



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.

Possible re-opening of CHPA from June 1st 2020

Following the Prime Ministers statement on Sunday 10th May, we have been working very hard at CHPA to put plans in place in case of a possible reopening on 1st June 2020.

As the Prime Minister explained, this opening would only be for pupils currently in Reception, Y1, Y6 and a continuation of care provision for the children of Key Workers and those deemed as Vulnerable. However, if final plans and risk assessments dictate, it may be that not all of these year groups will be able to access CHPA provision. In this case, following Government guidelines, provision in the first instance would be removed for Y6 pupils, followed by Y1 and finally Reception. This would also be the case if the eligible number of Key Worker and Vulnerable pupils wished to access provision.

In the event of any future opening, be that on 1.6.20, or later, we will put into place as many safeguards as physically possible. However, it is important for you to be aware of the restrictions and changes that will be in place;

- By the very nature of working with children, the 2m social distancing expectation, will be nearly impossible to enforce. We have set out classrooms and areas to enforce this as much as practicable, but we cannot guarantee that this will eradicate any possible infection.
- Classes will be at a maximum of 15 per class and as a result the majority of pupils will not be taught by their previous class teacher, but by another staff member. Additionally, the majority of pupils will be in the classroom they have been before. In effect, these will be new classes for the shorter term future. Upon return, pupils will be put in to classes, based upon numbers as they arrive, which means that in addition to not being with their usual teacher or in their usual classroom, they may also not be with their friends.
- Pupils and staff will be placed into groups and within school time, they will not be able to mix with those in other groups. This group will be their 'Bubble'.
- We will have to employ staggered start, finish and lunchtimes. More information will be shared on this in due course.
- PE, IT and assembly sessions will not take place.
- Pupils will be provided with their own personal equipment (pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler, whiteboard etc.) and desk space and will not be able to use any other equipment. The desk they are given, will be their permanent individual area.
- Only 1 person will be able to drop-off/pick-up a pupil, with adults only being allowed on to playgrounds. No adults outside those who work at CHPA will be allowed in the building, unless pre-arranged meetings are organised. None eligible siblings will not be allowed onto the CHPA site.
- We will continue to support you with your child's home learning.

In the event of CHPA reopening to YR, Y1 and Y6 in the first instance, although the Government is expecting you to send your children back to us, if they are fit and healthy, it is up to you as a parent to make this decision. There will be no fines or sanctions in place for parents of those pupils who do not return when able to do so.

As soon as there is more information available and a plan is finalised, I will share this with you.

Key Worker and Vulnerable Pupils from 1.6.20

If you are a Key Worker or the parent of a Vulnerable Pupil, please ensure you continue to book your children into the care provision. This must be completed by 12pm on the day before you want them to access this care. From here, staffing is allocated based upon need. To make this as easy as possible and give us the most notice, bookings are now open until the end of June.

If you do not book your child in, then there will be no availability for care on that day.

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. Not only would this apply when CHPA does fully re-open, but there is also provision from Grab-Bags and Shopping Vouchers.

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

For WB 25.5.20, there will be no Vouchers as this is Spring Bank Holiday week. We appreciate that they were received at Easter, however, this is not a CHPA decision, it is a Government directive as FSM is not accessed in holiday time in normal circumstances.

Furthermore, upon a return to school for YR, Y1 and Y6 – those coming into school will receive their FSM entitlement. Those who choose not send their children will not receive vouchers.

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

Being Safe Online

The internet can be an amazing place and in our current situation it can be used to support and enhance home learning. However, it is important that we all stay safe. Earlier this year, children in key stage two sat a Be Internet Legends assembly, ran by Google. The aim was to make children aware of the possible dangers when using the internet and how they might stay safe. The digital world is constantly changing and sometimes our children can be more 'technologically advanced' than we are. Below are some links that you may find useful as parents or as a family to keep up-to-date and to look to if you're ever in need of advice.

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents

<https://parentzone.org.uk/parent-info>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>

<https://parentinfo.org/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/special-needs>

Bug Club

It's fantastic to see so many pupils accessing Bug Club. On some of the pages, you will spot the bug's head and this will have a quiz question which your child can answer. This will improve their comprehension skills and their understanding of the text they are reading.



Please ensure that your child is reading right to the back cover as this will log that they have completed the book.

Happy reading!

Home Learning & Pupil Learning Packs 18.5.20

Pupils Learning Packs for this week are on the website and are available to work from. Simply access www.charnockhallacademy.co.uk and go to PUPILS / CLASS PAGES / then click on your child's Key Stage/ then your child's class number /PLP18.05.20.

As explained previously, if you need to contact teachers regarding work, please use the email addresses below;

Miss Johnson / Mrs Webster - Class 1 - class1teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Hunt - Class 2 - class2teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mrs Duffy / Mrs Whiteley - Class 3 - class3teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mr Brown - Class 4 - class4teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Brookes - Class 5 - class5teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Reid - Class 6 - class6teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mrs Ezard / Miss Enright - Class 7 - class7teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk



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Miss Copley - Class 8 - class8teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk
Mr Gabbittas - Class 9 - class9teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk
Miss Stringer - Class 10 - class10teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk
Mr Silverton - Class 11 - class11teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk
Miss Monger - Class 12 - class12teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk
Mr Stevens - Class 13 - class13teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk
Mr Stewart - Class 14 - class14teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

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Additionally, for those parents who have children with Special Educational Needs (SEND), the senco@charnockhallacademy.co.uk is also available.

Please note, that for the week beginning 25.5.2020 (half-term week), there will be no PLP's sent home. PLP's will then resume on 1.6.2020. However, the resources already sent, including Bug Club and TTRockstars can still be used, if you choose to.

A huge well done for the continuation of, and keeping going with Home Learning.

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. Please use the link below to find a number of activities focusing upon kindness – www.learnbydesign.co.uk/stemathome

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

If you are not yet following us on social media, please follow us on Twitter using [@charnocklead](https://twitter.com/charnocklead) as the handle and via our Facebook page [Charnock Hall Academy](https://www.facebook.com/CharnockHallAcademy).

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 are making 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.

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). However, there continues to be a small number of families who are not responding to our communication, who we are unable to contact. As a result, and unfortunately, for the safety and well-being of those families, we have been left without option and have contacted the Local Authority/Police for them to follow this up.

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

Thank you

Again, we just wanted to say a 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