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Summer Term 1 Newsletter (Including Coronavirus Update)

Dear Parent/Carer,

I think it is fair to say that these are very strange times! It has certainly been strange writing a newsletter, knowing that most of our pupils are not in school but I feel now, more than ever, we need to keep these connections going. Firstly, I can't thank you all (the parents) enough, this continues to be a difficult time for many and everyone at CHPA is trying their best to make this as smooth as possible for everyone. Your supportive words, as well as gifts, have been much appreciated. Thank you also to our staff team; from teaching assistants, office staff, cleaners to our cooks and teachers, everyone has been amazing: balancing the change in how they are working, caring for their own families and supporting all the children in our community we serve. Lastly, to our pupils, these are uncertain enough times for us adults but I have been so proud at how they have already adapted. It has been great to see some of the wonderful work that has been shared as well as the lovely rainbows in many of your windows, which really help to lift our spirits.

Home Learning & Pupil Learning Packs

There has been plenty on the news about timetables and structure at home. The key for me is that we allow our children time to adjust. By all means have a structure that works for your family, but please don't try to replicate the school day. This would be incredibly intensive and adults need time to settle too. Many of you have work to manage from home and so try to work out the balance that works for you.

Staff are looking at the best way to support you at home. Before the closure of CHPA, all pupils were sent home a Pupil Learning Packs, a blank work book and a pencil. A further pack is to be sent to you by the end of this week via email (it will also be available to view on the website in the Pupil section and by clicking on each individual class number). There is no need to try and print these Pupil Learning Packs out when they are sent, the content of them moving forward is that the work they require pupils to complete will be done in the blank books already sent. Due to social distancing, it is not possible for you to come and collect a paper copy and we will not be individually delivering paper copies (as it is important I keep staff safe and to post them out is an unnecessary burden on the postal service at this time). For pupils who Special Educational Needs, packs appropriate to your child's current level of knowledge and ability will also be sent via email (these will not however be on the main class pages as they are pertinent to your child as an individual).

There are lots of things out there and we will try and plan a mix of our own activities as well as signposting others where they are suitable. For those who want extra, I have included several suggestions at the end of the newsletter for you to dip in to if you (and your child) wish to. We will also be planning some challenges to keep everyone engaged in the coming weeks.

When your child does complete work please let us know, including if you have any questions, through emailing enquiries@charnockhallacademy.co.uk. Class teachers will check every day (from next week) but they will be looking after their own children and families so the response will not be instant, please allow 24 hours for a response.

In the coming days I will be linking with Mr Gabbitas (IT Lead) and Senior Leaders at CHPA, with the intention of creating a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) where hopefully, some direct teaching will be able to take place. More information will be shared on this when it becomes available.

Maths: White Rose Maths Lessons: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Phonics and reading: <https://t.co/1KMIYIFmZd>

Radio blogging: Pie Corbett - <https://radioblogging.net/index.php/welcome-to-radioblogging-net>

Cross curricular: STEM: <https://t.co/n3bTZ9P3Ch>



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You can also find some activities on YouTube for the children to join in with:

PE with Joe Wicks - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

Music with Myleene Class - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQh2wgJ5tOrixYBn6jFXsXQ>

Wildlife with Steve Backshall - <http://www.stevebackshall.com/>

Dance with Oti Mabuse - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnfIR_5YtTP4g

Art with Pete McKee -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8f8ag58jDs&list=PLSRtXoaeseYGXzGb_yasSJ0Hclqf2S51B&index=2&t=0s

Here are some links to links to mindfulness and wellbeing activities which may support you and your families at this time:

- <https://positivepsychology.com/mindfulness-for-children-kids-activities/>
- <https://www.waterford.org/resources/mindfulness-activities-for-kids/>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/school-resources/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/teach/childrens-mental-health-week-2019/zk37bdm>

Being Online

At this time, due to Government advice, we should be at home unless it is completely necessary to be out. Due to this, the amount of time people are spending online will increase. As a result, this increases the risks for children. Please follow the links below;

- [*Thinkyouknow*](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [*Internet matters*](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [*Parent info*](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [*LGfL*](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [*Net-aware*](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

Pupil Reports

Next week, Pupil Mid-Year reports will be emailed out to you. These are a synopsis of how your child has developed and achieved over the year so far, from September 2019 to Easter 2020. If you have any questions about these, then please speak to class teacher during the next phone call or by emailing enquiries@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Trips

We are undertaking the process of getting refunds for trips that won't be taking place, which at this time is any planned visit within the Summer Term.

For visits planned in the Autumn Term (20/21 academic year) these will remain booked and payment should be made as planned. If these are cancelled in the future, then appropriate measures will be taken to get refunds to you as quickly as possible. Enquiries about refunds should be made to Mrs Lee (Business Manager) through SchoolComms.

Communication

Now, more than ever, communication needs to be clear and so hopefully this outlines the best way to keep up to date and also gain answers as quickly as possible for you all:

Website: Updates about COVID-19, Pupil Learning Packs and all other pertinent information will be available on the website www.charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Below is a summary of how we will communicate with you and each platform's main purpose, which should make things clearer.



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SchoolComms	Any work (PLPs) will be shared from here as will any appropriate letters/information from CHPA, LEAD Academy Trust and or other outside agencies. This is also a way you can contact us – responses will be made within 24 hours. This will be checked daily.
Facebook	In addition to the website and SchoolComms, information will be shared via this platform. Please use this medium to show us what your child has been learning/doing at home. This will be checked daily.
Twitter	This will be less used at this time, apart from to share some of the information we send out using the other media platforms.
Telephone	All pupils will be contacted via you as parents through a telephone conversation fortnightly. This is in order to keep contact between your child and CHPA. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to ask any questions about the work but also to support everyone's well-being. Pupils who have an EHCP or are working with Sheffield Social Care will also be contacted weekly by Mrs Fotheringham or Mrs Jenkinson also.
Newsletters	As we continue to work within the confines of the Coronavirus pandemic, we will be sending a weekly newsletter out, rather than send you bits of information through a constant stream. It is the intention that this will be sent on a Monday.

The full guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Safeguarding

Due to the changes our lives have taken in the last few weeks, there are unfortunately a number of Safeguarding concerns for children across the country. Therefore, we have added a REPORT A CONCERN button to the website. This is on the Home Page, so easy is to see. This is an option to directly contact myself and the Safeguarding Team, is very easy to complete and will be treated with the upmost importance and confidentiality. Please share this information with your children. Here is a link to the page - <https://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

Don't forget the next Pupil Learning Packs will not start until 13th April, so if you have completed everything in the PLPs sent already, please try some of the resources mentioned in this newsletter. This is an uncertain time but as an organization, CHPA have been overwhelmed by the positives and support throughout the community, it makes us all very proud to work at Charnock Hall. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are all doing, we do worry and miss you all!

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA