



Prisoners · Families · Communities
A Fresh Start Together

Recent updates

Welcome to our Birmingham Pact newsletter. We are looking forward to those of you who are joining us on our first Family forum of the year. This will be held on 6th May 2024 between 10:00-11:45pm. I would likely thank all of you who participated in our PACT Questionnaires. These are beneficial for us all to get an insight and understanding on where we are going right and how we can improve our services in the visit centre. These are completed every quarterly. This is an opportunity for your voices to be heard and changes to be implemented where need. For those of you who cannot attend forums there are slips that can be completed to be returned to you with response.

Did you know we are currently having a colouring competition? Please ask staff for more information. The competition ends at the end of this month.

We hope to have an animal theme family day for the 29th of May 2024 and have someone come in externally. The dress code for attendees has now been finalised and are displayed around the establishment.

Mercedes who is a visitor here would like to opportunity to host yourselves for a (Holistic healing) session in the VC. If this something that interest yourselves. Let me know so we can get a day together that works for you all. (Let Samira Know)

I do also have a dance instructor(External) which is ready to some self-love dance class please let me know if this is also something that would be of interest. (Let Samira

Useful contacts:

Switchboard: 0121 598 8000

Booking line: 0121 598 8050

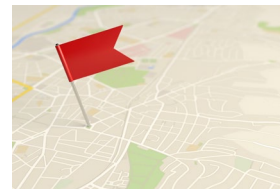
Enquiries: 0121 598 8178

Safer Custody: 0121 598 8070/ 0121 598 8235

Pact email service:

Birmingham@prisonadvice.org.uk

** Please note that email is not used as a booking service**



Visit centre address:

4679 Winson green Road

Winson Green

Birmingham

B18 4AS

Monies:

Please note that you can only bring up £35 per table, not per visitor. Monies must be smaller change. No banks are accepted for payment at the main visit hall.

Strength does not come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't.

Rikki Rodgers

VISITORS INFORMATION

Please note the below applies to visitors aged 10 and over, regardless of gender

COATS/ LONG CARDIGANS: Are not permitted on visits.

HOODED CLOTHING: Hoodies, or hoods on ANY clothing are NOT permitted.

HATS: Are not to be worn on visits- except for religious headwear. Headwear will be searched subject to HMP Birmingham searching policy.

ACCESSORIES: No visitor is permitted to wear Gloves, Scarves, Shawls or Ties.

SHOES: No knee length boots are permitted

SKIRTS: Must be at least Knee length when in the standing position, this is regardless of whether there are tights or leggings underneath

SHORTS: Must be knee length when in the standing position

DRESSES: MUST be knee length when in the standing position, MUST cover the breasts fully and appropriately including the cleavage and midriff area

TOPS: MUST cover the breasts fully and appropriately including the cleavage and midriff area, NO pockets are permitted on ANY top

TROUSERS: Trousers / jeans with RIPS are NOT permitted, combat style trousers with pockets down the legs are not permitted.

SPORTS LOGOS: Clothing displaying offensive patterns or logos are NOT permitted e.g – Cannabis logos, racist logos or offensive language.

Visitors wearing more than one pair of trousers of any kind will be refused entry.
No play suits.
No Cargo trousers or Cargo shorts
Failure to comply with the above may result in you not gaining entry for your visit.

Upcoming family Days

Wednesday 29th May

Thursday 6th August

Thursday 31st October

Safer Custody Portal for families, friends and carers

All prisons in the West Midlands have an online safer custody portal that provides information about keeping prisoners safe and enables family or friends to share concerns via an online contact form sent directly to the prison safety team.

If you are worried and want to share a concern visit:
www.prisonersfamilies.org/pages/category/need-urgent-help?



Upcoming awareness dates:

May

1st- 7th May 202- Maternal Mental health awareness week/ Deaf awareness week

13th May to 19th May- Black inclusion week

Early May Bank Holiday- Monday 6th May

13TH May 2023- Sunday 10th May- Mental health Awareness week.

17th May- International day against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia

Spring bank holiday- Monday 27th May

Melanoma & Skin Cancer

Brain Cancer

Blader cancer

National walking month



June:

1st June to 30th June- Pride month

10th June to 16th June- Carers week

Men's Heath week.

26th June to 30Th June- World wellbeing week

National cancer survivor's month

July

Sarcoma/ Bone Cancer

18th July- 17th August South Asian heritage moth



Drawing competition

We want to tell children and young people about how Pact keeps them safe - and we need your help!

