



# Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

## Weekly Bulletin

Autumn Term – Friday 19 November 2021

Dates for your diary		
Friday 26 – Tuesday 30 November 2021	Non Student days	



Today was our non-uniform day for Children in Need. We had cake sales, Year 7 students sold sweets, and we had lots of contributions. We will update you with how much was raised once we have a final total.  
A big thank you to everybody who contributed to make this day a success.

### **Vehicles not permitted onto school site**

Just a polite reminder that Parents/Carers are not permitted to drive onto the premises to drop off or pick up students between the times of 8am – 9m and 2.45pm – 3.30pm.

Students need to come onto and leave the site by foot. If you are waiting in a vehicle to drop off/collect your child, can we please ask that you are mindful of our neighbours.

This does not apply to any student with a disability.

The school gates will be manned/closed during these periods.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

The immunisation team will be offering the Flu Vaccinations to Years 7-11, in school on the 13 and 14 of December. The consent form has already been emailed out to you. Please could you fill this in and submit it to the vaccination team, if you consent to your child having the vaccine.

### **Music Tuition**

We are pleased to be able to offer students individual music tuition. If your son/daughter would like individual tuition in Guitar, Drumming, Woodwind or Singing please see the attached letter for more information. The link to register for lessons is also below. the procedure has changed slightly from last year so even though you may have registered before you will have to register again, please also note that payments are now made directly to Essex Music Services and not the school.

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1554#/courselist/25>

Should your child be interested in Keyboard or Piano lessons please contact me directly for more information.

Mrs Hanna

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**ActiveEssex** are again working with their network of trusted local delivery partners to put on a winter programme of activities for children & young people.

These sessions are **FREE** for children eligible for benefits based free school meals. Essex County Council have then extended the offer to include spaces for those from low income working families who would benefit from this support.

Each Essex ActivAte club will deliver a fun physical and enrichment activity, fun food education and a nutritious meal.

27 organisations have been engaged support children & young people in Mid Essex between **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of December**.

This includes 4 dedicated **SEND Hubs** (2 in Braintree, 1 in Maldon & 1 in Chelmsford)

2 organisations will also be designated **Wellbeing Hubs** (1 in Braintree and 1 in Chelmsford). These sites will be offering support around emotional health & wellbeing alongside the enrichment activities.

The programme formally launches on the **17<sup>th</sup> of November**, at which point you'll be able to click [here](#) to find out details of all the clubs taking place across Mid Essex by district and to book a place.

## Launch of the Essex Private Fostering App

The App is part of the Local Authority's mandate to **raise awareness of Private Fostering** and ensuring that everyone has **information on Private Fostering at their fingertips**.

Private Fostering arrangements are still very much under reported in Essex and the whole country therefore it is important for everyone to be aware of what Private Fostering is. And what to do should they become aware of such arrangements.

### What constitutes Private Fostering?

When a child/young person under 16 (18 if disabled) lives with someone who is not a close relative for more than 28 days. It is a legal requirement for parents and private foster carers to notify the Local Authority about private fostering arrangements.

Once notified, the Private Fostering Team will regularly visit the arrangement, undertake safeguarding checks and complete an assessment to ensure that the child is safeguarded. And that the private foster carers are able to provide a reasonable standard of care.

The new App is for all Professionals ,Parents, Private Foster Carers , Privately Fostered Children and the general public.

To download the Android version of the app click [here](#)

To download the App Store version of the app click [here](#)

## BanktheFood App

[BanktheFood](#) are on a mission to ensure food banks always have exactly what they need, when they need it.

Food banks often struggle with effectively communicating their real-time supply and demand needs to their donors.

Social media posts or notices in supermarkets, quickly go out of date or go unnoticed and as a result, food banks can be inundated with one item or have little of another.

Regularly updating their real-time needs to their local community, can be a cumbersome admin task, which takes food bank volunteers away from their crucial work of collecting and distributing food.

BanktheFood hopes to change this through an innovative free app which links food banks to donors at the most crucial time; when donors are at the supermarket.

To find out more click [here](#)



## Too Good to Go App

The [Too Good To Go](#) app lets you buy and collect food from a range of food outlets - at a great price - so it gets eaten instead of wasted. You won't know exactly what's in your order until you pick it up - it's all part of the surprise. Download the app to get started.

App Store App can be found [here](#)  
Google Play Store can be found [here](#)



## Ask the awkward

Please find below two links to a number of useful parental guides around relationships and the impact of social media. The topics include sexuality and identity, apps and social media, two-way trust for parent/carers and children and negativity online. They provide the background needed around these topics and suggest ways parents can start conversations if required.

[asktheawkward-a-parent--carers-intro.pdf \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

[asktheawkward-parents--carers-help-sheets.pdf \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)