



# Charnock Hall Primary Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

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## Weekly Newsletter Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

Within this newsletter, you will find the latest updates regarding how we are dealing with COVID-19 at CHPA.

### Phased re-opening of CHPA for YR, Y1 and Y6

Yesterday, due to an update of external information and resultant review of the Risk Assessment, the phased wider return of pupils in YR and Y1 was slightly delayed until next week.

The phased wider opening will now be as follows –

YR – Those that are booked in can return from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Y1 – Those booked in can return from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Y6 – Those booked in will return, as previously planned, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

This does not affect those pupils who are booked in the Key Worker or Vulnerable Pupil group.

Booking of places for YR, Y1 and Y6 is now closed. If your child has been booked in, they have a place until the end of the academic year. Unfortunately, if your child is not booked in to attend, then the educational provision for them for the rest of this academic year will continue with you at home through PLP's, email communication with teachers and telephone calls home.

We have had to close bookings for these year groups as Key Worker and Vulnerable pupils still have the highest priority for return. In the last 48 hours, numbers for these groups have increased, which has resulted in additional bubbles. As previously explained, if KW and VP numbers become high, it would require us to remove the provision for Y6, then Y1 and finally YR. Because of this approach, we believe we have sustainable provision for KW/VP and those who are booked in YR, Y1 and Y6 at this time and in line with current guidance.

This information was shared with the relevant YR, Y1 and Y6 parents yesterday, but it is important that everyone is aware of the current situation.

For those who are booked in, you will receive communication regarding which bubble your child has been placed within and the relevant details regarding staffing, staggered starts/home time and other relevant information tomorrow.

As always, we are being as proactive as possible, but some actions have to be reactionary, based upon factors that change the risk assessment. At all times, the health, safety and well-being of staff and pupils has to be the highest priority.

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### Future wider re-opening to Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5

Earlier this week, Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, announced that the Government was withdrawing its intention for all year groups to be back at school before the end of the academic year and that this will now be left for individual schools to organise.

Due to ongoing preparations and the aforementioned changes that have taken place this week, this is not something leaders and I have looked into closely at this time.

However, this is something we will look at over the coming days and weeks, with the support of further risk assessment, staffing levels and space, to see if this is feasible.

We want all pupils back as soon as safely possible. Staff miss the children terribly and I personally cannot wait to feel the buzz CHPA with everyone who should be here, here! However, at all times, the health, safety and well-being of staff and pupils has to be the highest priority.

I will keep you informed of developments as they progress.

### Free School Meal Entitlement

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there may be many of you, who in these difficult times could be eligible to access Free School Meals.

If you have any questions, please contact us on 0114 2396083 and we will answer any questions in complete confidence.

This system is there to help anyone eligible in time of difficulty, and additionally, CHPA will receive further funding, which in times of tight budgets, is extremely valuable to us driving CHPA forward.



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## Free School Meals Vouchers Update

From Monday, FSM vouchers for YR, Y1 and Y6, for those eligible will cease, as pupils in these year groups have been given the opportunity to return to CHPA.

For Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5, vouchers will continue to be distributed.

## Home Learning & Pupil Learning Packs

PLP's will continue to be published on the website ready for each new week. PLP's will also continue for YR, Y1 and Y6 pupils who are not returning and these will closely mirror what is being taught in class.

PLPs for all year groups will be prepared and on the website for WB 15.6.2020.

As previously explained, we have not undertaken video lessons or pre-recorded lessons, instead choosing to use other resources available. This has been in the interests of safeguarding, for both staff and pupils. This approach remain until the end of the academic year. If you having some issues with accessing this provision, please contact class teacher.

Resources such as Bug Club, TTRockstars, BBC Bitesize and other online resources, as previously shared, are still available and have some very good content, if you require any further activities.

## Pupil safe & well-being checks

For pupils who have an EHCP and/or are classed as Vulnerable, we will continue to make weekly phone calls to check in with you and your child/ren.

For all other pupils teachers will continue to undertake fortnightly calls, to check in with you and your child/ren to how well they are accessing and completing their PLP's, answering any learning questions and to support their well-being at this time. However, from next week, the teacher contacting you will most likely not be the teacher they had up to closure in March. This is due to the staffing arrangements in place for the return of YR, Y1 and Y6. You will however, still be able to make contact with the class teacher via the emails previously set up.

