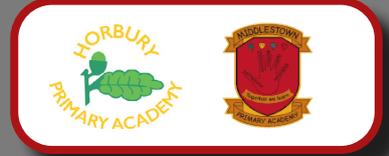


# ACCORD

## Weekly roundup

**Accord**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST  
**EDITION 9**  
19 June 2020



## Welcome

Welcome to edition nine of our Accord Weekly Roundup, produced to support and inform you during this period of home learning.

## Text to talk

Remember we're still here for you and now pupils across our Trust can contact us via a dedicated helpline in times of need.



Pupils with a concern regarding their mental health or well-being, can contact us, simply by texting HELP to 07520649442 and we will be in touch within 24 hours (any text received over the weekend will be responded to on a Monday). If the concern is urgent, please contact Child Line / NSPCC or if you are in immediate danger, contact the Police.

## Supporting our communities

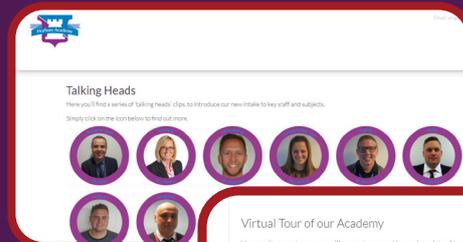
This #wellbeingwednesday we told you about the charity Winston's Wish who support children and young people after the death of a parent or sibling. They offer resources and a freephone helpline (08088 020 021), operating Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. You can also email [ask@winstonswish.org](mailto:ask@winstonswish.org). Find out more at [www.winstonswish.org](http://www.winstonswish.org).

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## Virtual greeting for new Year 7s!

In order to familiarise current year 6 pupils with their Horbury / Ossett Academy, at a time when they can't visit in person, we've produced a virtual experience which we're thrilled to say is now online!

Year 6 pupils and parents/carers can visit <https://horbury.accordmat.org/year-6-transition/> or <https://ossett.accordmat.org/parents-carers/year-6-transition/> to find a virtual tour of their new academy, along with some 'talking heads' videos, produced as an introduction to key staff and subjects. Each site also features a transitions guide and some frequently asked questions for pupils and parents.



## A Trust Update

This week, the government released additional guidance on the return of pupils to school. We're currently reviewing the contents and potential implications on any further provision, where possible, based on capacity. We will continue to keep you informed in a timely manner. In the meantime, please remember to complete our parent survey by 9am on Monday 22 June. Thank you for your patience and support, as ever.

## Parental communication and academy updates

Since partially reopening our academies, contact can now be made in the following ways:

**Verbal** – telephone calls can be requested using the email address below, or by calling the academy.

**Email** – email enquiries to [admin@horburyprimary.accordmat.org](mailto:admin@horburyprimary.accordmat.org) (for Horbury Primary Academy), or [admin@middlestown.accordmat.org](mailto:admin@middlestown.accordmat.org) (for Middlestown Academy), will be acknowledged and forwarded to the appropriate person, with a response expected within 3 working days. Please use [techsupport@accordmat.org](mailto:techsupport@accordmat.org) for any log in or IT queries.

**Written** – copies of whole-academy or year group letters are sent via our online communication system. Enquiries into the academy by letter will be responded to within 5 working days.

**Seesaw** – used by class teachers to share class specific activities.

**Website.**

Don't forget you can find useful information, resources, advice and support on our Facebook and Twitter page so be sure to like those if you haven't already, although content will be scaled down since partially reopening.

## National updates

Keep informed about the government's response to coronavirus [here](#) and check out the latest health information and advice [here](#).



## Doing your bit

A little reminder for any 15 to 17 year olds in your family that the National Citizens Service is appealing for this age range to sign up for their 'One Million Hours of Doing Good' campaign to help to get the country back on its feet, post-lockdown.

Those who want to help, once it's safe to do so, through volunteering and social action, whilst learning new skills and creating positive change, can find out more [here](#).

We know that besides completing your home learning and taking part in our challenges, many of you are finding time to fundraise for your chosen charities or reach out to others in our communities and we love hearing about your efforts so do keep letting us know what you're up to!

## National School Sports Week

With children and young people set to miss out on a school sports day this summer, the Youth Sport Trust's annual National School Sport Week campaign is being opened up to parents and families from their own homes next week.

This national campaign aims to give families, communities, schools and sports clubs the chance to capture the enjoyment, competition and camaraderie they have been missing out on during weeks of school closures and social distancing. Find out more [here](#).

Keep your eyes peeled for information about our own



## And finally...

Until next time - stay safe and well and remember, we're all in this together... **We're all in this together.**