

# Weekly Newsletter

Providing an excellent education from age 2 to 19

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it! We certainly didn't expect to be entering a third national lockdown when we were looking forward to schools returning after the Christmas break. Although these continue to be challenging times, we hope that children have been able to benefit from and enjoy their learning whether they are at home or attending school. Despite the current circumstances, our schools remain committed to delivering the best education possible and supporting families in any way they can. Thank you for your patience and understanding over the past six weeks and for your messages of support, they really do make a difference and are very much appreciated.

The government has yet to confirm when schools are likely to reopen to all students, however we do know that it won't be before 8 March. We are eager to get children back into our schools as soon as we possibly can and will contact parents and carers when we have more information about when this will be.

### Archbishop Holgate's to lead teaching school hub

We are delighted to announce that Archbishop Holgate's has been selected as one of the government's new regional teaching school hubs, a national network of 87 school-led centres for teacher and leadership training and development. Working in close partnership with Hope Learning Trust, Ebor Academy Trust and other strategic partners, Archbishop Holgate's will lead the new teaching school hub for the Scarborough, Ryedale and York region. Read more on the Pathfinder website: [pathfinder.academy/3181/archbishop-holgates-to-lead-new-regional-teaching-school-hub/](https://pathfinder.academy/3181/archbishop-holgates-to-lead-new-regional-teaching-school-hub/)

We wish all children and their families a well-deserved, safe and relaxing half term break.

**The Pathfinder Operations Team**

### Covid-19 contact tracing during half term

For the safety and welfare of our students, staff and their families, it is essential that our schools are informed of any coronavirus cases so they can minimise the risk of any onward transmission. If your child is currently attending one of our schools and tests positive for coronavirus during half term, please contact your school in the usual way by phone or email to inform them.

## Excellent learning from home and in our schools this week!



Year 7 students at Archbishop Holgate's have been practicing their maths and money handling skills by running their own tuck shop this week.

Children at Hempland Primary have designed and made their own gargoyles as part of their topic on York.



Rufforth Primary has been celebrating Chinese New Year by making collage dragon puppets.



Year 6 children at New Earswick Primary School have been keeping fit running through their own indoor obstacle course.

## Half term activities



For details, visit [www.darks skies national parks.org.uk](http://www.darks skies national parks.org.uk)



To find out more, go to [www.jorvikthing.com](http://www.jorvikthing.com)



Take a look at [York Mind's health and well-being activities programme 2021](#)



Visit the [Woodland Trust's website](#) for 10 nature activities for kids you can do at home.

## explore york

The [Explore York Libraries website](#) has great resources to help with children's literacy, reading and learning.



iTravel York has produced a series of [10 leaflets](#) called 'Exploring York' which feature scenic countryside walks across York suitable for all ages.



Lockdown times can be hard. **Family Matters York** still have spaces on some of their Parenting Courses.

### Time Out for Parents - the Early Years

Tuesday evenings 7.15 to 9pm for 5 weeks starting 23 February, online via Zoom.

### Time Out for Parents - the Primary Years

Wednesday afternoons 12.45 to 2.45pm for 5 weeks starting 24 February, online via Zoom.

### Time Out for Parents - the Teenage Years

Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am for 5 weeks starting 25 February, online via Zoom.

### Handling Anger in the Family

Monday afternoons 12.45 to 2.45pm for 4 weeks starting 1 March, online via Zoom.

Monday evenings 7.15 to 9pm for 4 weeks starting 1 March, online via Zoom.

Tuesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am for 4 weeks starting 2 March, online via Zoom.

To book a place or for further information please contact: Helen Atkinson on 07393 147259 email [helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk](mailto:helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk) or you can find more information about our courses on our website <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting>

## City of York Council COVID-19 Helpline



If you're struggling to manage, or you don't have any support, but need it because of COVID-19, we may be able to help you through this difficult time. Contact us by email: [covid19help@york.gov.uk](mailto:covid19help@york.gov.uk) or telephone: **01904 551550**.

Financial support from City of York Council:

- find out about [business grants](#)
- apply for a [self-isolation support payments](#)
- find out about the [Winter Support Grant](#)
- find out about [benefits and other financial support](#)

Visit the Coronavirus information page on the City of York Council website for more information about council services and to register for regular updates: <https://www.york.gov.uk/coronavirus>