We need your drawings to make the information more enjoyable and to get people like you to read it. It will be available in our Visitors' Centres across England and Wales.

How to take part

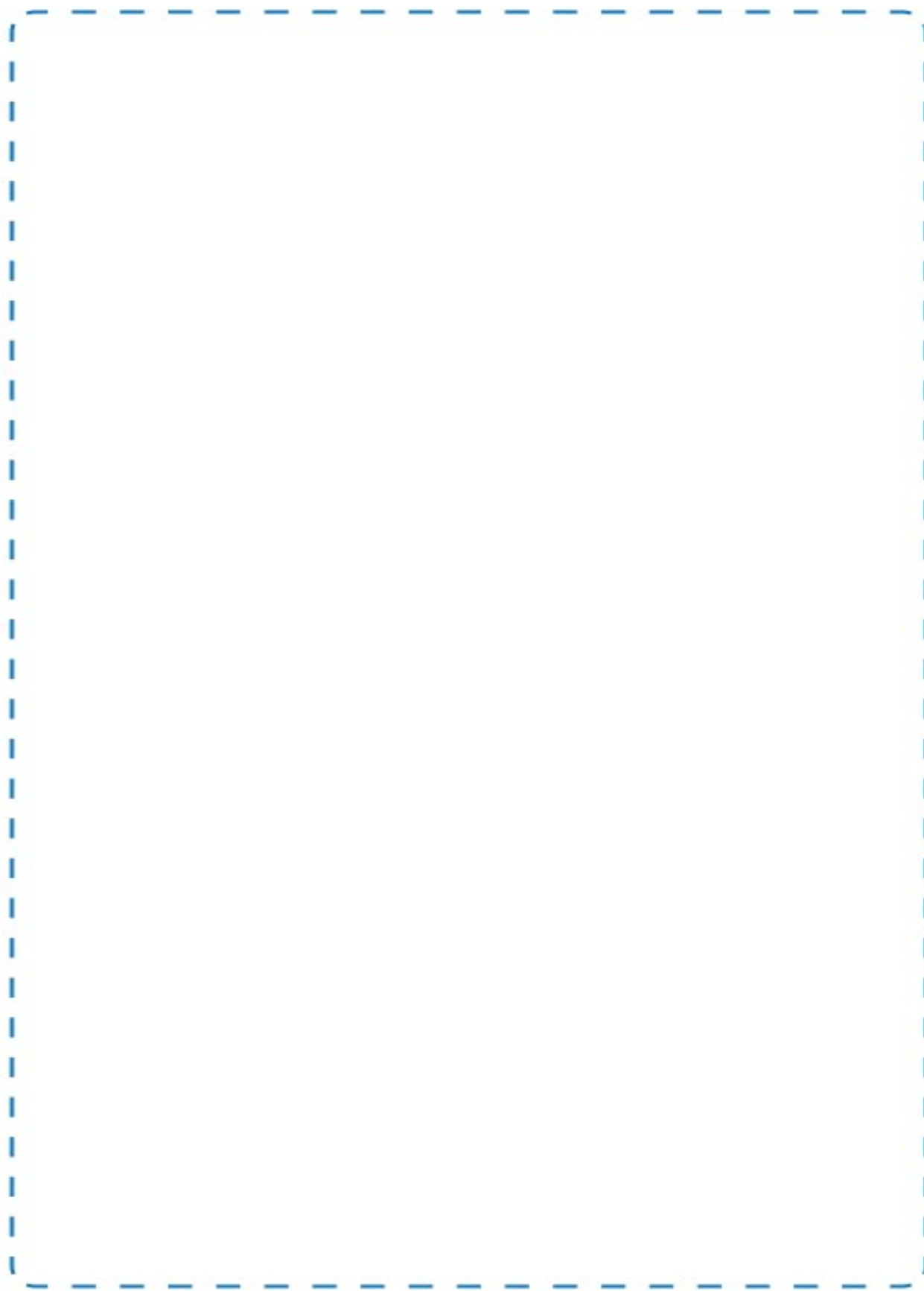
1. Draw a picture of:
 - a family OR
 - something that makes you feel safe
2. Add your first name and age
3. Give your picture to a member of the Pact team by

Our judges will choose a picture from each age group to include in our guide. The age groups are:

- 7 and under
- 8 - 11
- 11 - 14
- 14 - 17



Please note that we may use your picture (without your name) on our website, social media channels, or printed materials.



First name: **Received by (staff):**

Age: