

Cann Hall Primary School

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Wendy Byrne



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Please help us ensure that Cann Hall is allocated the maximum amount of funding by the government, by encouraging your child to have a school meal on **Thursday 2nd October - Census Day**.

We are offering a special menu, that includes the ever popular **'All Day Breakfast'** to encourage as many children as possible to choose a hot meal, on this day. You can always send your child in with a 'back up' packed lunch so that if they try the school meal and do not like it, they can eat their packed lunch instead. Thank you!

Learning

The children in **Reception** have continued to settle well, making friends, learning to share, take turns and explore the environment. They have also started phonics this week, learning the sounds **s, a, t, p** so far!



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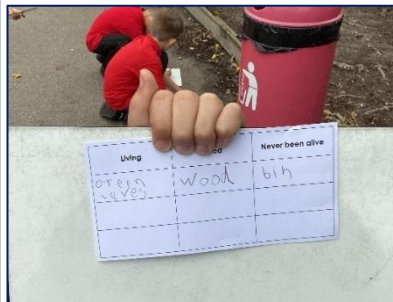
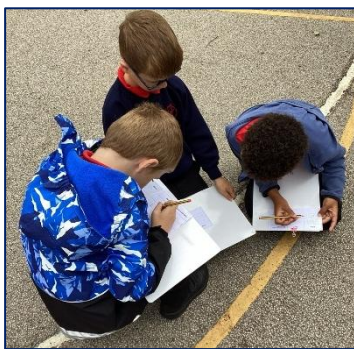
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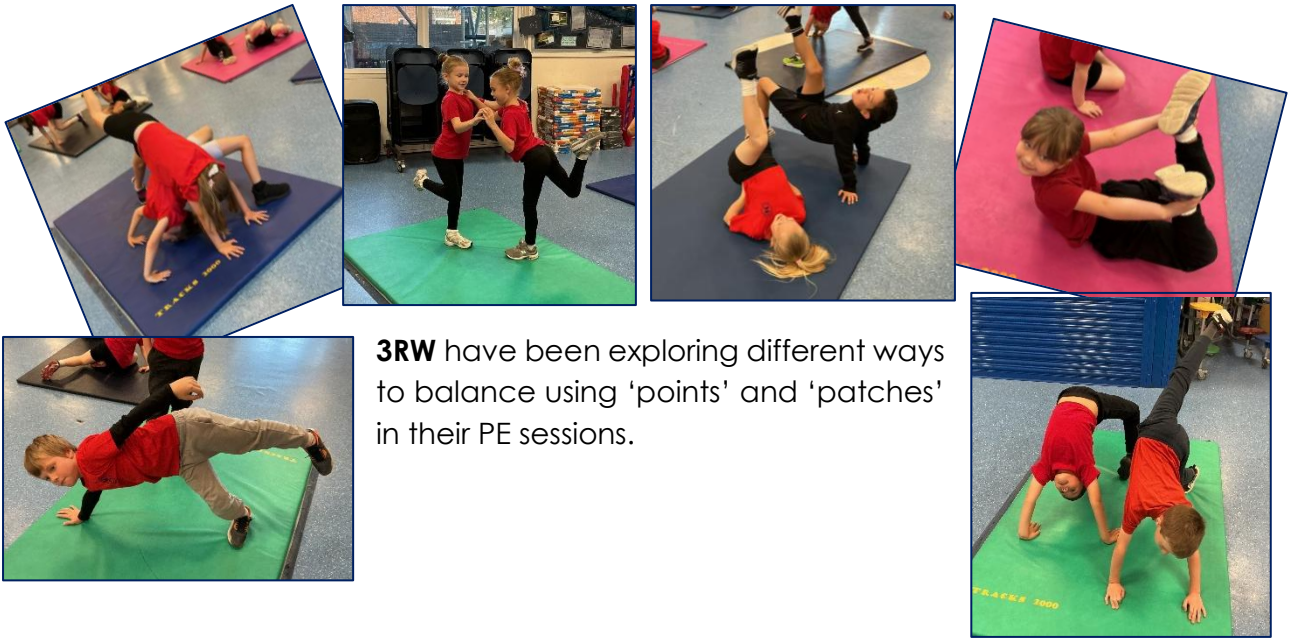
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Year 1 have been exploring rap songs and playing the glockenspiels along to 'Hey You', a rap all about music!



