



Shirley Schools



Weekly Communication

To contact any member of staff, please email
office@shirleyschools.co.uk
marked for the attention of the member of staff and your email
will be forwarded.

Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached to the school website the following letters;

- ♦ Shirley Junior School New School Values
- ♦ Diary Dates
- ♦ Year 2 SRE letter
- ♦ Headteacher newsletter (Infant school)

Please find the links to the letter pages on our websites

<https://www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk/page/?title=Letters&pid=72>

<https://www.shirleyjuniorschool.org/page/?title=School+Letters&pid=39>

Dates for your Diary

Shirley Infant School

APRIL 2022

Monday 25th **School re-opens for SUMMER 1**

Tuesday 26th Bags 2 School
 Rabbit & Mole class Shirley Walk
 Wednesday 27th Owl class Shirley Walk
 Thursday 28th Year 1 Lepe Beach
 Friday 29th Singing on playground 2:45pm

MAY 2022

Monday 2nd Bank Holiday
 Tuesday 3rd INSET DAY
 Thursday 5th Class photo day
 Friday 13th Yr 1 Home Learning due
 Friday 20th Yr R Dress Up Day
 FOSIS Yr R Cake Sale
 Thursday 26th Year R Celebration Event 2:50pm
 Friday 27th Year 1 Celebration Event 2:50pm
 Hamwic Non Uniform Day
 Jubilee Celebrations

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

JUNE 2022

Monday 6th School opens for Summer 2
 Thursday 9th Yr 1 Hilliers Trip
 Friday 10th Yr 2 Marwell Trip

Shirley Junior School

APRIL 2022

Monday 25th **School re-opens for SUMMER 1**

Monday 25th Young Voices to the O2 Arena
 Tuesday 26th Bags 2 School
 Wednesday 27th Yr 5 exhibition 2.45pm
 Thursday 28th Yr 5 Hook Day
 Friday 29th Yr 5 Hamble River Study

MAY 2022

Monday 2nd Bank Holiday
 Tuesday 3rd INSET DAY
 Thursday 5th Class photo day
 Monday 9th SATs week
 Friday 20th Cricket Day
 Thursday 26th Share my Learning 8:20am & 3:10pm
 Friday 27th Hamwic NON Uniform Day
 Cultural Diversity Day
 Jubilee Celebrations

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

June 2022

Monday 6th School opens for Summer 2
 Friday 10th Paultons Park Year 5

Coming soon

Jubilee Celebrations - 27th May

Extra Inset day Tuesday 3rd May 2022—School closed to Pupils

Class Photo Day Thursday 5th May 2022

*On **Friday 29th April at 2.45pm** the Shirley Infant School Choir will be performing the songs that they have been learning recently. The choir is made up of children from Year 1 and 2 who give up their lunchtime play every other Friday to come and rehearse. Any parents of children who attend choir are very welcome to come and listen to our songs about Little Red Riding Hood and Jack And The Beanstalk in the playground. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Wednesday 6th July Transition Day

We are really excited to share with you our new **SHIRLEY SCHOOLS VALUES**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and pupils for their contribution.



Kindness



Integrity



Respect

Kindness- We think about others when we act and go out of our way to help.

Integrity - We do the right thing even when someone isn't looking.

Respect - We accept others for who they are including when they are different from us.

These build on from our aim:

Every child - belonging, nurture, safe

Every Chance - Inclusive, opportunities, adapt

Every day - consistent, understanding, ambitious

For the Infant school this joint aim and values build into our learning

Independence, Cooperation, Perseverance, Curiosity and Kind

For the Junior school this joint aim and values build into our learning through our personal skills, to;

Care, Reflect, Collaborate, Aspire, be Curious and Persevere

INFANTS & JUNIORS COVID UPDATE

Parent COVID Guidance – April 2022

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Testing will be available for groups such as those attending hospital but not routinely used. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days. Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer required and therefore staff will no longer be regularly testing.

