

Message from the Headteacher – Mrs John

We are very much looking forward to our annual dance show taking place next Thursday, 22nd January. This is a wonderful opportunity for our talented students from the weekly dance club, as well as those studying BTEC Dance, to perform their pieces in front of an audience. Doors will open from 4.40pm, and tickets can be purchased via Arbor. We hope you are able to join us to support our students and celebrate their hard work and creativity.

For our Year 8 parents and carers, please be reminded that the Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 4th February. The booking system is now open for parents to make online video call appointments. Please refer to the letter emailed home earlier today for full details. We strongly encourage all Year 8 parents to take part, as this event is invaluable in gaining insight into your child's progress and discussing next steps.

As a school, the safety of our students is always a priority, whether on site or when travelling to and from school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to be considerate of other road users. Pick-up and drop-off times are particularly busy, and we kindly ask that parents do not stop or park outside the school or block the staff car park gates. Students represent our school whenever they are in school uniform, and we expect them to show good behaviour and respect towards members of the public at all times on their journey to and from school.

Headteacher's Commendations

Alexander Weeks, Yr.7 for passing his Grade 1 level for Acoustic Guitar.

Isabelle Rockall, Yr.7 for winning 2 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal and 1 Bronze medal at a recent Swimming event.

Oliver Alexandru, Yr.7 for being selected to perform in the West End musical 'Matilda'.

Amber Saunders, Henry Roderick, Isaac Wiggs and Ryan Prajin, Yr.7 for being selected for the Parallel Academy Maths tutorial programme.

Keerthi Muddi, Yr.7 for being awarded 1st place in the Great Stanborough School Christmas Spelling Bee.

Jack Dolton and Zaid Sounni Yr.8 for being selected for the Parallel Academy Maths tutorial programme.

McKayla Dimgba, Yr.8 for being awarded 2nd place in the Great Stanborough School Christmas Spelling Bee.

Mark Radzokota, Yr.8 for receiving an award for his outstanding attitude in the NSFA football sessions.

Tommy McKone, Yr.11 for persistent effort in GCSE Geography, both in class and with revision.

Arez Safini, Yr.12 for outstanding citizenship and exceptional support and compassion shown toward a fellow student in need.

Harrison Walton, Yr.12 for exceptional support and compassion shown toward a fellow student in need.

Innes Davidson, Yr.12 for exceptional support and compassion shown toward a fellow student in need.

Dylan Choy, Yr.8 for taking part in a recent CPR training workshop and learning valuable life saving skills.

Oscar Kirk, Yr.9 for being awarded 'runner-up' in the Great Stanborough School Christmas Spelling Bee.

Aaron Sofat, Yr.9 for receiving the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Efua Igberaese, Yr.10 for being awarded 3rd place in the Great Stanborough School Christmas Spelling Bee.

Erica Jones, Yr.10 for showing a mature attitude and offering outstanding support to another student in all Child Development lessons.

Daniel Harrison, Yr.10 for winning the 'Cadet Recognition Award' at the recent Cadets annual award ceremony.

Leo Ormondroyd, Yr.10 for outstanding achievements in Boxing and recently winning the South London Belt.

Quote of the week:

"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success." **Alexander Graham Bell**

Wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs John



Headteacher Commendations





Breaktime with the Headteacher

Congratulations to all the students who achieved the top 10 highest attitude to learning scores last term.

Year 7



Student Name	Tutor Group	Score
Elizabeth Moldovan	7HM	3.79
Spoorthi Muddi	7BM	3.79
Astrid Humphreys-Chung	7HM	3.75
Isabel Kula	7SE	3.73
Rory McQuillen	7KK	3.67
Keerthi Muddi	7SE	3.64
Michael Tolmay	7HM	3.63
Dylan Leigh	7SM	3.58
Amber Saunders	7KK	3.58
Amelia Sycamore	7SE	3.58
Scarlett Webb	7BM	3.58
Esther Weetman	7BP	3.58
Shelby Whitehead	7BP	3.58

Year 8



Student Name	Tutor Group	Score
McKayla Dimgba	8KK	3.81
Ella Kirby	8SM	3.70
Grace Kirby	8KK	3.68
Bethany Proud	8HM	3.65
Sila Rashleigh	8SM	3.62
Zoe Harrington	8BM	3.59
Bethany Stephens	8HM	3.59
Finn Vickers	8HC	3.59
Favour Ogunbadewa	8HC	3.57
Favour Adesanya	8BM	3.54
Anirudh Alagappan	8KL	3.54
Bradley Player	8HC	3.54

Year 9



Student Name	Tutor Group	Score
Oscar Kirk	9BM	3.73
Maddie Page	9BP	3.73
Sophie Lawson	9HC	3.68
Luke Johnson	9BP	3.59
Sadie Newton	9BM	3.59
Katie Eason	9HC	3.57
William Madyausiku	9HM	3.57
Madeleine Waeland	9HC	3.57
Michael Lines	9BM	3.54
Sophia Muca	9BP	3.54
Ethan Squires	9HM	3.54

Year 10



Student Name	Tutor Group	Score
Kolin Varhelyi	10HM	3.72
Noah McQuillen	10HM	3.72
Zander Esterhuyse	10SE	3.72
Annie O'Neill	10BP	3.69
Jimmy Dykes	10KL	3.69
Wojciech Napiorkowski	10HC	3.63
Zachary Palin	10SE	3.63
Amelie Couling	10BM	3.62
Ava Newman	10HC	3.62
Grace Sanderson	10KL	3.62
Mae Hutchison	10HM	3.62

Year 11



Student Name	Tutor Group	Score
Maja Hoss	11SE	3.79
Jude Sheppard	11BP	3.69
Tess Settle	11BM	3.69
Cait McIntosh	11SM	3.66
Hannah Underwood	11SE	3.66
King Harold Owusu	11KL	3.66
Cecily Judge	11SM	3.63
Fraser Gibbs	11SM	3.63
Ariel Choy	11KK	3.59
Tiona Shulemaja	11SM	3.59

Forthcoming Events

19th – 23rd January

Week B

19 th – 23 rd	Year 11 MFL Orals Mocks 2
19 th	Year 9 -13 Alumni Talk
20 th & 21 st	Year 8 Royal Navy Days
22 nd	Dance Showcase, 5-7pm, tickets available via Arbor

Safety Message

If your child cycles to and from school, please could you take some time to reinforce important messages about road safety and respectful behaviour.

It is important that children understand how to cycle safely, follow road rules, and show consideration to pedestrians, other cyclists, and road users.

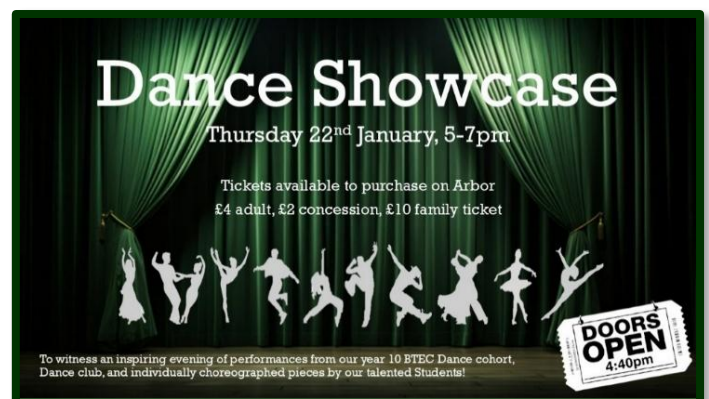
Please ensure that your child's bike is equipped with working front and rear lights. We also ask students to wear a cycle helmet.

Dance Showcase

Join us on Thursday 22nd January, 5-7pm.

Doors open from 4.40pm.

Tickets available via Arbor!



Year 8 Parents' Evening, Wednesday 4th February 2026

Year 8 parents' evening takes place on Wednesday 4th February, 2-6pm. All appointments are via an online video call. Appointments can be made from now until midnight on Tuesday 3rd February. Below is a link to the booking system, this can also be found on the letter emailed home earlier today and on our website under Useful Links, <https://stanborough.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We hope all Year 8 parents/carers can participate in this event as it is an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's progress with teachers.

If you have any queries, please contact:
parentsevening@stanborough.herts.sch.uk



Early Close for students – Wednesday 4th February 2026

School will finish at 1.20pm for students on Wednesday 4th February for the Year 8 Parents' Evening which runs from 2pm to 6pm.

Post 16 lesson will continue as normal. If the teacher is not involved in the parents' evening, Post 16 teachers will inform their class about this in advance.

Please note, there will be no lunch service on this day.



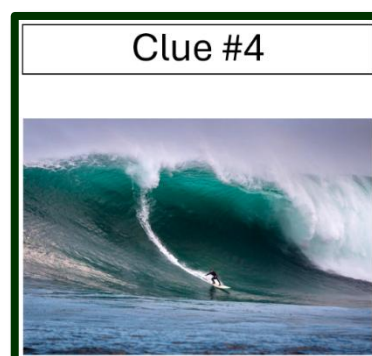
Geography Competition: Destination Stanborough!

Mrs Macdonald, Subject Leader: Geography, writes:

'Destination Stanborough' is back for the first Geography competition of 2026! Each week, two clues will be released via the Stanborough Times. These clues all link to **one particular city or landmark**, which could be anywhere in the world. There will be **8 clues in total**, and the answer will be revealed after all clues have been shared.

If you think you have solved the clues, email Mrs Macdonald, AMacdonald@stanborough.herts.sch.uk, with your answer. Points will be awarded at the end of the competition based on how many clues you need and how detailed your explanations of the clues are.

The second set of clues for this half term's destination are below, Good Luck!



Staff Profile

Mr Rich, Year Leader: Post 16

As Stanborough School's new Head of Sixth Form, I am very thankful to all colleagues for such a warming welcome to the school community. I have been a teacher for a decade and have worked for the majority of that time in the London Borough of Hackney. My journey to being an educator is definitely a vocational one, and was rooted in deep inspiration surrounding overcoming social justice. This was a realisation I came to understand whilst studying Sociology at university in Bristol. I have since always had an intrigue for contemporary society, and thoroughly enjoy meaningful insights surrounding multiculturalism, post-colonialism and any other theme of intrigue, from music to sport and beyond. In more recent years my personal journey has progressed onwards into a spiritual and religious one, as I have come to discover and practice Buddhism and meditation regularly. This discovery was made fairly locally to my home in Tottenham, at the London Buddhist Centre. My weekends therefore are typically spent here, or with friends and family. I am also very keen on running, reading and relaxing. Ultimately, I am very excited to join the team and serve the Stanborough School community. At Stanborough I will be teaching Geography, Religious Studies and English.



Vacancy

School Family Worker

Part-time / Full-time

Closing date: 26th January 2026, 9am

We are looking to recruit a School Family Worker to become part of the Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Schools Partnership as we work to maximise opportunities for our children and young people.

Please see the website for more

information, <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137847/EDV-2026-SS-94952>

Root Word of the Week

W/c 19th January 2026

Stanborough
WB Jan 19th 2026

**Root Word
of the Week**

**compet =
to strive together**

**competition
competitor**

Child Development needs you!

Mrs Hall, Subject Leader: Child Development, writes:

Do you have a job working with young children or babies? Are you a health visitor or midwife? Would you be able come in to school to speak to Child Development classes about your role and help bring the curriculum to life?

If this is something you can offer, please email Mrs Hall at jhall@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

Clubs & Activities Update

Please note, there have been a few changes to the ADT clubs. The current list of clubs and activities are available in this newsletter and on our website.

Question of the Week

Mathematics

Mrs Sahjpall, KS3 Leader: Mathematics, writes:



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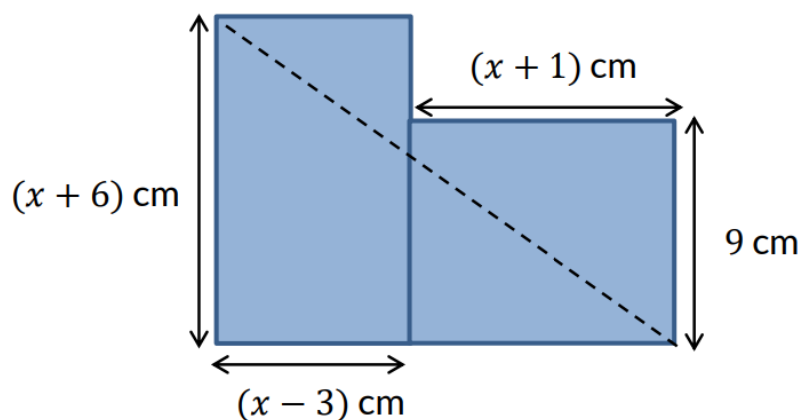
SOLVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO EARN A GOLD AWARD

Deadline: 18.01.26

Submit your entry by email on Ssahjpall@stanborough.herts.sch.uk or on paper (Maths office)

Write your full name and form group on your entry

Higher GCSE Question



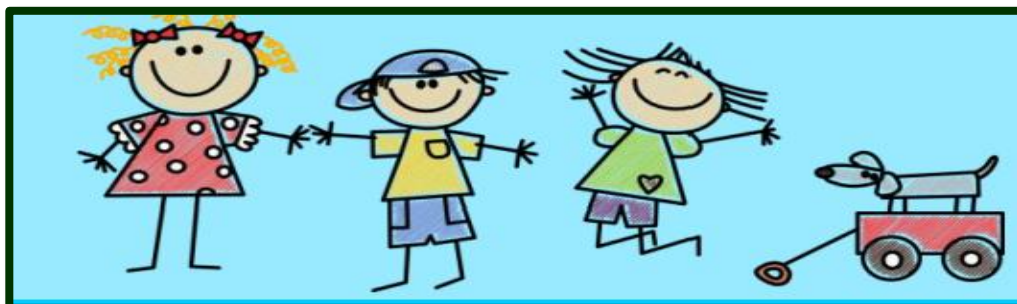
A shape is made of two rectangles. The two rectangles have the same area. Find the length of the diagonal line shown.

