

Dear all

In the spirit of Less is More, I will keep this brief.

A reminder that each Monday, your children will be able to watch a video of their teachers briefly introducing the learning for the coming week. We are sorry for the problems with the links last week. Instructions on where to find these lovely messages will be included in Mondays Remote Learning messages from year groups.

We hope those children who 'met' their teachers on School Cloud had a lovely catch up. This week's sessions are shown below. Instructions for how to make an appointment are attached and copied below. Please book appointments for the classes listed here from Friday 22nd January:

- 1H: Tuesday between 1.30pm and 3pm
- 1HM: Tuesday between 1.30pm and 3pm
- 2C: Friday between 10am and 11.30am
- 2H: Tuesday between 10am and 11.30am
- 5K: Wednesday between 10am and 11.30am
- 5N: Wednesday between 10am and 11.30am
- 6K: Thursday between 10am and 11.30am
- 6S: Friday between 10am and 11.30am

Our on line parent workshop this week is on Maths. Further details are in the attached letter and copied below.

You can now view our Warrior of the Week assembly for this week on the website. Please navigate as follows: go to Highworth Combined School Website; click on the tab 'Arrangements During Pandemic'; click on 'Video Messages'; click on 'Friday Assemblies'; click the play button. Alternatively, try this link: https://highworth.eschools.co.uk/web/video_messages/530886

Financial pressures for many are huge right now so please see some information below about qualification for Free School Meals. This is also available on our website.

My very best wishes for the weekend

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Supporting Maths Learning at Home

Workshop for parents of primary aged children

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you to a maths zoom meeting/workshop next week. The meetings aim to give parents further ideas on how to support your children with their maths at home. There will be two sessions next week, and we hope you will be able to attend *one*:

Thursday 28th January 2021 at 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88521005450?pwd=a21xK3RPc2F0RnBTSis1Tld1dkI3dz09>

Meeting ID: 885 2100 5450

Passcode: p0jNX7

or

Friday 29th January 2021 at 10am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88521005450?pwd=a21xK3RPc2F0RnBTSis1Tld1dkI3dz09>

Meeting ID: 885 2100 5450

Passcode: p0jNX7

This meeting will count as one of the three lessons for Friday for all children at Highworth. We understand that to attend this workshop, you will have your children with you – this is fine! We would love to have you and your child/children join this workshop event.

We very much look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

Becca Harris

Assistant Headteacher & Mathematics Lead

When joining the zoom call, please:

- ✓ **Try to be prompt**
- ✓ **Mute your end**
- ✓ **Have a pencil and paper ready**
- ✓ **Type any questions you have into the chat box – questions will be answered at the end of the workshop**

Browse to <https://highworth.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Step 4: Choose Teachers

If you chose the automatic booking mode, drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
Mr J Brown	Ben	English	10
Mrs A Wheeler	Ben	Mathematics	10
Mr J Brown	John	French	10

Step 5a (Automatic): Book Appointments

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode (Step 5b).

Step 5b (Manual): Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.

Step 6: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the *My Bookings* page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.

Arrangements for families who currently qualify to receive Benefits Related Free School Meals

- Vouchers are sent electronically
- Vouchers are for the value of 1 week's meals for each child; £15
- Vouchers are sent at the beginning of each qualifying week

If you think that you now qualify for Benefits Related Free School Meals:

You may have heard of the Government scheme to support families by providing vouchers for those children who receive Free School Meals. Understandably, this is causing confusion. All children from Reception up to Year 2 receive what are called Universal Infant Free School Meals, regardless of the financial circumstances of their family. However, vouchers are only being issued to those families who qualify for Benefits Related Free School Meals. Buckinghamshire Council provide the school with a list of children who qualify for this benefit and their families have been sent vouchers accordingly.

I am very aware that many families who did not previously qualify for this benefit, sadly, now do. We would like to start providing vouchers to more families as quickly as possible. If you think that you now qualify for Benefits Related Free School Meals because of a change in your financial circumstances, please urgently email office@highworthcombined.co.uk with the following information:

- ☐ Names of children who are pupils at our school
- ☐ Full name of the main wage earner
- ☐ Date of birth of main wage earner
- ☐ National Insurance number of the main wage earner

We will use this information to check for eligibility. If you are eligible, your details will appear on our database of qualifying families and you will start to receive vouchers. Please be aware that there is time lag between you applying for additional benefits and us being notified that you are eligible.

I know that you are juggling a lot of demands right now, but the sooner we get this information the sooner we can start the process.