Pupil absence reporting

Please may we remind you that any pupil absences should be reported to the school before 9:30am each day.

If you are unable to speak to a member of the office team directly please ensure you state your child's name, class and the reason for the absence when you leave a message on the answer-phone or when you email.

Please do not just state your child is unwell as this will require further investigation by the attendance officer.

Tel: Shirley Infant School: 02380 775057

Tel: Shirley Junior School: 02380 771434

Email: office@shirleyschools.co.uk



Infant School Entrance Gate Closure 25th April 2022

Please be aware that the main entrance gate to the school will close at 8:55am after the Easter break and return to the timings pre-Covid.

Reading books

After the Easter holidays, the children will have the opportunity to read their school reading book over the weekend in addition to in the week. Remember to continue to sign your child's reading diary to show when you have heard your little one read at home. Please see each Year Group's Curriculum Letter for more details on book change day as this may vary. This will go out the first week back after Easter.

School Meals

Please may we remind you that all school meals are ordered from Chartwells at 9:30am each day.

If your child is going to be late to school after this time, for any reason, we will need to know what their school meal choice will be for the day before 9:30am.

This will prevent children from being upset that they were unable to have the meal of their choice on that day as you will appreciate that all children that have ordered meals will take their meals first.

Interested in being a parent governor?

The Shirley Schools governing body will soon be inviting nominations for parent governors. This is a challenging but rewarding role and an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to Shirley children's education and opportunities.

Watch out for more details after Easter, but in the meantime there is lots of information about the role at <https://www.inspiringgovernance.org/volunteers/>

Plea for sheets / duvet covers

If you are taking the opportunity to Spring clean your airing cupboard, Year 4 would gratefully receive any unwanted sheets or duvet covers (freshly laundered please) to use for their Rags to Riches project. Please ask your child to bring these to Year 4 or the school office. Thank you for your help!

LOST PROPERTY

Please may we remind you to clearly name your child's belongings.....

If a named item is found it can easily be returned to the pupil.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Safeguarding

Information for Parents about some age inappropriate
Online/Computer games from: <https://>

What is the story behind 5 nights at Freddy's?: The game's story is told through mini games, in which an unnamed young boy is bullied because of his irrational fear of a restaurant with a yellow animatronic bear and rabbit called Fredbear and Spring Bonnie, respectively. He is guided by an animatronic plush toy, who speaks to the character when he is alone.

What Parents Need to Know : Parents need to know *Five Nights at Freddy's* is a horror game that uses tension and jump scares in place of blood and guts and, as a result, is a lot scarier than many other titles. The sense of being trapped and defenseless in a small office quickly becomes real and when the animatronic characters jump out at you, you'll jump (and maybe scream). **This makes the game much too intense for younger kids -- and teens should know what they're getting into.**



Common Sense says age 12+ : Based on our **expert review** Terrifying psychological thriller is too much for kids.

Poppy Playtime: What's It About? : POPPY PLAYTIME takes kids' dreams and turns them into fuel for nightmares. It feels like forever since you used to work at the Playtime Co. toy factory, home of **Huggy Wuggy**, **Cat-Bee**, and of course, company's iconic doll, **Poppy Playtime**. The factory was shut down a decade ago after the staff all seemingly disappeared without any trace. At least, no trace until the mysterious package you receive, containing an old VHS tape of a Poppy Playtime commercial and a note claiming that the missing staff are actually still trapped within the factory. Armed only with the extendable hands of Playtime's innovative "GrabPack," you must explore the abandoned factory for clues as to the final fate of your former co-workers. But just because this factory is abandoned doesn't mean it's empty. There are things lurking in the shadows that don't want you to uncover the truth and are willing to hunt you down.



Common Sense says age 12+ : Horror puzzler plays kids' toys for creeps and scares.

No Scooters

Please may we remind you, for health & safety reasons, there are no scooters/bikes allowed on the playgrounds at the beginning or the end of the school day.

We would also like to remind you that the school apparatus is also out of bounds before and after school hours.