Foundation GCSE Question

Mr. Johnson has three children, all different ages.

The product of their ages is 36. The sum of their ages is a prime number.

How old are the children?



Clubs and Activities Spring Term 2026

We are very pleased to be able to offer students a variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities and encourage students to take part in at least two extra-curricular activities a week.

Lunch Time

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Location	Member of staff responsible
Monday	Young Carers Group (invite only)	Year 7 - 11	G6	Mrs Stratton
	Culture & Change Society	All Years	G1	Mr Torindo
Tuesday	Whizzy Wizards' Writing Workshop	Year 7-9	F5	Miss Davies
Wednesday	Concert Band (Woodwind & Brass)	All Years	Ensemble Room	Mr Router
	Guitar Club	All Years	MD2	Mr Acardo
Thursday	Music Theory Club	All Years	MD3	Miss Naylor
	LGBTQ+ Group	All Years	F6	Ms Butcher
	Script Writing Club	Year 9+	C4	Mrs Buist
	Art Club KS3	Year 7-9	A5	Miss Claydon & Miss Wypych Symonds
Friday	Music Technology Club	All Years	MD3	Mr Mollison
	3D Club	Years 7-9	A4	Mr Beevor

After School

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time	Location	Member of staff responsible
Monday	Show Band	Invitation Only	3-4pm	MD1 / MD3	Mr Mollison
	Chorus	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Miss Naylor
Tuesday	Nature & Eco Club	All Years	3-4.15pm	Meet in S10	Dr Jolly
	Sound and Light Team	All Years	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	Coding Club (Wk A) Lego Robotics (Wk B)	All Years	3-4pm	C1	Mr Brown
Wednesday	School Production Rehearsals until Feb ½ term	Invitation Only	3-4pm	MD1	Miss Naylor, Mr Mollison, Mr Jones, Mrs Thaker
	Show Band	Invitation Only	3-4.30pm		Miss Naylor & Mr Mollison
	Debate Club	All Years	3.15-4.30pm	F6	Miss Butcher
Thursday	Chess Club	All Years	3-4pm	LRC	Miss Wilson
	Instrumental Club	Year 7-9	3-4pm	MD2	Mr Mollison
	3D Club KS3	Year 7-9	3-4pm	A4	Mr Beevor
Friday	Maths Enrichment	All Years	3.30-4.30pm	C3	Mrs Coldwell

Sports & PE Extra Curricular Clubs

The SOCS Sports Calendar is now available on our website under What's On/Sports Calendar, [Stanborough School, Welwyn Garden City | Sports Home](#)

	Lunch time (1.20pm – 1.55pm)	Year	Location	Teacher in charge
Monday	Basketball	Year 10 & 11	Sports Hall	Mr Minion
Tuesday	Dance	All Years	Gym	Miss Novelli
	Basketball	Year 7, 8 & 9	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
Wednesday	Volleyball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Foster
Friday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris

	Afterschool (3.00-4.15pm)	Year	Location	Teacher in charge
Monday	Girls Football	All Years	Field	Miss Novelli & Mrs Harris
	Boys Football	Year 7	Field	Mr Foster
	Netball until Feb ½ term	Year 9	Courts	Mrs Harris
Tuesday	Netball until Feb ½ term	Year 8	Courts	Mrs Harris
	Basketball	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Foster & Mr Minion
	Table Tennis Starts 2 nd February	All Years	Gym	Mr Harris
Wednesday	Netball until Feb ½ term	Year 10 & 11	Courts	Miss Novelli
	Volleyball	Year 11	Sports Hall	Mr Harris, Mr Foster, Mr Minion
Thursday	Netball until Feb ½ term	Year 7	Courts	Mrs Dean
	Rugby	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Harris
Friday	No Clubs			

Please note: Fixtures/Interhouse events will take priority over training.

Poor weather conditions may also affect the running of extra curriculum clubs.

Exams will take place in the Sports Hall

so no clubs that use the Sports Hall location will run during the exam period.

Homework Support, Study & Catch-up Sessions

Homework club is for any students in the year group who would like to complete homework in a school computer room after school. Homework club will run from 3-4pm on the relevant day.

Year	Day	Time	Room	Staff Member
Year 7	Wednesday	3-4pm	C2	Mrs Stratton
Year 7 -11	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	3-4pm	C2	Mrs Stratton

Subject	Year Group	Day	Time	Location	Staff Member
Music GCSE Drop-in	Year 10 & 11 Music Students	Monday	1.30-2pm	MD3	Miss Naylor
Maths	Year 7-10	Monday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan
Business (invite only)	Year 10 & 11	Wednesday	1.20-2pm	C10	Business Staff
Maths Revision KS5	Year 12/13	Wednesday	12.20-2pm	C8	Mrs Coldwell
GCSE Further Maths	Year 10 & 11	Thursday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan
MFL Homework Club	All Years	Thursday	3-4pm	G19	Miss Abbott
GCE Maths Revision KS5	Year 12/13	Friday	1.20-2pm	C8	Mrs Coldwell
GCSE Maths Revision KS4	Year 11	Friday	3-4pm	G9	Mr McEwan

Social Media @ Stanborough

Follow us on X, Facebook and Instagram to see all our news, events, updates and student successes

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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/stanborough-school/>



Theatretrain Holiday clubs and classes



THEATRE DANCE TRAIN PRESENTS
Disney Musical
February half term holiday musical club
Ages 4 - 6 years
£16 pp early bird rate until 18th Jan
£17 pp thereafter
9:30-11:30am
Wednesday 18th Feb 2026
Stanborough School, WGC




THEATRE DANCE TRAIN PRESENTS
MARVELLOUS MOVIE MUSICALS!
February half term holiday club
Wednesday 18th February 2026
9:00am - 3:30pm
Stanborough School, Lemsford Lane, WGC
Ages 5 (Near Child) to 16
£30 pp Early Bird Price - Valid until 18th January 2026
£32 pp thereafter
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Diagnosis
Required

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
 - Anxiety
 - School

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people



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Parent, Carer
or
Professional?

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Term Time Opening Hours

9AM - 1PM - Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9AM - 3PM - Tuesday & Thursday

7PM - 9PM - Wednesday (By Appt)

9AM - 1PM - During School Holidays



We Can't:

- Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists
- Recommend specific private assessors

Here to support, reach out for a listening ear 









Winter Wellness: Healthy habits for the whole year

Beezee Families is a FREE healthy lifestyle programme that nutritionists deliver across Hertfordshire. The 12-week programme supports families to build healthy habits around food, physical activity, and how to have fun while doing so!

Spots are filling up fast for January so make sure to sign up soon! If you can't wait to get started on your healthy lifestyle journey, you can learn at your own pace over on our Academy.

[Visit their website for more details](#)

Beezee FAMILIES

Changing habits keep you healthy...all year long!

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family.

Top Tips to brave those winter mornings

Keep hydrated: This is a sure-fire way to get our bodies fired up in the mornings. A fresh glass of water will give your body the boost it needs to start the day.

Breakfast: There is a reason it holds the title as the most important meal of the day! Make sure little (and grown up) tums don't leave the house empty, it's important to have a good healthy breakfast to give our bodies the energy they need.

Sleep: It's important no matter your age to get enough sleep and sticking to regular sleep patterns can help support this.

Healthy lunch boxes

Keeping school lunch boxes interesting can be a challenge at the best of times so we appreciate how hard it is to make sure they are kept healthy too.

But healthy doesn't have to be a chore, it can actually make life much easier!

Fruit is a great way to give little ones a boost of energy and if bought in packs will generally last the whole week and keep costs down too. A satsuma, banana or small handful of grapes will add a tasty (and vibrant) addition to their lunch boxes.

Fresh air fix

It's tough during the colder months to find ways to get our much-needed Vitamin D. Fresh air is a great way to improve both our physical and mental well-being and even short bursts of outdoor time can make a big difference.

Try swapping the car or bus for a short walk from time to time or get the little ones wrapped up and outside for a quick play in the park.

Want more healthy lifestyle support?
Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or Click the link 

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up

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Beezee FAMILIES

FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes start on w/c 19/01/26 in person 12/01/26 online

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BOREHAMWOOD Aberford Park Community Centre, WD6 1PN 4:30 - 6:30pm	WATFORD Holywell Community Centre Chaffinch Lane, WD18 9QD 5:30 - 7:30pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:30 - 7:30pm	WALTHAM CROSS St Joseph's Church 204 High Street, EN8 7DP 4:30 - 6:30pm
** NO SESSION **	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm	HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm	** NO SESSION **
ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **

Sign up today!

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Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.