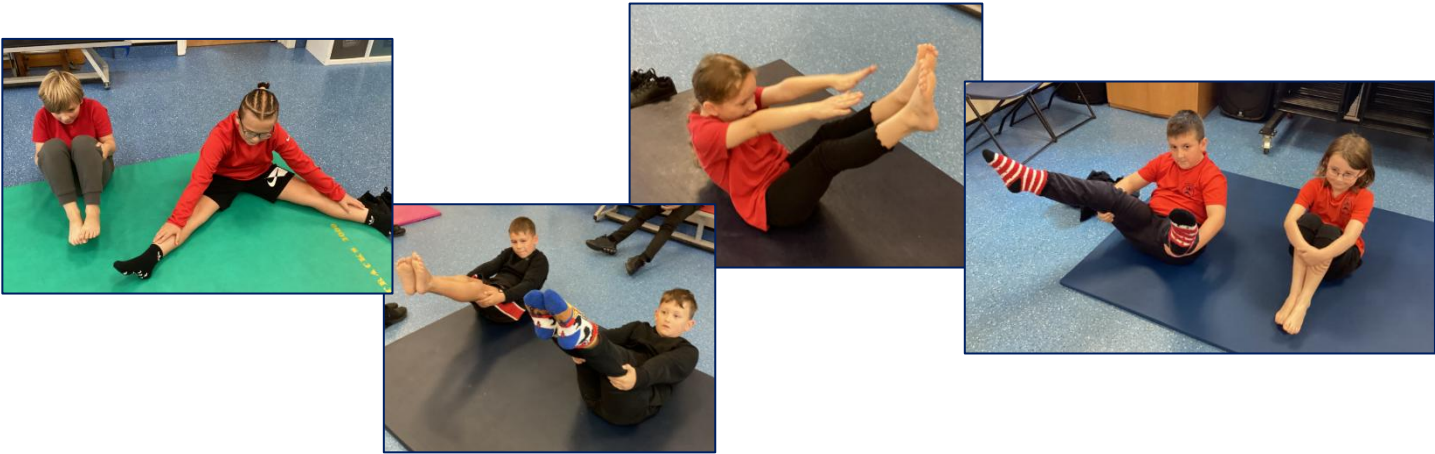
Year 2 have been on the hunt in science. They have been looking for objects that are alive, dead or things that have never been alive.





3RW have been exploring different ways to balance using 'points' and 'patches' in their PE sessions.

In **4HH** gymnastics lesson, they were learning the tuck, straddle and pike shapes, which some of the children developed further into balances. Once they could perform the shapes confidently, they then created a sequence with their partner using the 3 shapes.





A great start to **Arts and Crafts club** with year 1 and 2. They made the most of the season and collected autumn leaves on a walk around the school. They then used crayons to create leaf rubbings as seen here. The left-over leaves made fantastic embellishments for our autumnal crowns!



Mrs Giles' **Cooking Club** also got off to a great start, this week too, creating raspberry and chocolate cheesecakes – yum!

The children had to measure and weigh the ingredients, follow a recipe and wash up their equipment ready to take their creations home to taste!

Next week they will be baking banana muffins!



Well done!



Last weekend, **Dylan and Spencer** came 1st and 3rd place in a go-karting championship – an amazing achievement and very impressive trophies. Could these two be the Hamilton brothers of the future? We think so.



Well done too to **Ivy**, who was voted 'Player of the Match', in her first competitive match of the season, with her team 'Tendring Borough U11 Warriors, which together they won.