FOSIS/PTFA

UPCOMING EVENTS...



JUNIOR CAKE SALE – TODAY!

Cake cakes and more cakes! Bring your pennies (and containers for your purchases!) to buy lots of fabulous cakes and raise money for our junior school - we'll be selling in the junior playground after school today.

Cake donations (bought or baked, no nuts please) very gratefully received and can be brought straight to the stall after school. Thank you

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you for your support for our recent events and activities, here's what we've raised together and will be shared between both schools:

Non-Uniform Day - **£411**

Locked in a Box Games Night - **£176.85**

AmazonSmile (Juniors) in the last 3 months - **£41.60** (see next page for how to sign up)

AmazonSmile (Infants) in the last 3 months - **£21.44** (see next page for how to sign up)



Another thank you for all the helping hands that joined us on our Tidy Up Day last Saturday. Together we achieved so much, including the removal of the Year R decking, painting of the sheds, re-felting of the shed roofs, digging out the Year R flower beds and lots of general sweeping, sorting and tidying!

SPRING CLEAN YOUR WARDROBE FOR BAG2SCHOOL



This is a great opportunity to have a good clear out of your old clothes, towels, curtains and bedding to make money for the school!

Please drop off to 1 Branksome Avenue **from 3pm on 25 April or before 9am on 26 April.**

SPECIAL SPRING GIVEAWAY FROM SCHOOL LOTTERY



Our school lottery raises money directly for the **Junior School**. Every week there is a guaranteed cash prize for someone from the school.

This prize money goes up the more tickets we sell.
You are also automatically entered into the national draw where you could win £25,000! The tickets cost just £1 each week. Sign up here:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/shirley-junior-school>

STAY CONNECTED AND GET INVOLVED...

All social media is run by parents for parents

On Facebook through the private year groups – please remember that these groups are managed by parents and not run by the school:

Infants

Year 2 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172919936937823>

Year 1 Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849370902208557>

Year R Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/77436866506974>

Juniors

Parents of Year 6 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601794303401012>

Parents of Year 5 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716707195249069>

Parents of Year 4 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649407131910961>

Parents of Year 3 Face book group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137311320449399>

Through your class reps (see list below) and WhatsApp groups:

Infants

Woodpeckers - Gayle Doulton and Jo James

Badgers - Tracey Ward and Natalie Formstone

Foxes - Katy Durston and Colette Thorp

Owls - Lisa Witt and Lisa Longhurst

Rabbits - Gemma Gore and Kerrie Read

Moles - Maria Dimech and Tabytha Greenhalgh

Hedgehogs - Sarah Willcocks and Gill McCann

Squirrels - Sarah Scott and Hilary Rebecca

Otters – Zoe Konn and Sarah Whicher

Juniors

A complete list of class reps for Juniors can be [found here](#)

Community Information

The NCT charity is a great way for parents to make a few extra £'s sell equipment and clothes as well as grabbing a few bargains. All proceeds go to setting up new groups in Southampton to help families during the first 1000 days of parenthood.

Preloved parent,
children and
baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



Saturday 7th May 2022
10.20am – 12.20pm

Early entry 10am for NCT members
Oasis Mayfield, Ashley Crescent, SO19 9NA



Entry price
On door: £1.50 Pre booked: £1.00



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Sellers packs available via our Facebook page

Shop by department
High quality items
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Buggy park available- please bring little ones in slings & carriers

www.nct.org.uk/southampton

Email: nns.southampton@nct.org.uk

 NCT Nearly New Sale Southampton



NCT is acting as the agent for sellers at NCT Nearly New sales.
NCT is a trading name of The National Childbirth Trust
Limited company registered in England and Wales: 2370573
Registered office: 301 Euston Square, Southampton Way, London, England, NW1 2PB.
Registered charity in England and Wales: 807395 and Scotland: SC041592

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St James Nursery and Pre-School

Adventures Holiday Club

We are running a holiday club during the School Easter Holidays, and we have some places to book under the HAF free scheme for children receiving free school meals.

