



## NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

### Climate change - Consumption and packaging

Last term we held a climate change poetry competition and I was overwhelmed with the number of entries. All of the entries were superbly written and showcased the exceptional talents of our pupils.

The winners from each year group that entered are listed below. Each winner received a climate change superhero certificate and a £10 book token.



Simon Davies,  
Head teacher

Year 3 – Millie in Fern

Year 4 – River in Oxygen and Marlo in Orion

Year 5 – Charlotte in Ukraine

Year 6 – Finley in Racers

This term we will be focusing on consumption and packaging as part of our climate change action plan. Below are some ideas of what you could do as a family to make an impact on climate change:

- Consume local and seasonal products.
- Limit meat consumption, especially beef.
- Select fish from sustainable fishing.
- Bring reusable shopping bags and avoid products with excessive plastic packaging.
- Make sure to buy only what you need, to avoid waste.



**What will be your consumption and packaging climate change pledge this term?**



# It's Competition time!

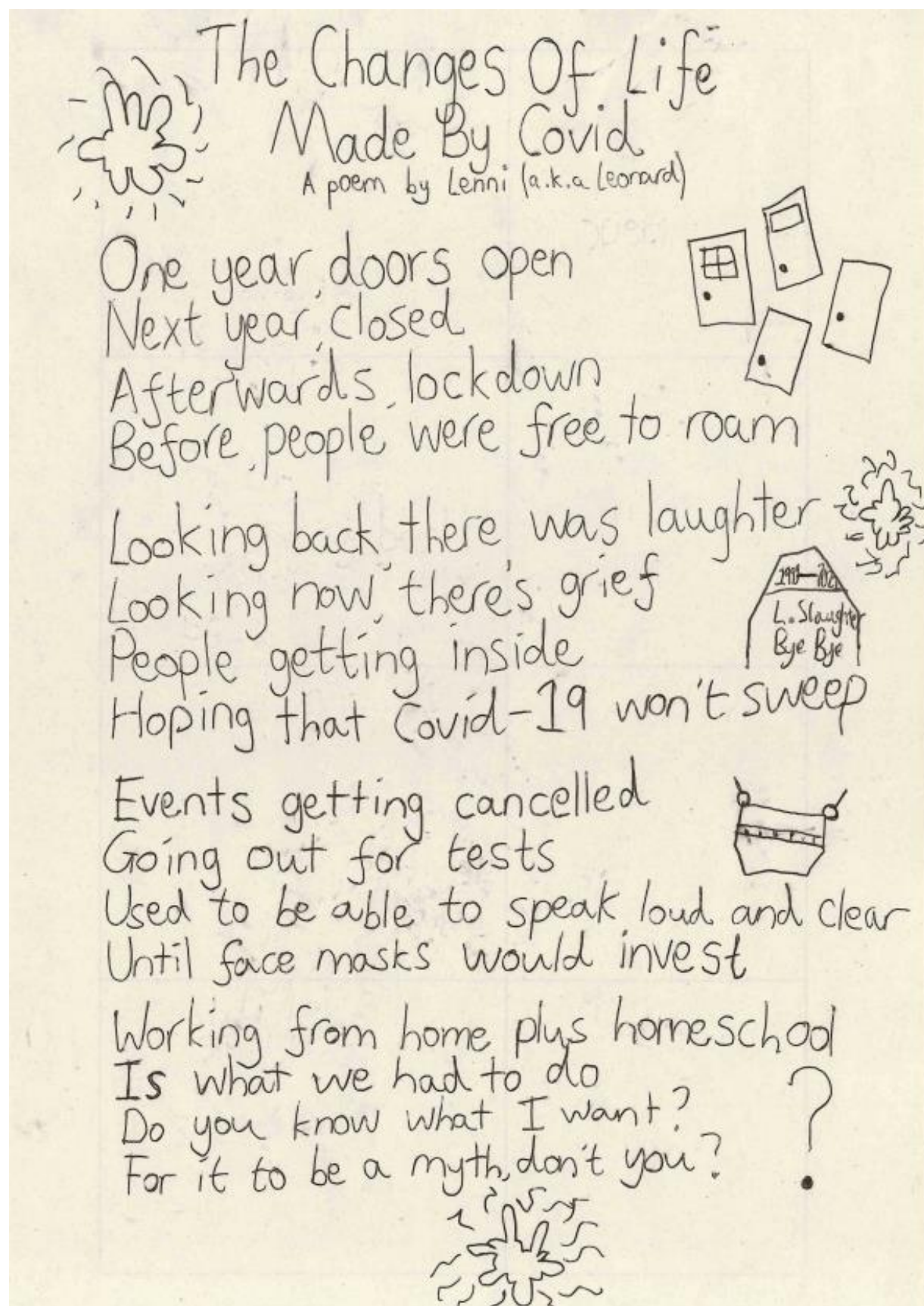
## The challenge:

