

# Newsletter

Dear Parents & Friends,

Although school is officially 'closed', I thought it would be useful to share information, via the Newsletter, which might be of benefit to you at this difficult time. I'm sure you have all taken heed of the message to stay at home and save lives. The COVID-19 virus is a real danger and we all need to play our part in keeping ourselves and others safe.

The Emergency Key-Worker Childcare provision here at Stubbins is going well, with between 9 and 17 children attending this week. I would like to thank my staff for providing this childcare and maintaining a really positive, happy and relaxed atmosphere. As you can imagine, there have been concerns and questions, but we are working together to ensure that we keep ourselves and the children safe.



## Rossendale Connected

I want to share with you an initiative that is being launched today across Rossendale. The **Rossendale Connected** Hub will launch on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 9am to support communities, families and individuals facing challenges presented by the Coronavirus

outbreak. The hub is a partnership initiative led by the Council and will have a few key purposes aimed at supporting communities. It is important to note that they are still building capacity – and the Rossendale Connected Hub will have its limitations particularly in the first week or so.

The ongoing work of communities to informally support family members, friends and neighbours who need help will continue to be absolutely crucial and we hope to continue to encourage the #viralkindness initiative that is already helping so many people on a hyper-local level.

The key purposes of the hub will be:

- Sharing information with the community relating to the Coronavirus outbreak
- Connecting families and individuals to groups and volunteers who can help provide food, medicine and essential supplies
- Supporting individuals into existing services particularly around loneliness and social isolation
- Co-ordinating local volunteering

The hub will not be in a position to give advice about benefits, council tax, business reliefs etc. and individuals/businesses should continue to contact the normal channels for support in this area. An initial list of contacts for other services is provided on the next page of this newsletter.

You can find a press release relating to the hub here: <http://www.rossendaleneews.org.uk/community-hub-to-help-rossendale-residents-during-coronavirus-launched/>

Below are the details for the Rossendale Connected Hub

**Website:** [www.rossendaleconnected.org](http://www.rossendaleconnected.org) (going live later this evening)

**Telephone:** 01706 227016

**Email:** [help@rossendaleconnected.org](mailto:help@rossendaleconnected.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/rossendale-connected](https://www.facebook.com/rossendale-connected)

If you know any potential volunteers please point them to [www.rltrust.co.uk/volunteers](http://www.rltrust.co.uk/volunteers)

If you are part of an organisation that can help please email [communities@rossendalebc.gov.uk](mailto:communities@rossendalebc.gov.uk)

To receive this Newsletter by email, simply contact [head@stubbins.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stubbins.lancs.sch.uk).

*Mr. J. Danson*

**ROSSENDALE CONNECTED HUB – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****Lonely people needed social contact:**

SILVERLINE – offers 24 hour, 365 days a year, free, confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people.

Telephone 0800 4 70 80 90

[www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)

**Volunteer Support**

LANCASHIRE VOLUNTEER PARTERSHIP

Volunteer support for people feeling isolated and vulnerable – contact 07779 972114 / 07779 972652

[www.lancsvp.org.uk](http://www.lancsvp.org.uk)

**General help and advice****Age UK Lancashire helpline – 0300 303 1234**

Information and advice including local sources of help and support, emergency food, advice on benefits, health and community care, welfare benefit checks.

**Prepayment meters (Gas/Electricity):**

People who are self-isolating and can't top up their gas or electric prepayment meter can contact their supplier who will help them get two weeks supply.

British Gas: 0333 202 9802

EDF: 0333 200 5100

EON: 0345 052 000

N Power: 0800 073 3000

Scottish Power: 0800 027 0072

SSE: 0345 026 2658

**Welfare benefits advice****Rosendale and Hyndburn Citizens Advice**

[www.carh.org.uk](http://www.carh.org.uk) 0300 456 2552

**Business Grants**

Businesses that call asking about the grants available for businesses impacted by Coronavirus should email for support:

[nldr@rossendalebc.gov.uk](mailto:nldr@rossendalebc.gov.uk)

**Other useful numbers****Useful phone numbers:**

ROSSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL – 01706 217777

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 0300 123 6701

- SOCIAL SERVICES CHILDREN – 0300 123 6720
- SOCIAL SERVICES ADULTS - 0300 123 6721
- OUT OF HOURS – 0300 123 6722

SAMARITANS – 116 123

CITIZENS ADVICE – 0300 456 2552

DWP CUSTOMER SERVICES – 0300 731 7898

PENSION SERVICE – 0800 731 0469

UNIVERSAL CREDIT – 0800 328 9344

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# Rossendale Connected

**Rossendale Connected** is here to support communities, families and individuals facing challenges presented by the Coronavirus outbreak.

We can help in connecting you to community organisations and volunteers that can provide **food, essential supplies, medicine** or if you **need to talk** with people during isolation.

**The hub is open 9am-5pm, 7 days a week**

CONTACT  
INFORMATION



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BOROUGH COUNCIL



Rossendale  
Primary Care Network

Lancashire  
County Council



**STAY AT  
HOME**

**PROTECT THE NHS**

**save lives**

I know that there is incredible community spirit locally and that we are much stronger together. Thank you to all the Key Workers who are providing critical services at this time. We can all do our bit - please remember those who are living alone - pick up the phone or text them etc. It makes all the difference.

And, of course, **stay at home and save lives.**

Keep Well

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