

# Parent Support Advisor's Spring Newsletter



I hope you have a relaxing and fun-filled holiday and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Thank you, Mrs Charlton

**New Term**, Please remember your child's attendance needs to be over 95% otherwise they are classed as a persistent absentee by the Government.

If you require support to help your child to arrive to school on time please contact Mrs Charlton or Mrs Davison.

## What does it mean?

Categorising attendance	
99% - 100%	Outstanding
97% - 98.9%	Excellent
95% - 96.9%	Good (expected)
92% - 94.9%	Needs to improve
90% - 91.9%	Poor
Below 90%	A major cause for concern

## Activity Clubs and Ideas

**FREE** Saturday Story Club at The Town Library  
10.30am & at Cockerton Library 10.00am.

**TURN OVER FOR MORE FUN, FREE, ACTIVITIES  
DURING THE HOLIDAYS**



**YOGA FOR KIDS** – help your children to sleep better and be more relaxed. You Tube – Goodnight Yoga, pose by pose by Marian Gates and Cosmic Kids.

**Mindfulness – Children & adults** of all ages can benefit from **mindfulness**, the simple practice of bringing a gentle, accepting attitude to the present moment. It can help by promoting happiness and relieving stress.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BkqU7I-fcU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZwdeog5Ek>

## Keep your children safe



A National  
Crime Agency  
command

Type CEOP into Google for latest advice.

[www.kidscape.org.uk/zap](http://www.kidscape.org.uk/zap) - e-safety advice & cyber bullying, anti-bullying & assertiveness workshops.

[www.childnetSTAARToolkit](http://www.childnetSTAARToolkit) – lots of ideas, information & practical help to explore keeping your children safe when they are on a computer.

Please beware of the following apps which are becoming very popular amongst young children:

### **Musically App, Lively App & Live.Me App**

These apps are for young people aged over 15 years and can be used by adults to comment, sometimes inappropriately, on live video streams.



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[www.darlingtoncreditunion.co.uk](http://www.darlingtoncreditunion.co.uk)

## Informative Websites

[www.darlington.gov.uk](http://www.darlington.gov.uk) (shows all activities for the school holidays)

[www.groundwork.org.uk](http://www.groundwork.org.uk) (a play based group which has sessions in venues across the town)

[sdt@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:sdt@darlington.gov.uk) (lots of info on low cost and **free** play sessions)

[www.disabledgo.com](http://www.disabledgo.com) (has the latest information on thousands of accessible venues across the UK)

All Family Learning courses are FREE OF CHARGE. These courses are open to parents, grandparents and guardians of Children. **Booking is essential.** To book a place or for more information please contact the Learning & Skills team: **Phone: (01325) 405601 Phone/Text:**

**07932 869325 Email: [l@s@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:l@s@darlington.gov.uk)**

**Please visit our website: [www.darlington.gov.uk/learningandskills](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/learningandskills)**

April-July 2021 Courses	Venue	Start Date Times and Duration
Healthy Mind and Body	Google Classroom	April 12th, 9.30am-11.30am (5 weeks)
Family First Aid	Google Classroom	April 15th, 9.30am-11.30am (5 weeks)
Support Your Child's Learning (Level 1)	Google Classroom	May 4th, 12.30pm-2.30pm (10 weeks)
Family First Aid	Google Classroom	April 15th, 9.30am-11.30am (5 weeks) June 10th, 9.30am-11.30am (5 weeks)
Parenting Skills (Level 1)	Google Classroom	April 16th, 9.30am-11.30am (10 weeks)
Support Your Child's Learning (Level 1)	Google Classroom	May 4th, 12.30pm-2.30pm (10 weeks) May 6th, 6pm-8pm (10 weeks)
Online Safety	Google Classroom	May 6th, 6pm-8pm (3 weeks) July 1st, 6pm-8pm (3 weeks) July 2nd, 12.45pm-2.45pm (3 weeks)
Positive Parenting 0-11	Willow Road Community Centre McNay Street Children's Centre	May 7th, 12.30 – 2.30pm (5 weeks) May 21st, 12.45pm-2.45pm (5 weeks)
Family Health and Happiness	Google Classroom	June 7th, 9.30am-11.30am (5 weeks)