Each child will receive a free, nutritious, freshly cooked on-site mid-day meal.

The club runs 9am-3pm on April 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April.

We will have a strong focus on Outside play and we are in partnership with St James Park. We have planned some forest school activities, sports, allotment trip, cooking and arts and crafts. Please see below to book:

www.southampton.gov.uk/school-learning/support-education/haf-scheme/

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LOCATION:
Toynbee School
Bodycoats Rd, Chandler's Ford
SO53 2PL

For more information and to book, visit
www.activeme360.com



Hey Super school champs,

Many families and children have said to me they'd love to learn to cycle **without nasty stabilisers!**

So i'm running 3 sessions in the Easter Holidays...they can book up for free with the below links (10 children on each so get in quick!)

April

19th Riverside Park 10.30-12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ditch-the-stabilisers-riverside-park-tickets-313312796007>

20th The Common 10.30-12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ditch-the-stabilisers-the-common-near-the-outdoor-gym-tickets-313364049307>

21st Chamberlayne Leisure centre 10.30-12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ditch-the-stabilisers-chamberlayne-leisure-centre-tickets-313359896887>

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Easter Eggstravorganza



18 April | 11am - 3pm | St James' Park | Free entry

Join the Friends of St James' Park to have some fun on Easter Monday.

Musical entertainment from fairground organs, Easter Trail, BBQ, stalls, carousel, football and multi-sports, Chinese arts and crafts activities, free bike doctor service with balance bike try-out sessions. Find out more [here](#)

Easter Fair



14 - 24 April | 1pm - 9.30pm daily | Southampton Common

Have a great family day out at the B. Cole & Sons' Easter Fun Fair on Southampton Common.

£1 entry fee per person (Children under 2 years free entry)

£2 Rides - all day, every day (excluding the Extreme Rides).

Find out more [here](#)

Bedford Place Easter Market



9 & 10 April | 11am - 5pm | Bedford Place

The [Village PopUp](#) have teamed up with Bedford Place and [Go! Southampton](#) to bring a brand new market to the city with a plethora of independent traders selling everything from sauces and condiments to arts & crafts.

You will find the market just off Bedford Place along Carlton Place and Lower Bannister Street.

Support Southampton and Shop Local. Find out more [here](#)



Titanic 110 event | Sunday 10 April | SeaCity Museum

To mark 110 years since the Titanic set sail from Southampton and to remember the stories and lives of those who sailed upon RMS Titanic, we will host a special event involving LEGO, in partnership with The BRICK People, including:

- Solve the "Under the Sea" anagram trail featuring LEGO® bricks!
- Features builds from That Brick LUG! (LEGO® User Group)
- Open build play area
- Official LEGO® sets on display
- Speed build competition
- Buy rare and discontinued LEGO® sets*
- Win a minifigure tombola!*
- Face painting*

To enjoy the LEGO® activities you will need a museum entry ticket, we recommend pre-booking entry to the [museum here](https://www.seacitymuseum.co.uk). *small charges for drop in activities may apply.

Easter activities



Family walking tours, all day culture clubs, messy activities and creative classes for young minds. Keep the children busy this Easter holiday with our fun family workshops and tours below!

Week 1 - Mon 11 April

Kids' Culture Club - Ostrich sized Easter | Southampton City Art Gallery | 9am-5pm | We'll be decorating massive Easter eggs and more in this whole day of creative fun and discovery for children aged 6 to 12yrs.

Tue 12 April

Kids' Culture Club - Terrific Titanic! | Southampton City Art Gallery | 9am-5pm | We'll be exploring the fascinating story of Titanic, making a lucky talisman, designing a luxury cruise ship and more in this whole day of creative fun and discovery for children aged 6 to 12yrs.

Peter Rabbit inspired mobiles (Under 6yrs) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10.15am and 11.45am | Enjoy story time with us in the gallery and create your own inspired Peter Rabbit mobiles. Lots of techniques for little fingers to try.