If we are unable to speak with you at the time of the call, please ensure you call us back as soon as possible (which is something 99.9% of you are doing if you miss the call).

Here is a reminder of the contact email addresses –

Miss Johnson / Mrs Webster - Class 1 - [class1teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class1teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Miss Hunt - Class 2 - [class2teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class2teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Mrs Duffy / Mrs Whiteley - Class 3 - [class3teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class3teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Mr Brown - Class 4 - [class4teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class4teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Miss Brookes - Class 5 - [class5teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class5teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Miss Reid - Class 6 - [class6teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class6teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Mrs Ezard / Miss Enright - Class 7 - [class7teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class7teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Miss Copley - Class 8 - [class8teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class8teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Mr Gabbitas - Class 9 - [class9teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class9teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Miss Stringer - Class 10 - [class10teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class10teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Mr Silvertown - Class 11 - [class11teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class11teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Miss Monger - Class 12 - [class12teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class12teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Mr Stevens - Class 13 - [class13teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class13teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Mr Stewart - Class 14 - [class14teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:class14teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

## You sharing your information with us

It is always of the highest importance that whenever you change any of your contact details that as a matter of importance, you share these with us. The recent situation has highlighted that a number of you have changed email address, telephone numbers and even home address but have not informed us. Unfortunately, this then makes it impossible for us to contact you easily. However, this is your responsibility, as without this information, you will not receive information that can support you, your child and family at this time.

If you are unsure if we have your correct details, due to a recent change, please contact the main office 0114 2396083 or [enquiries@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)



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Y6 residential – scheduled for September 2020

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There have been a few parents of next year's Y6 asking about the planned residential for September 2020. We are in the process of trying to book this for June/July 2021 and will inform you of plans as soon as possible.

At this time, do not make any further payments until you are updated of next steps.

## Pupil Reports

It has been the intention to get pupil reports out to you for some weeks. However, we have been informed that sending reports out to you via email could result in them being intercepted, which could cause a possible breach to GDPR regulations. As a result, we are investigating other ways we could get information to you to ensure you receive them, whilst ensuring ongoing safety by keeping physical sharing of documents to a minimum.

## A Thankyou and Well-done for Parents!

I cannot claim the rights for this, but I saw it on social media and thought it was very apt. Enjoy!

*Dear parents,*

*Friday marks twelve full weeks since our schools closed and Sunday since our country went into lockdown.*

*You have had your children home for more time now than you would if they were on summer holidays.*

*You have protected, nourished, educated, supported and entertained your children during a period of national and international uncertainty and fear.*

*You have experienced emotions for yourself and your family that you never knew existed, never mind experienced before.*

*This is a long time.*

*Think about how you feel at the end of the summer holidays, how ready you are for routine, how badly your house needs cleaning, how much work you are ready to catch up on.*

*Remember that exhausting feeling of having so little sleep, much less money and hearing 'mum/dad' every time you happen to sit down.*

*And you wonder why you are exhausted after all this time in lockdown?*

*You are amazing!*

*You have achieved something no other parent ever has!*

*You have faced this time unable to take your child or children anywhere, no parks, holidays to break up the boredom, no day trips, no family to help.*

*On top of that you have juggled loneliness on a level never experienced before, information overload from the internet and emotional turmoil of not being able to see people you hold dear.*

*Even getting food to eat has been a major drama!*

*So it's ok to feel drained.*

*It's ok to feel like you would sell your soul right now for five minutes alone.*

*It's ok to feel uninspired about another day of homeschooling, another day of never ending laundry and cooking.*

*It's ok to be so very tired.*

*It is a long time.*

*But you have made it.*

*Be proud of yourself.*

*Stand tall.*

*History will show you for your courage, your children will remember this period as a time knowing they were safe and loved and teachers everywhere are deeply grateful that you are there for your children when they should be but can't be.*

*In short: you are awesome!*

*And so are your children. ❤️*

## Thank you

Again, we just wanted to say huge thanks for the positive and lovely comments, either in person, via email or social media. Such lovely comments are really appreciated by all staff and continue to keep us positive in these difficult times.

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA