

## Headline:

Did you know?

Recently published data from Public Health England shows that in 2015, £2.6bn was the total estimated smoking-related cost to the NHS.

The school has a smoking policy which has been written to protect everyone from exposure to second-hand smoke, reduce the risk of young people being enticed to smoke and ensure that the school complies with legislation that is in force in the United Kingdom.

Passive smoking, as I am sure you know, increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. Ventilation, air conditioning or separating smokers from non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

There is no legal requirement for any employer to provide a designated smoking or vaping area or shelter for employees or others. At this school, we believe that adults must be good role models to children by not smoking or vaping. Therefore, we do not allow smoking or vaping anywhere within the school building or grounds.

In addition, we ask that:

- Cigarettes and matches are not on view inside the school grounds
- Stubs and ash are not disposed of on site
- Smoking or vaping does not take place immediately outside the school gate

Anyone who does not comply with the no-smoking law is liable to a fine of up to £200.

Did you know?

It is illegal to smoke in a car (or other vehicle) with anyone under 18.

The law changed on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015, to protect children and young people from the dangers of second-hand smoke.

Both the driver and the smoker could be fined £50.

The law applies to every driver in England and Wales, including those aged 17 and those with a provisional driving licence.

The law applies:

- to any private vehicle that is enclosed wholly or partly by a roof
- when people have the windows or sunroof open, or the air conditioning on
- when someone sits smoking in the open doorway of a vehicle

If you would like help to give up smoking, there is support from local cessation services.

Medway Stop Smoking Service is a specialist team whose main role is to help local people to quit smoking.

They offer a range of free support options across Medway at a time and place to suit you.

For the most up-to-date list of when and where your closest course is, please call the team today on 0800 234 6805 / 01634 334800 or visit [www.abettermedway.co.uk/smokefree.aspx](http://www.abettermedway.co.uk/smokefree.aspx)

Thank you for your compliance

Mr Carthy

## News

### Text Message System

From this week, the text messages you receive from school will appear differently on your phone.

Our service provider, Teachers2Parents, are excited to introduce an additional new security verification measure to allow parents/guardians to check that the messages you receive are from school.

## Coming Soon

Y2 SATs Parents Meeting  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm and 6pm

Sport Relief Tag Day (Sporty Theme)  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

SLT Parent Clinic  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm

Byron's Got Talent  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 6pm

Last Day of Term 4  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

## Term Dates 2017/18

**Term 4**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
until  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Term 5**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
until  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Term 6**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
until  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Term Dates 2018/2019

**Term 1**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
until  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Term 2**  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Until  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Term 3**  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019  
Until  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019



## Uniform

A navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan.  
Navy, black or grey trousers, tailored shorts, skirt or dress/navy and white checked dress. A white or blue polo shirt, shirt or blouse. Flat plain black shoes or trainers (no heels or open toes).  
[www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues)

Much like telephone banking, you will continue to receive messages from a secure number with the school message ID now in the body of the message, accompanied with a link at the beginning of the message to click through to a Teachers2Parents verification page; confirming that the sender of the message is genuine.

### **Year 3 and 4 Production to Parents**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am and then again at 2.15pm, Years 3 and 4 will perform "Pirates of the Curry Bean" in the main school hall. The event will be ticketed, although it is a free event, and parents should enter by the Byron gate and entrance to the hall will be via the school office. Photos are for personal use and should not be shared or published without permission. Young children attending should be closely supervised to avoid distraction, and parents with buggies are requested to either leave them at the side or stand with them at the back, to ensure freedom of access.

### **Sports Relief**

We are holding a Sporty themed Tag Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Children who pay £1 may dress up in a sporty way. All money raised will be donated to Sports Relief.

### **EasyFundraising**

A massive thank you everyone who has registered with easyfundraising. You have raised an incredible £779.88 for school funding. To get involved please register at: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/byronprimary>

## **Health & Wellbeing**

### **Energy Drinks**

The BBC News website are reporting this week that sales of energy drinks to children under 16 have been banned in most major UK supermarkets, amid concerns about high levels of sugar and caffeine.

Boots is also joining supermarkets such as Asda, Waitrose, Tesco and the Co-op in introducing the rule.

Retailers will limit sale of energy drinks containing more than 150mg of caffeine per litre to under-16s.

Co-op said it recognised the "growing concern about the consumption of energy drinks" among children.

Other supermarkets introducing the voluntary ban include Aldi, Lidl, Sainsbury's and Morrisons. Boots is the first retailer to partake that is not a supermarket.

The Co-op, Aldi and Lidl implemented the change on 1<sup>st</sup> March, while Morrisons, Waitrose, Asda and Boots put the rule in place on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Although Tesco has announced its decision to follow, it will not implement the change until 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## **In The Community**

### **Blood Donor Session**

The NHS are holding a blood donor session on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm to 4.30pm and 5.30pm to 8pm in the Main Hall of the King Charles Hotel, Gillingham (Brompton Road). Please call 0300 123 23 23 to make an appointment. For more information visit [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk)

### **Universal Credits**

From the 30<sup>th</sup> May, housing tenants will begin being moved onto Universal Credit, which is a payment system to help with living costs. Twydall Community Hub are available to help people in Medway prepare for the change, and the welfare officer is available on alternate Wednesdays (10am – 12noon) and Thursdays (1pm – 4pm). There's no need to make an appointment, and should you need any help then you can phone 01634 337799.

For more information please visit:

- [gov.uk/universal-credit](http://gov.uk/universal-credit)
- [medway.gov.uk/universalcredit](http://medway.gov.uk/universalcredit)
- [citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits](http://citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits)

## **Pat on the Back**

The classes with the best attendance for the week beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were FS2M and 5/6A, both with a brilliant 94.4%. Well done! FS2D had no late pupils and 98.7% of pupils arrived on time! Well done to everybody!

## **Inclusions This Week**

- Cleaning Job Letter
- Byron's Got Talent Rehearsal Letter (Specific Children)

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination*

**Head Teacher:** Mr Carthy

**Deputy Heads:** Mrs Langthorne (4-7 year olds) and Mr Chantler (7-11 year olds)

**Family Liaison Officer:** Mrs Vella

**Inclusion Manager:** Mrs Hill

*This school operates a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff*