



Brindishe  
Federation

# Brindishe Federation Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

## Lewisham is recruiting foster carers

Lewisham want to reach out to all schools in the borough to ask school staff, parents, guardians and carers, if they would like to consider fostering young people from Lewisham.

All you need is a spare bedroom and the willingness to give some of your time and care to a young person who is in need of a home.

### Foster for Lewisham

Lewisham Council is looking for foster carers to make a difference in a young person's life



Walk-in information mornings every Monday 10am–12 noon at Fostering Hub 45 Bromley Rd SE6 2UA

No need to book, just come in!

- Where: Fostering Hub, 45 Bromley Rd, SE6 2UA
- Visit: [lewisham.gov.uk/fostering](http://lewisham.gov.uk/fostering)
- Freephone: 0800 015 0129
- [fosteringrecruitment@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringrecruitment@lewisham.gov.uk)



## Bank of Things Christmas Appeal

The Young Mayor and Young Advisors' initiative Bank of Things is appealing for donations of toiletries, prepaid gift vouchers, socks (sizes 3-6, 6-12), book tokens, chocolate and sweets, notebooks and stationery, hats, scarves, and fun stocking fillers for ages 11 to 25. Donations of money are also accepted as these items can then be purchased.

See flyer attached for further information





# FSM Vouchers for Christmas Holidays 2023

The London Borough of Lewisham has confirmed that it is able to support families with FSM (Free School Meal) eligible children by providing vouchers for the October (2023) half term. The available funding means they can assist these families at a rate of £30 per eligible child. Families will receive a supermarket voucher provided by an extension to the Household Support Fund via London Borough of Lewisham and your school.

On Friday the 17th November, families who are on benefit related free school meals should have received a HAF Holiday Voucher from Holiday Activities. Redeeming this voucher will credit your account with 4 credits that can be used to book free activities over the holiday period for 4 hours per day, 4 days a week. Food will be provided along with fruit and snacks.

Please be aware that activities are booked on a first-come, first-served basis so keep an eye out for an email or text message containing a HAF voucher and be sure to browse the available activities.

If you are unsure of the process of redeeming and using your voucher, please see the following link which will take you to the online Parent Guide: <https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/articles/12899380332561-Parent-Guide>.

For further support, please email the provider direct on [support@holidayactivities.com](mailto:support@holidayactivities.com) or call on 01638 438 311.

## Online Safety Bulletin - Brindishe Online Workshops

Does your child spend time exploring online?

The internet's a great place for children to learn, create, chat with friends and family, access information or support and explore fun apps, sites and games. But exploring comes with risks, so it's vital we know how to keep them safe online.

That's why we'd like to invite you to join our FREE workshop: 'Keeping children safe online'.

### **Our workshop will:**

- Help you understand how kids experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

**For:** parents, carers and family members (this workshop is for adults so please arrange childcare if possible)

**Date:** Tuesday 12th December 2023

**Time:** 6 pm (this workshop will last 1 hour)

**Price:** free

**Delivered by:** NSPCC – Local Campaign Manager Gail Sayles

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447671313?pwd=WFdQQ3VkSkJWZm13WmF5UUIMSUXOdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 4767 1313

Passcode: 307249

# Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - [lmurphy@brindisheschools.org](mailto:lmurphy@brindisheschools.org). Our second meeting is on **Tuesday 12th December 2023 6pm at Brindishe Green School.**

## Key Federation Dates

- End of term – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Brindishe Schools INSET DAY – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Children return to school Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Deadline for Primary Admissions – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

# BANK OF THINGS CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

**THIS CHRISTMAS WE ARE SUPPORTING  
LEWISHAM'S YOUNG PEOPLE FACING  
HARDSHIP BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A  
BUMPER CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG**

[linktr.ee/bankofthingslewisham](https://linktr.ee/bankofthingslewisham)

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## HOW DO I DONATE?

Donate online with the link above\*

Drop into Unit 19, Monday to Friday 10-5pm

To donate £10, text ZCNW02 to 7019

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