

Friday 24th April

Warwickshire Family Information Service Newsletter- you can sign up to receive this each week. It has lots of information and links for the whole family to access- the links below won't work so go to the website and access the newsletter direct:

Welcome to the Family Information Service Newsletter

In this edition of the Family Information Service Newsletter you will find more fun challenges for children provided by Family Learning, information on new wellness support for foster carers, safety tips on domestic abuse, advice for parents regarding medical appointments and treatments and much more.

We continue to say it, but it is so important that those who can, stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. Please keep up-to-date on the latest guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) below and adhere to [social distancing guidance](#).

If you have been forwarded this newsletter and would like to sign up, [click here](#).

Follow the latest advice on Coronavirus (COVID-19):



Important updates

Don't forget to accept your child's school place for September

If you have a child starting reception or junior school in September 2020 and received your school offer last Thursday, please remember the deadline for accepting your child's school place is **Friday 24 April**. You can accept their place by logging into the [online parent portal](#) and clicking the 'accept' button or you can email your child's name, date of birth and school to admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk. We would advise that you accept their child's school place even if it is not your preferred school, as your child will automatically be added to the waiting lists of any schools that were listed as a higher preference on your application than the school that has been offered. For more information please visit the School Admissions webpages: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions>



Fun challenges for families!

Save the date! On Monday 27th April, Family Learning will be starting a daily fun challenge for families via Zoom. Details will be released on the Family Information Service [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) page everyday at 11am and the challenges will start

on Zoom at 2pm.

The Family Information Service (FIS) have already been releasing some fun challenges via social media which you can see below:

[Challenge 1 - Make a paper boat!](#)

[Challenge 2 - Build a den!](#)

[Challenge 3 - Fine designs](#)

[Challenge 4- Beautiful Oops](#)

What's new?



New wellness support for Warwickshire County Council foster carers

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is pleased to announce that all WCC foster carers now receive Workplace Wellness support, providing advice and guidance on a range of topics.

Foster carers provide an invaluable service across Warwickshire, within the community. The council recognise the importance of this role and want to ensure foster carers are supported and

have access to services that help improve and maintain their mental health and wellbeing.

[Read more >](#)



Virtual Lego Club, eBooks and more bringing happiness to young and old in Warwickshire

Whether it is being challenged to build the tallest Lego tower you can in 60 seconds or being able to borrow eBooks while stuck at home, people are appreciating using Warwickshire County Council's virtual library service during lockdown.

Warwickshire's library buildings remain closed as a result of the coronavirus outbreak, but thanks to some easy-to-use online services, creativity from libraries staff and the power of social media, residents are still enjoying the activities that they would normally take part in face-to-face.

[Read more >](#)



Coronavirus: Safety tips for survivors

How do I know if I'm experiencing abuse?

Who can I contact if I am living with an abusive partner and I'm worried about myself and/or my children?

Refuge-Warwickshire Domestic Violence Service, a county-wide service which provides support to women, men and children experiencing domestic violence in Warwickshire, has put together some useful tips and information about domestic abuse.

[Read more >](#)



How to help your teenager with staying home during lockdown

If you're struggling to keep your teenager in the house and sticking to lockdown rules, know that you're definitely not alone.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (**NSPCC**) has shared an article with reasons that young people are struggling staying at home and information on what methods of approaching them do help and what don't.

[Read more >](#)





New activity and learning ideas for families!

- Activities at home from Libraries and Heritage in Warwickshire. [Read more.](#)
- Wriggle Dance Theatre on You Tube. [Watch the videos.](#)
- How to build a bug hotel by Little Ankle Bitters. [Read more.](#)
- 10 unplugged activities to teach computing at home with everyday household objects. [Read more.](#)

Mental Health MATTERS

You might be worried about Coronavirus (Covid-19), how it could affect your life. This might feel difficult or stressful but there are lots of things you can try that could help your wellbeing during this time.

[Mental health support >](#)

Keep up-to-date with Warwickshire Family Information Service



The above newsletter provides you with links to other websites which are not under the control of Warwickshire County