What a great start! Good luck for the rest of the season!



A final huge well done to all the children in **Year 6** who completed their first SATs practice papers of the year, this week. All the children tried so hard and have made a great start to the year.

The Year 6 teachers will be sending out an invite, in the coming days, if you are a parent or carer of a child in Year 6 to invite in you for a meeting to talk about the procedures and expectations around SATs. Please look out for this and try to attend, so you will be fully prepared for how to support your child to prepare for these statutory assessments. We will be happy to answer any of your questions.



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival with a whole school assembly on Monday 29th September, led by Miss Ward from St John's Church.

We will be collecting donations for Clacton Foodbank again this year, so if the children would like to donate something from the list below, they would be extremely grateful.

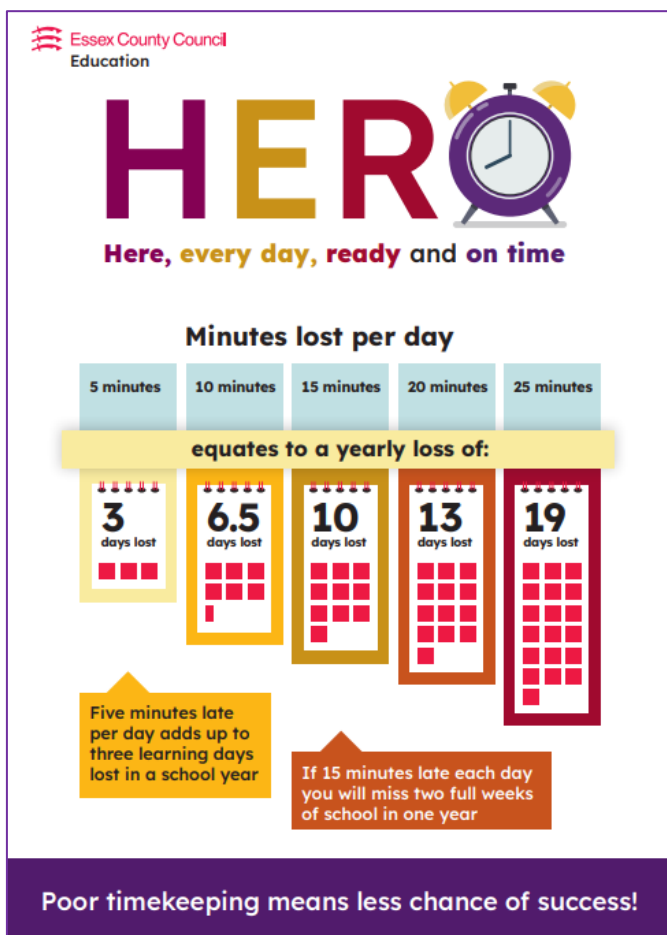
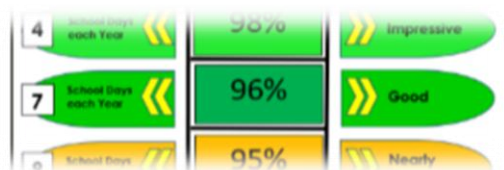
Urgently needed food items (Clacton Foodbank 2025)

- tinned fruit
- tinned & packet custard
- Longlife Milk
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Instant Mash
- tinned sponge puddings
- small jar/packet instant coffee
- hot chocolate powder

Please hand any donations to your child's class teacher, **from Monday 22nd September** – thank you.

Attendance

We have made a great start with our attendance this year, with the past two weeks being just over **96%** so thank you for ensuring that your child/children are in school every day, when they are well enough to do so.



This poster from Essex County Council illustrates that it is not just low attendance that can negatively impact your child's learning but how regular lateness can add up to full days of missed learning, across the year. For example, just being late 15 minutes every day equates to 10 whole days of learning missed, over the year.