Wed 13 April

Boingy Bunny Wire Sculptures (5-12yrs) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10.15am | Create your very own funny bunny sculpture with springy legs ready for Easter.

Family Walking Tour: Walking the Titanic | Tudor House and Garden | 10.30am | Walk the sites and places of the Southampton's Titanic story.

Thu 14 April

Boingy Bunny Wire Sculptures (5-12yrs) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10.15am | Create your very own funny bunny sculpture with springy legs ready for Easter.

Play with Clay: Easter Hares Family Workshop (5yrs+) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 12.30pm, 2.30pm | Create your own clay bunny with your family in this creative clay session.

Week 2—Tue 19 April

Green Man Wall Plaques – A Family Workshop (6yrs+) | Tudor House and Garden | 10.30am | Get creative in this clay session inspired by the mythical Green Man.

Wed 20 April

Wicker Man and Wish Jars | Tudor House and Garden | 10.30am | Get crafty and Make Wicker Men wishes and Glowing lanterns ready for the Celtic festival of Beltane.

Family Walking Tour: Walking the Titanic | Tudor House and Garden | 10.30am | Walk the sites and places of the Southampton's Titanic story.

Thur 21 April

Play with Papercutting: Springs Scenes Family Workshop (7yrs+) | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm | Design and create your own stunning paper cut spring scene.

Fri 22 April

Play with Tie Dye Family Workshop | Southampton City Art Gallery | 10am | Experiment with different colours and techniques with fabulous results!



ZoieLogic Dance Theatre present RIDE - Southampton Tour | Various sites across the City | 9 - 18 April 2022 | Free - no booking required!

The smash hit show RIDE is returning to Southampton and you're invited! ZoieLogic Dance Theatre are taking Stanley the 1980s Ford Orion on tour with a brand new cast of dancers to locations across the city in April and would love to see you there...

- Sat 9th April - 1.30pm / Mansel Park, Millbrook
- Sun 10th April - 2pm / Weston Parade Car Park
- Wed 13th April - 12pm & 4pm / Below Bar, City Centre
- Thu 14th April - 1.30pm & 5.30pm / Holyrood Estate
- Sat 16th April - 2pm & 3pm / Monk's Way, Mansbridge
- Mon 18th April - 12pm & 2pm / St James' Park, Shirley

Ride is an outdoor dance theatre performance, which is a fun and surprising take on the classic summer road trip. It tells the story of three men whose lives collide when they discover a most curious thing; a car that seems to have a life of its own. [Watch the trailer here](#)

Find out more at www.zoieLogic.co.uk/ride

Squirrels BEAVERS CUBS

Ages 4 & 5 Ages 6 & 7 Ages 8 -10

**TIME
FOR
FUN**

Taster Session

Come and join our free taster session at 9th Southampton Scout HQ, Bindon Road, SO16 6DA

**Sat 9th April 2022
10am - 11.30am**

Girls and boys welcome, no experience needed!

Parents must attend with your child - thank you.

Register your interest here:
<https://bit.ly/3trYdZw>

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Scouts
9th Southampton City
(Shirley Warren)

School Streets St James Road and Bellemoor Road Junction

Balfour Beatty is working in partnership with Southampton City Council to manage the highways service across Southampton. As part of this, we are improving access for pedestrians and cyclists along St James Road at the junction of Bellemoor Road, by installing a new continuous crossing point (please see map overleaf).

