



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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A Message from Mrs Milligan

Happy New Year!

Following the Government announcement on Monday, the majority of our children will need to stay at home from the start of this term until further notice, so we ask that you do not send your child into school unless a place has already been organised through our vulnerable child and critical worker Form sent out this week.

We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by newsletter, text message and on our school website.

Whilst school is closed, we will keep in touch with you in the following ways:

- Daily Teams lessons with your children
- J2Message
- The school website will be updated with any new information
- The text message service will be used to send short messages
- The weekly newsletter will continue with key information and notices. This is available on our school website. If you have signed up to the service, this is emailed directly to you.
- The schools Twitter account will be updated with any new information

For those children entitled to Free School Meals (NOT UNIVERSAL INFANT MEALS) We will be in touch as soon as the government release any information.

Thank you all for your understanding during these difficult times.

This Weeks Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

[John the Baptist] announced to the people, "The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you."



VIRTUES OF THE HALF TERM—STARTING JANUARY 2021

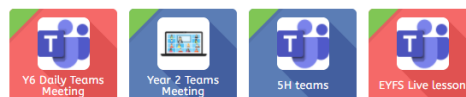
Growing to be **grateful** for your own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with your gifts and talents

Teams Meeting Daily Timetable:

Following the last lockdown Guardian Angels evaluated the remote learning package offered to pupils. Since then, when bubbles have closed in school, we have been trialling different approaches should we need to use them for whole school.

Following feedback, pupils can now join their teacher and teaching assistant for up to 30 minutes each school day using a programme called Microsoft Teams.

This can be accessed via BGFL365 by clicking on the Class Teams time.



Please see below for the Microsoft Teams daily Timetable:

Time	Class/Year Group
9.00	Year 6
9.30	Year 5
10.00	Year 4
10.30	Year 3
11.00	Year 2
11.30	Year 1
12.00	EYFS

Please try to access the meeting a few minutes before the start time if possible and wait in the lobby until a teacher is ready to start the lesson. This will allow for a smooth running of the lesson.





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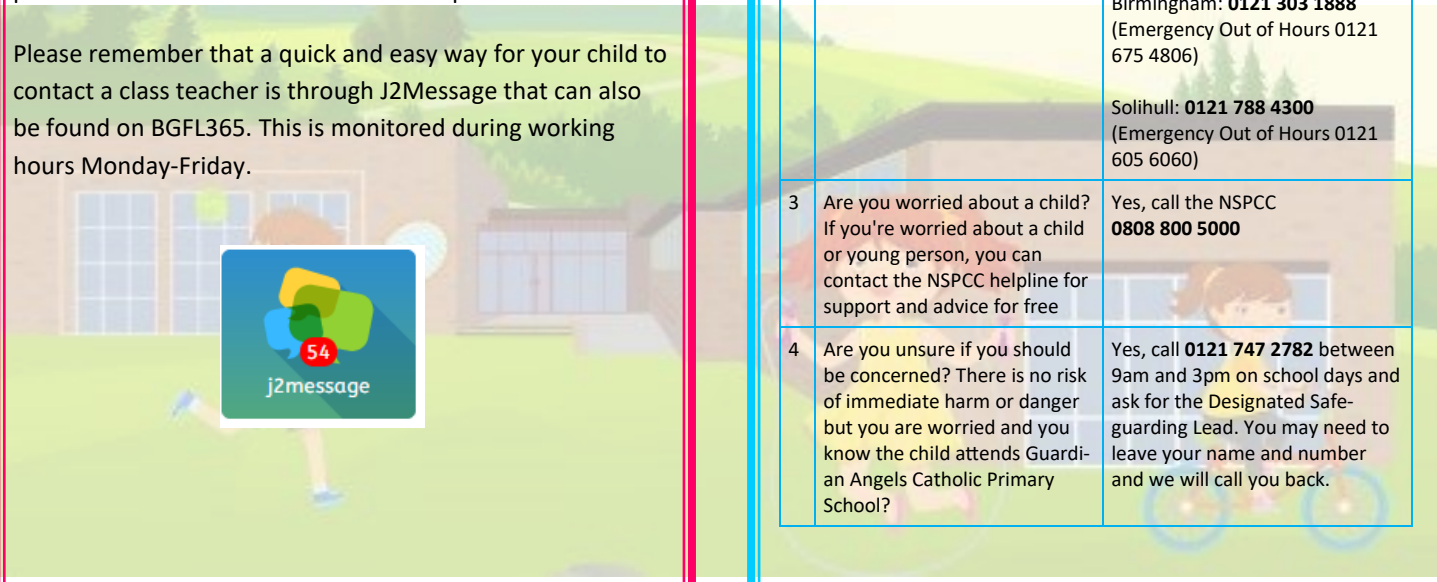
Home Learning overview sheets are available on our website for those children not in school during this national lockdown. These are updated weekly. This work can be printed or written straight into the children's home learning book to save both paper and ink.

All home learning can also be accessed by following this link and then selecting the appropriate year group from the side menu. <https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/home-learning>

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If passwords need to be changed or you are not sure of passwords for any of your child's log in details, please email the school office at enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk and a reset password will be emailed out as soon as possible.

Please remember that a quick and easy way for your child to contact a class teacher is through J2Message that can also be found on BGFL365. This is monitored during working hours Monday-Friday.



If you have a child due to start school in September 2021, we ask you to visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/admissions and submit an online application by **15th January 2021** (The final closing date). If you are applying for a place at Guardian Angels **you will also need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** this is available from the School Office or on the website, please complete this form and return to the school office. Most importantly make sure you provide the information requested, it is vital that proof of Baptism is included with this form if your child has been baptised Catholic and a proof of address.

Our virtual tour can be found here:
<https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/>

What to do if you are concerned that a child is at risk of abuse or harm:

1	Is the child in immediate risk of harm or danger?	Yes- CALL 999 immediately
2	Are you concerned about the welfare of a child?	Yes- call CASS (Children's Advice and Support Services) Birmingham: 0121 303 1888 (Emergency Out of Hours 0121 675 4806) Solihull: 0121 788 4300 (Emergency Out of Hours 0121 605 6060)
3	Are you worried about a child? If you're worried about a child or young person, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free	Yes, call the NSPCC 0808 800 5000
4	Are you unsure if you should be concerned? There is no risk of immediate harm or danger but you are worried and you know the child attends Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School?	Yes, call 0121 747 2782 between 9am and 3pm on school days and ask for the Designated Safe-guarding Lead. You may need to leave your name and number and we will call you back.



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Star Pupil and Virtue Awards Article 29 (goals of education)

Today we have awarded our Star Pupil and Virtue awards to these pupils. Well done!

Year	Star Pupils	Virtue Awards
EYFS	All of the class for their fantastic effort this week.	
Year 1	All of the class for their fantastic effort this week.	
Year 2	All of the class for their fantastic effort this week.	
Year 3	All of the class for their fantastic effort this week.	
Year 4	All of the class for their fantastic effort this week.	
Year 5B	All of the class for their fantastic effort this week.	
Year 5H	All of the class for their fantastic effort this week.	
Year 6	All of the class for their fantastic effort this week.	

Attendance— Our Whole School Target is 97%

Article 28 (right to education)

We are aiming for excellent attendance. Please help us to achieve this by letting us know when a critical worker child is not in school

God Bless you all,

Mrs Helen Milligan - Head Teacher



Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday dear...

Nathan (EYFS)

Riley (Year 3)

Annabelle (Year 6)

Happy birthday to you all and we that hope you have a fantastic day.
Warm wishes from your Guardian Angels family.

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

If you call Guardian Angels, a DSL will call you back and can offer advice. DSLs have a statutory duty to share information with other services should this be necessary.

Our School DSLs are:

Mrs Milligan Miss Hickey
Mr Spindlow Miss Tennant
Mr Johnson Miss Carroll

Loving God, you call us by our name and we are your children. Help us to share your message of love and hope with others, and to make the world a fairer place for all to live. Amen.





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Using Xbox or PlayStation to access BGFL365

Accessing your remote learning, An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown

Xbox

1. Plug a Keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot
2. Go to my games and APPs
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type BGFL365 as you would in school
5. You can then access BGFL365 including:
 - Word
 - Teams
 - PowerPoint
6. To move around you can use the Xbox control or plug in a mouse.



PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation Internet Browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the computer
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type BGFL365 into the browser



XBOX

1. Go to 'My games and apps'
2. Find 'Microsoft Edge' and select
3. Visit the website



You can use the controller to type and select, and can even plug in a USB keyboard!

PLAYSTATION 4

1. Go to 'Library'
2. Select 'All'
3. Select 'Internet Browser'
4. Visit the website



You can use your controller to type and select!