If you are struggling to get your child here on time or with your child's attendance, please do come in and speak to us so we can see if there is any support we can offer. We are here to help, in any way we can.

If your child, is unable to attend school for any reason, please make sure you let us know, by contacting the school on the morning of each day of their absence.

Celebration certificates

This week's certificates awarded in our celebration assembly went to the following role models:

- Year 1: Kelsey and Harrison
- Year 2: Isacc and Ralph
- Year 3: Alistair and Mylah-Rae
- Year 4: Noah and Zoe
- Year 5: Esmee and Jimmy-John
- Year 6: Freddie and Dougie



Do you have a child starting school September 2026?

We will be holding show arounds for new parents on **Monday 29th September 3.30-4.30pm**, **Monday 3rd November 3.30-4.30pm**, **Monday 1st December 3.30-4.30pm**. please call the school office to book in.

Private Tutoring

Please be aware that staff are not allowed to privately tutor children, who attend our school, as this is considered a conflict of interest, so please avoid putting them in a difficult situation by approaching them to do so. Thank you.



Parking Consideration



I am asking those parents and carers again, who are still parking over our neighbours' driveways and blocking the pavements, to please show some consideration for others. It is so important that our families can walk safely on the pavements, without fear of being hurt. Our neighbours should also be able to get out of their own front gardens, when they need to.

Year 6 to Year 7 Secondary Applications for September 2026

A reminder that if you have a child in **Year 6**, please be aware that the new secondary school admission round for parents to apply for their secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026 is open.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. (99% of parents in Essex applied online last year) and all the information you need to make this application is available on this website.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Please see the posters advertising the open evenings at the end of the newsletter to help you make an informed decision regarding your child's secondary application.

Upcoming dates for your diary

25.09.25: CCHS year 6 open evening (see poster)
26.09.25: Individual Photographs
29.09.25: Reception intake 2026 show around 3:30-4:30pm
29.09.25: Liff Tendering year 6 open evening (see poster)
29.09.25: Harvest Festival Assembly
01.10.25: Flu Vaccinations
07.10.25: CCA year 6 open evening 4:30-6:30
13.10.25: PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 3:20pm
27.10.25: First day of the half term
31.11.25: Deadline for Y6 Secondary Applications
03.11.25: Return to school
03.11.25: Reception intake 2026 show around 3:30-4:30pm
01.12.25: Reception intake 2026 show around 3:30-4:30pm

Below you will find information on upcoming events and support on offer.

From everyone here, we hope you have a lovely weekend – let's hope this lovely weather continues for a little longer.

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Friends of Cann Hall School - PTA
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15th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends of Cann Hall (PTA) would like to invite you along to the following after-school meeting:

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Monday 13th October 2025 at 15:20

As you know, The Friends of Cann Hall (PTA) organises a busy programme of exciting events throughout the year for the enjoyment of our children and to help raise money for the school. These events are an important part of school life and help to create a thriving school community. We hope to be able to continue to offer an exciting and successful range of activities for the next school year; however, to do this we need some help.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The PTA is holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Monday 13th October 2025 at 15:20**. Everyone is welcome but **we must know in advance if you are attending via the form below**.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role.

We welcome any new members with open arms! At this meeting we will be electing a new Committee for 2025 to 2026, discussing events for next year and considering possible uses for the money we will raise. We are also taking nominations for the positions of

Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and General committee.

We want to thank you for your continued support of the PTA and the events organised by us, we couldn't do it without you!

Please use the form below if you would like to stand.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Scott - Chair of Friends of Cann Hall (PTA)

Please complete the section of the form that is relevant to you and return it to the school office by **Monday 6th October 2025**.

I am interested in becoming a member of the PTA committee.

