a letter of no more than 2 sides of A4, in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Electronic applications should be marked 'TA3 Application' and returned to the email address admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Closing date for applications: 12 noon 1st December 2023 with interviews to be held w/c 11th December 2023.

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- Would you like to know more information about making your home more energy efficient?

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Our mission is to empower households with free personalised energy advice and support, enabling them to enjoy a comfortable home environment while possibly saving on energy costs.

To request a home visit you can:

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- 2. Call our dedicated team on 01257 515421
- 3. Email us directly at wellbeing.team@chorley.gov.uk





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ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER OF A CHILD WITH SEND OR OTHER ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

DO YOU NEED A SAFE SPACE TO CHAT, OR SEEK ADVICE FROM OTHERS WHO COULD BE GOING THROUGH THE SAME?