**How can I reuse, repair or repurpose an object for the wellbeing of the people in my community?**

This terms challenge is to come up with a design idea that will either reuse, repair or repurpose an object for the wellbeing of our community. All you need to do is submit your design as a poster, picture or prototype to Mr Davies before the Easter holidays. Below are a few ideas to get you thinking and a link to a short inspirational video: [Humans Changed the Face of the Earth, Now We Rethink Our Future | Ellen MacArthur Foundation - YouTube](#)



## Celebrating our talented poets:



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

➔ [Can be found on our website.](#)

## TERM DATES FOR 2021/2022

**Spring Term 1:** 5/1/22 – 11/2/22

➤ Half term: 14 Feb – 18 Feb

**Spring Term 2:** 21/2/22 – 8/4/22

➤ Easter Holidays: 11 Apr – 22 Apr

**Summer Term 1:** 25/4/22 – 27/5/22

➤ Half term: 30 May – 03 Jun

**Summer Term 2:** 7/6/22 – 21/7/22

➤ Summer Holidays: 22 Jul – TBC

**Bank Holiday:** 2 May

**INSET days 22:** 6 June

## GOVERNORS

If you wish to contact the school governors, the email address is:  
[balfour.governor@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:balfour.governor@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Governors can also be contacted via the school office who will be happy to forward any correspondence, or to the clerk of governors, Kristina McCulloch:

[kristinamcculloch@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:kristinamcculloch@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Best Wishes

Katie Wood and Kirstin Baker





## What have we been up to in school this month to diversify our curriculum?

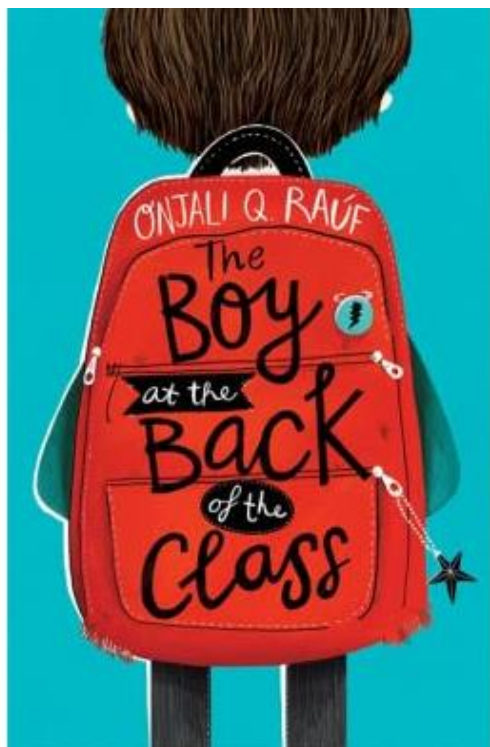
**Reception** - Reception have been learning about people who help us in the community (real life superheroes!). We have been mindful to use the language of 'fire fighter' and 'police officer' to be inclusive and avoid gender stereotypes. When looking at pictures and videos of these people who help us, we have represented a diverse range of people.

**Year 1** - In Year 1 the artist we are studying is Gary Hodges, a UK born artist who draws in pencil and creates lifelike animal pictures. For balance we will also look at the work of Cath Riley a female British artist and Arinze Stanley a male Nigerian artist who both work in pencil and produce highly realistic portraits of people.



**Year 2** - Year 2's Art this term focuses on the Turner prize-winning British artist Lubiana Himid. We are learning about Lubiana's life and art, which focuses on the strength of people of colour through history. We're going to create our own artworks inspired by her beautiful images.

**Year 3** - In Year 3, we are ensuring we are providing a diverse curriculum but providing the children with a rich range of books that show people from all different backgrounds. Currently, Forest class are reading Planet Omar: The Accidental Trouble Magnet. Fern Class are reading Wilf the Mighty Worrier Saves the World. Feather Class are reading Billionaire Boy and Fossil Class are in the process of choosing a new diverse book.



**Year 4** - This term we are reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf. The book is about a refugee who has travelled to the UK and starts attending a new school, making friends and encountering challenges along the way. It discusses refugees and the situations that may have led to them living in a different country, as well as the different perspectives in society that exist about refugees and asylum seekers. Linked to this, we have also read 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. Some classes have read stories from 'Happy Here' compiled by Sharna Jackson, which is a series of short stories by black authors and illustrators.

**Year 5** - In Year 5, we are writing using the story of Odysseus as our class book. In guided reading we are exploring other Greek Myths alongside other myths from around the world such as Romulus and Remus, which is from Italy, and The Hero Twins which is one of the main Maya myths.

**Year 6** – In Year 6 this term, we have been learning about different religious and non-religious wedding ceremonies. With that, we visited a synagogue and a church to make comparisons between beliefs to see how people around the world choose to celebrate love.

In science, we have been learning about the human body and how we are all the same on the inside, even though we may look different on the outside.



## PUPIL PREMIUM UPDATE

**As it's our first newsletter of 2022, Happy New Year to you all!** We have been very busy since returning to school after the Christmas break.

Mrs Paling has been organising Coats for Kids! This is a scheme where families can donate unwanted, good quality coats to help those families who are feeling the pinch this winter. Keep an eye out for the School Ping telling you where you can pick up a coat, if you need one for your child.



I have continued to meet with the KS1 teachers to discuss all of the Pupil Premium children to ensure we are providing the resources and pastoral care they need. This has led to interventions being discussed and implemented, resources being purchased and children being signed up for extra-curricular activities.

We have had a big focus on Positive Growth Mindset to ensure that all children in our school feel confident, and know the strategies needed, to ensure they try their very best when learning. We have read some great books which we found on the Growing Learners Team pages which is a project organised by the University of Portsmouth.

We have previously sent out a Ping message to all of our Pupil Premium families to let them know that there are free places at a variety of clubs that are taking place during the February half term. If you missed the link - <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-haf>

If you have any questions regarding Pupil Premium, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sandramulholland@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:sandramulholland@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Sandra Mulholland, Deputy Headteacher.

*If you think you could be eligible for Free School Meals, please use this link to fill in your details. <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/free-school-meals>*

# HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

## Free Help For Fuel Poverty And Other Essential Costs

A wide range of support is available in Brighton & Hove this winter to help residents struggling with fuel bills and other essential costs. Please see below for details and help the people you work with to access what is on offer while it is available:

### [Brighton & Hove City Council – Help with food, fuel and other essential costs](#)

#### Household Support Fund

Extra help is available this winter for households struggling to pay for food, fuel and other essential costs. The funding is part of the government's Household Support Fund and is available until 31 March 2022. The council can offer vouchers or find another way to help access many essential goods and services.

- **Help is available for people who are not on benefits, as well as those who are.**

To find out more and apply, go to:

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/household-support-fund](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

Or **The Community Hub** on **01273 293117 (option 2)**.





# INCLUSION

## Family Support

### Moneyworks – Small grants, fuel vouchers, debt and benefit support

This service is provided by a partnership of community advice agencies across the city and can help with all money issues, including:

- Fuel bill payments and vouchers
- Debt and benefits help
- Foodbank referrals
- Getting a bank account
- Getting online

To access the service, contact either:

- **Moneyworks Advice Line** on **0800 988 7037**  
(open Mon 1-5, Tue 9-1, Wed & Thu 12.30-4.30, and Fri 10-2)
- **Citizens Advice Helpline** on **08082 78 78 15** or go to <https://www.cabrightonhove.org/get-advice/>

### NEA - Warm and Safe Homes Advice Service (WASH)

Free impartial support and advice for vulnerable and low-income customers on energy bills and keeping warm and safe in your home. The service can help with:

- Support with gas and electricity accounts including fuel debt
- Warm Home Discount and Priority Service Register
- Switching suppliers & tariffs
- Energy efficiency and water rates
- Trust fund applications
- Benefits advice and income maximisation

Contact the WASH Advice Service by calling **0800 304 7159**, referring online at <https://www.nea.org.uk/wash-advice/> or using the chat function on the [Facebook](#) page to speak directly to an adviser who can give tailored advice. NEA can also offer online workshops for at risk groups, providing free, impartial advice on switching, bills, supplier issues, energy debt, grant applications and more. Please contact [wash@nea.org.uk](mailto:wash@nea.org.uk) or [rebecca.jones@nea.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.jones@nea.org.uk) for more information.

# INCLUSION

## LEAP – Advice, home visits and energy saving kit

The Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP) is a free advice service helping people keep warm and reduce their energy bills. LEAP works in partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council and has helped lots of people in the city reduce their energy bills. Advisors can:

- Fit free energy saving kit in your home (such as lightbulbs and draught-proofing)
- Check if you are eligible for insulation or a new boiler
- Give practical advice on heating systems and saving energy
- Help with switching
- Arrange a free money advice consultation to help with benefits, debt and other money problems

To book a free energy advice phone call or home visit for yourself or someone else:

- Call free on **0800 060 7567**
- Email [support@applyforleap.org.uk](mailto:support@applyforleap.org.uk)
- Go to <https://applyforleap.org.uk/apply/>

## Brighton & Hove Food Partnership

Information on all the local support available for people struggling to buy food:

**Food Emergency:** <https://bhfood.org.uk/resources/referring-to-a-food-bank/>

**Food Poverty:** <https://bhfood.org.uk/how-to-hub/food-poverty-advice/>

## Southern Water

Help and advice for people struggling to afford water bills, including discounts and support from Southern Water and free, water-saving home visits:

**Help with paying your water bill:**

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/account/help-paying-your-bill>

**Free, water-saving home visits:**

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/help-advice/how-to-save-water/water-saving-home-visits>

# FAB UPDATE

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I'd like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and join with everyone in hoping it will bring better times than the last two years. As the days get longer and restrictions ease I feel a sense of optimism that we will be able to bring you lots of fun events and opportunities to see more of each other.

The finale to 2021 was the Christmas Fair and I think I can safely say it was a massive success. The new format of spreading the event across both sites was a transformation and it was great to see so many of you spending the afternoon there, enjoying the fun and games and of course the mulled wine.

We have plenty planned for the Spring and Summer terms such as, amongst others, the Fab Quiz, the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Scavenger Hunt, Happy Circus and of course... the Summer Fair. This year also marks the return of the extremely popular Balfour Swim School which we have not been able to bring back until now.

This year FAB is also making a push to support the school's drive to improve the library resources and facilities. This is an excellent cause which we strongly support so keep an eye out for fundraisers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

### MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA WITH FATTO A MANO



FAB has teamed up with Brighton pizzeria Fatto A Mano to bring you authentic home-pizza-making kits.

The kits cost £5 each, and contain all the ingredients for kids to make their own pizzas. Plus, Fatto A Mano are kindly offering a free eat-in pizza voucher with each kit!

The offer has been very popular – at time of writing pre-orders have almost

sold out. Get yours at: [www.ticketor.com/friendsatbalfour/tickets/pizza-232070#buy](http://www.ticketor.com/friendsatbalfour/tickets/pizza-232070#buy). Once you've ordered, you can pick up your kit at school on Friday 4th February.

All proceeds from the kits will go towards updating the school library.

Huge thanks go to Fatto A Mano for their collaboration and generosity.

## BALFOUR SWIM SCHOOL RETURNS

After a long layoff due to lockdowns and pool refurbishments, Balfour Swim School will be back after half term!

Lessons for swimmers of all levels will be run by qualified swimming instructors, and cost £5.50 per session (sibling discount available).



There are plenty of spaces available. Please email [balfourswimmingschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:balfourswimmingschool@yahoo.co.uk) if you're interested, or would like more information.

## STORYBOARD WALK



### The Monkey and the Balloon

Koru Kids and FAB bring you the Storyboard Walk. Storybooks will appear in the children's book bags soon. Follow the trail to complete the story...

This is a free, fun activity in the Fiveways area and will be ready in time for the half term holiday.

For more information go to

<https://www.korukids.co.uk/content/marketing/storyboard-walk-brighton>

However, printed books will be sent out so don't worry just yet about printing it out!



## QUIZ NIGHT



After a successful return in November, the next FAB Quiz Night will be on Friday, 25th February.

Olly's Fish Shack will once again be serving his delicious sustainable fish and gourmet vegan sausages, all with triple-cooked chips. And of course, the FAB bar will be in full effect!

Tickets will be available soon. Watch out for the Ping!

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Yes, the chaos returns... Mark it in your diary. Friday 1st April (yes, yes I know), straight after school.