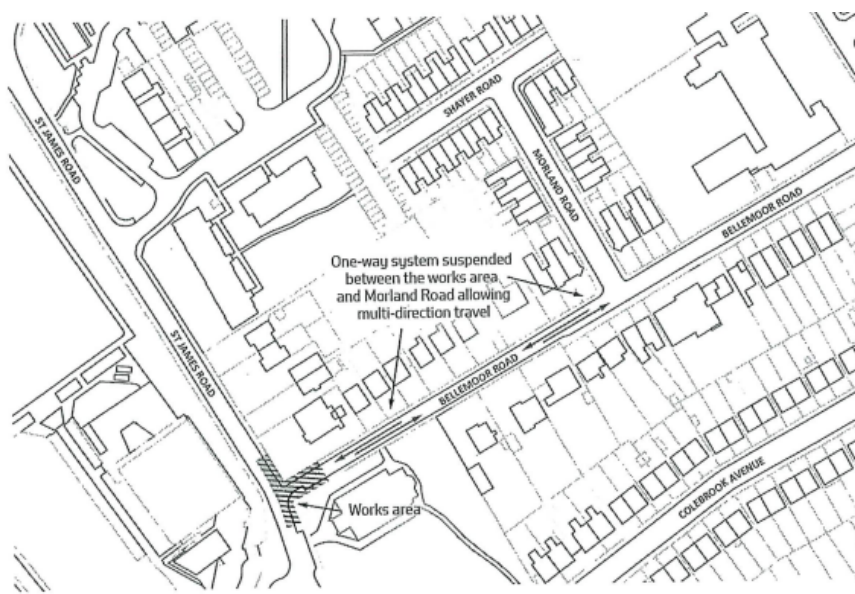
To minimise the impact on the area, including local schools, we will be undertaking this work during the school Easter break. This work is planned to start from **Monday 11 April**, for approximately **2 weeks**. Our working hours will be from **8am-5pm**. Please note, that our team will not be working over the bank holidays or the Easter weekend.

For the work to be undertaken safely and efficiently we will need to close Bellemoor Road at the junction with St James Road. As our working area includes St James Road, we will be reducing this area of the road to a single lane of traffic, which will be controlled by temporary traffic lights. The current lights will be deactivated, and a temporary crossing point will be installed on St James Road.

To assist residents accessing their properties, the current one-way system on Bellemoor Road at the junction with Morland Road will be suspended. A clearly signed, vehicular diversion route will be in place throughout our work. Pedestrian access will always be maintained.

This work is delivered as part of SCC's Active Travel Fund. This funding is specific to improving the environment on Bellemoor Road for people walking and cycling. No decision has yet been made on the recent Traffic Regulation Order advertised regarding making the School Street on Bellemoor Road permanent. Residents will be updated on the outcome of this shortly. While this work would compliment a School Street it will have wider benefits for the community even if the School Street is not retained.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption these works may cause and thank you for your patience whilst the work is being carried out. Our crew on site are trained to work considerately, however, if you have any problems during the works, please speak with one of the crew.



How to get your £150 energy rebate

You may have heard the news that the government is giving households across the country a payment of £150 to help people pay for rising energy costs. But are you eligible and how do you receive your payment? Read on to find out more

What is the [Energy Rebate](#)?

The rebate is a one-off payment of £150 to help with rising bills. It is not a loan and doesn't need to be repaid.

Who will receive it?

The payment will be made to all occupied households valued in Council Tax bands A-D.

[Find out more about the energy rebate.](#)

How will I receive my £150?

If you pay your Council Tax by Direct Debit you do not need to do anything to receive this money. The £150 will be paid directly into your bank account by mid-April 2022.

[Set up a Direct Debit to pay your council tax and receive the £150 paid directly into your account.](#)

If you pay your Council Tax in another way, don't worry we will write to you with details of how to claim your payment. You will need to take the letter to the post office along with your identification and you will receive the £150 at the post office counter.

Other help and support available

Although the £150 payment will be a big help towards rising energy bills, we know that many people are facing huge financial struggles at the moment. Check out our article in this month's issue [full of top money saving tips](#) and use the [online benefit calculator](#) to check you're receiving your full benefit entitlement

Remember, if you are having difficulty paying your rent, please [talk to us](#) so we can work out a way forward together and prevent you from falling into arrears and potentially losing your home. We can also provide support and advice if you are struggling with debts, simply contact our [Welfare Rights & Money Advice Team](#) for a confidential chat.