Name:

Mobile Number:

Email Address:

Relative to child:

Class:

Please tick:

I would like to attend the AGM with no role or

I would like to be considered for the following role:

Chair

Vice

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Member



Clacton County High School

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September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

CCHS Open Evening
Thursday, 25th September 2025 - 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Deadline for secondary school applications: 31st October 2025

We hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer break. Now that your child is in Year 6, it is time to consider which secondary school will be right for them. Clacton County High School (CCHS) is delighted to invite you, as prospective families and students, to our **Open Evening on Thursday, 25th September from 4.00pm until 7.00pm**. This is the perfect opportunity to see our school, meet our staff and students, and hear about our Admissions Policy and ethos to help with your decision-making.

A series of 15-minute presentations will take place in the Main Hall during the evening as follows:

Presentation arrival time and school: Main Hall	Presentation start time	School Prospectus - QR Code
4.00pm - Holland Park	4.15pm	
4.30pm - Holland Haven and St Clare's	4.45pm	
5.00pm - Great Clacton	5.15pm	
5.30pm - All other Primary Schools	5.45pm	

Please take the opportunity to look around the school before and after your allocated presentation. You can read more about our school in our prospectus, using the QR code above, and don't forget to visit [our website](#), which contains lots of information.

Parking on the school site is limited; please use the Leisure Centre car park and walk around to the front of the school via Walton Road.

If you are unable to attend and would like a tour of the school, please email admin@cchs.school and we will contact you to make the arrangements for a general tour after school.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday, 25th September.

Yours faithfully

N Gallagher

Executive Headteacher

C Taylor

Head of School

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Executive Headteacher: Neil Gallagher
Head of School: Chris Taylor



Clacton Coastal Academy

School in Essex, UK

CCA is 7th October at
4.30pm-6.30pm



Lift
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Year 6 Open Evening

We would like to invite all students currently in Year 6 and their parents to our Thorpe Campus open evening on **Monday 29 September 2025** from 5-8pm.

For further details, please contact Thorpe Campus on 01255 861 341.

We will provide an excellent education for every child, in every classroom, every day.
www.lifttending.org

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September 2025

Thorpe Campus
Landermere Road
Thorpe-le-Soken
Clacton-on-Sea
CO16 0LQ

Frinton Campus
Rochford Way
Frinton-on-Sea
CO13 0AZ

Dear Parent / Carer

Lift Tending Open Evening Thorpe Campus - Monday 29 September 2025

Join us during our open evening to discover how we achieved our **Good Ofsted rating, the highest GCSE results locally and understand our exceptional pastoral support for all pupils.** Lift Tending's open evening on **Monday 29 September**, will run between 17:00 and 20:00. The event will consist of three presentations throughout the evening. These presentations will cover the same content and start at 17:15, 18:15 and 19:15. After the presentation, you will have the opportunity to walk around TTC to meet both pupils and staff.

The transition from Year 6 to secondary school represents a significant change for families and students, and can be a daunting experience. At Lift Tending, we recognise the challenges that this change presents. Therefore, we have developed a split-site school approach to promote a gradual transition from primary to secondary school. This approach ensures that students develop and work alongside peers of similar age, in a safe, calm and enjoyable learning environment. This approach contributes to our exceptional Lift Tending culture and support. It is a strength that all visitors, including Ofsted have acknowledged:

'Behaviour is good and students are kind to each other.' Ofsted 2024

'Pupils are respectful to their teachers, work hard in lessons, and are keen to participate in school life. Bullying is rare, and students speak positively about the atmosphere and work ethic at the school.' Ofsted 2024

'Students enjoy the wide range of opportunities available, such as sporting clubs, trips to watch the British Chamber Orchestra, and extra-curricular activities including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They also have opportunities to visit other countries to expand their understanding of different cultures.' Ofsted 2024

Please read our Ofsted report attached [here](#) if you would like to hear more about our school.



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An excellent education for every child, in every classroom, every day.

In addition to our strong pastoral support and positive culture, Lift Tending is incredibly proud to have achieved the **highest results in the local area.** This is a testament to our unwavering commitment to provide every child with the best life opportunities, both academically and pastorally. Our relentless efforts have profoundly impacted the families we serve, and we look forward to building on these successes each year.