Children plus chocolate. What could be more fun? More details to follow



## RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP

There are two REALLY easy ways to raise money for the school while doing your shopping:

### **1. Easyfundraising**

Join for free at: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsatbalfour/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsatbalfour/)

Then when you shop online, go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), find the retailer you want, click through and shop in the normal way. The retailer will automatically make a donation to your cause when you check out.

There's a Donation Reminder you can download so you don't forget. That's all there is to it. There are no catches or hidden charges to you or the school. Just more money to help enhance the children's education.

### **2. AmazonSmile**

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. But Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of all eligible purchases to the charitable organisation of your choice.

Just make AmazonSmile your default for your Amazon purchases – go to: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

## 100 CLUB

The Balfour 100 Club is open to all Balfour parents, carers and staff and costs just £5 per number per month. You need to sign up for at least a year.



Half the monthly takings are given out in prize money; the other half is used for the benefit of the children at school.

Join anytime to help the school raise much-needed funds. To sign up, or for more information, please email [fab100club@gmail.com](mailto:fab100club@gmail.com).

## GET INVOLVED

If you'd like to be added to our committee email list, drop us a line at [info@friendsatbalfour.org](mailto:info@friendsatbalfour.org). You'll be kept informed of committee meetings, and contacted if we need a little help from time to time.

## STAY IN TOUCH

Follow us for the latest information on our events and meetings:

 Website: <http://friendsatbalfour.org/>

 Facebook: [Friends at Balfour](#)

 Twitter: [@FABatBalfour](#)

We also have private Facebook Group pages for each year group.



CREATING HEALTHIER. HAPPIER FAMILIES

## Join our FREE groups in Brighton and Hove, starting in February.



Our team of family wellbeing experts and nutritionists make learning about healthy eating fun, and have plenty of tricks to help you and your kids turn a what you learn into a healthy habits for life!

Kids will cook healthy meals, take part in fun games and sports, and make loads of friends!

Parents are supported by our team to handle conflict resolution, and benefit from the support network of likeminded families.

Programmes start in February-  
enquire for more information.



WHERE AND WHEN?



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
West Blatchington Hove 18:00 - 20:00		Carlton Hill Brighton 17:00 - 19:00	
BZ Live- 9-12years Online 17:30 - 18:30		BZ Live- 5-8years Online 17:30 - 18:30	
	HENRY- 0-5 years East Brighton 10:00 - 11:30		HENRY- 0-5 years Central Brighton 10:00 - 11:30

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE**



# FEBRUARY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMP



Department  
for Education



Longhill Sports Centre,  
Brighton, BN2 7FR

14th - 18th  
February

This Half-Term Holiday Camp is for children aged 5 to 11 years. Expect to experience a variety of sports including fencing, archery, dodgeball tri-golf, ultimate frisbee, dancing and mini-Olympics. It's also a great opportunity to make friends in an inclusive and supportive environment.

Parents and carers will need to register and book using the link below.

**HOT LUNCH INCLUDED**



**FREE PLACES:** Thanks to funding awarded from Brighton & Hove City Council, as part of the HAF programme, there are **FREE PLACES AVAILABLE** to children receiving benefits-related free school meals. To request one of these places, select February Half-Term Holiday Camp (HAF FREE) when booking.

**£25 PER DAY**

**(£110 FULL WEEK)**

**BOOKING LINK:**

**SPORTSCOOLBRIGHTON.SCHOOLIPAL.CO.UK**

CALL/TEXT: +44 7710 506598

EMAIL: [steve.s@sportscool.org](mailto:steve.s@sportscool.org)

**8:30AM - 4:00PM**



**@sportscoolbrighton**





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Brighton & Hove  
City Council



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EMAIL: [steve.s@sportscool.org](mailto:steve.s@sportscool.org)

**MON, THURS, FRI 8:30AM - 4:00PM**

**TUES 8:30AM - 1:00PM**



**@sportscoolbrighton**







**SOCCER  
SCHOOLS**



**HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COURSES FOR ANYONE  
AGED 5-13. ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.**



### February half term

Brighton // Hove (girls-only) // Worthing  
Eastbourne // Chichester // Hassocks  
Uckfield // Shoreham

All sessions  
will adhere to  
government and  
FA protocols to  
prevent spread  
of Covid-19.

⬆ **Scan here to book, [click here](#) or visit: [albioninthecommunity.org.uk](http://albioninthecommunity.org.uk)**

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