During the evening, you will experience our exceptional Lift Tending culture and get insights into our daily life. You will hear first hand pupil experiences of Lift Tending and witness lesson activities from various subjects. You will also have the opportunity to meet with pupils from all year groups and staff from every department. It's the perfect opportunity to see pupils' work and to learn what Lift Tending has to offer.

If you're unable to attend on the scheduled date or want to see our school in action, we strongly encourage you to visit us. Witnessing the school in action is an integral part of our ethos, as you need to have confidence in your decision of where to send your child to school. If you're interested in visiting our school, please contact the Thorpe Campus front office via email thorpe@lifttending.org.

I look forward to welcoming you into Lift Tending on **29 September**. For more information, please visit our Lift Tending website or follow Lift Tending via Twitter [@tendingacademy](#).

Yours sincerely

Tom Burt
Principal

Key details at a glance

- **The highest results in the local area**
- **Good Ofsted rating in every category**
- **Our split-site model provides a calm, age-appropriate environment for Year 7's**

- **When:** Mon 29 Sept 2025, 17:00-20:00
- **Talks:** 17:15 - 18:15 - 19:15 (same content)
- **Where:** Lift Tending (Thorpe Campus)
- **Questions/Daytime tours:** thorpe@lifttending.org

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Understanding Behaviour and Supporting Emotional Wellbeing: Course for Parents

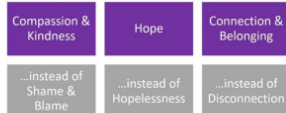


Introduction

In Essex, the Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) approach is helping schools/settings to better understand behaviour and support emotional wellbeing for all children and young people.

Values and Mindset

Through this training, we aim to promote:



Course Details

Venue: White Hall Academy Training Room
 Duration: 6 weeks
 Dates: Monday 6th October 2025
 Monday 12th October 2025
 Monday 20th October 2025
 Monday 3rd November 2025
 Monday 10th November 2025
 Monday 17th November 2025
 Time: 9.30am-11.30am
 Facilitators: Ms Watts and Mrs Davis

If you would like to book a place on this course – please book via the booking link or complete a paper booking form and return to **White Hall Academy, Melbourne Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 3SP**
email: admin@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk

Booking link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnViy-bkmsUYihtBXSrp8TtOc15hIhtQLVqahmxyBUMkwwVVNNUnYQldvMIZZNIEODhOUU9XTC4u>



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Support with sleeping

FREE PARENT WEBINARS
for supporting your primary aged child with sleep.
Provided by your Mental Health Support Team

Tuesday 23rd September 7pm



Sign-up using the QR code.

Discover how to support your child's sleep in our Sleep Hygiene Workshop for primary school parents. Learn about healthy sleep habits, the role of sleep for children's wellbeing and practical strategies to promote restorative rest. We'll explore the impact of technology and screen time and provide tips to help your child enjoy consistent, restful nights. Ideal for parents looking to boost their child's sleep and overall wellbeing.



Practical Tools to Support Your Child's Sleep
Tue, 23 Sept, 19:00 BST + 1 more
Free

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Here is also a couple of short video links about managing children's sleeping from Embers the dragon programme



[Expert Tips: What is good sleep hygiene?](#)

[Expert Tips: Help your child develop good sleep habits](#)

Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new support offer for families.

This helpline is here to give advice, support and signposting. It is a confidential, private, and safe service for parents and carers. No referral is needed - just a pre-booked appointment.

The booking is designed to provide an easier and more convenient experience:

- Available on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays
- 1pm to 5pm
- 25-minute appointments bookable via MS Teams
- No more waiting – instant booking confirmation

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For booking details and further information, please visit [EP-Parent-Helpline](#)

Please note: the previous helpline system and telephone number are no longer in use.