



Charnock Hall Primary 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.

What a whirlwind 2019-2020 Academic Year.

Needless to say that the 2019-2020 Academic Year has been eventful!

Looking back, 2019-2020 saw Ofsted visit CHPA for the first time in January. During my time here, I can honestly say that staff have worked tremendously hard to develop themselves as professionals, the learning environment and the opportunities pupils have whilst at CHPA. Whilst this is not done for Ofsted, it was a wonderful feeling to have the hard work of everyone recognised with the 'Good' outcome judgement. 2020-2021 sees the plans for next steps put fully into place as we drive to make CHPA the best it can be!

Although COVID-19 has meant the postponement or cancellation of so many events, experiences and developments we had planned, it has not stopped everything and CHPA has continued to move from strength to strength, even without everyone being here to share it. Development of the physical learning environment, curriculum and how we will support pupils as part of the September restart are all clear and it is imperative that we all work hard together to achieve the very best for every pupils.

Pupils have been brilliant in the way they have responded to COVID, be that facing the challenges here as part of Bubbles or at home by continuing their learning through PLP's. Parents, you deserve a big mention here too, as we know how difficult home schooling can be!

At the end of every academic year, there are always people who we need to say goodbye to. This year is no exception. From a staff perspective, we say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Ezard (although she will be back doing some supply work next year) as her contract has come to an end. We also say goodbye to Mrs Futers (CHOOSE Leader) and Mr Sharp (Site Manager), we wish you every success in the next steps of your careers. However, we congratulate Mr Taylor on his promotion from Assistant Caretaker to Caretaker, a role I know he will be excellent in. Upon the return of CHOOSE extended-services, we will also be recruiting a new CHOOSE Leader for that position.

The final goodbye is to the Y6's who leave us. We have a leaver's event for you planned for September and staff are looking forward to seeing you at that. However, the way in which your time at CHPA was brought to an untimely and early end is sad (although some of you may be glad you didn't have to sit SAT's!). You have all been a credit to yourselves and CHPA and as you move on to the next step in your lives, please know that we are excited for you and wish you all the luck in the world. We are just sad because we missed 3 months of sharing your lives with you!

As I sit and reflect, it fills me with great pride to know that CHPA continues to improve for the better and the way that staff have worked together in very challenging circumstances, demonstrates what a fantastic team we have at CHPA.

Well done everyone and ensure you have a great summer break.

Information regarding the 2020-2021 Academic Year

As all relevant information regarding the return to CHPA in September was shared last week, there are no further updates at this time. However, I will send the next letter regarding pupil restart on 3rd September when staff and I return.

Below is a reminder of the inset days for 2020-2021 –

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 18th July 2021

Tuesday 19th July 2021

Wednesday 20th July 2021

The full calendar for the 2020-2021 academic year, is now available to see on the CHPA website www.charnockhallacademy.co.uk



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Cards and gifts

As explained last week, as we approach the end of the academic year, this is a time where many of you choose to be extremely generous and buy a card and/or gift for teacher. There is never an expectation for this as our reward comes from seeing your child develop each day.

However, if your intention was to thank this year's teachers with a card/gift, please do not send anything in before the end of term. As explained, pupils and teachers will return to their 2019-2020 classes for the first 2 days of the Autumn Term and as a result, this could be done then.

For those in Y6 who are leaving Y6, please bring any thank yous to the Y6 leavers' event on 1.9.2020.

Home Learning & Pupil Learning Packs (PLPs)

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 to undertake with your children during the summer break.

As previously explained, over the summer break, we will be sending out 4 weeks' worth of PLPs, which will focus specifically on Reading skills, SPaG and Maths (the 4 operations of number – addition, subtraction, division and multiplication). These packs will be focused on recapping learning from the current year group ahead of the 2020-2021 academic year. All of these PLP's will be on the website from Monday.

Online Safety

Last week I explained that before lock-down, we began to see an increasing trend of incidents of unkindness between pupils online and additionally, instances of attempted grooming of pupils through various online games, apps and websites. Unfortunately, this has continued and continued to increase during lock-down, due to the increased time many pupils are spending online. I have spoken to a few parents who have found this useful, so as a result, please find a link to the resources, which will enable you to be more aware and proactive of strategies to keep your children safe.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

Pupil safe & well-being checks

The checks that have been undertaken have received very positive responses from the significant majority of you. For those who have not engaged, to support pupil well-being and safety, your details have been passed to other agencies who will monitor this over the summer.

During the summer break, these checks will not continue from us at CHPA.

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 and provide further opportunities for your child.

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/school-meals>

Free School Meal Vouchers Update

Over the summer break, those who are eligible and receive Free School Meals will continue to receive a voucher. The summer voucher will be a one-off payment, made next week and will cover the whole summer break. Please be aware that there is a strict time limit in which you can spend this voucher.

Ridgeway Music Summer Tuition

For those who have instrumental lessons at CHPA, Ridgeway Music is available for online lessons and will be staying open over the summer break, for more info please visit www.ridgewaymusic.co.uk

You can also follow the on Twitter - @MusicRidgeway



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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

Information from Sheffield City Council

Dear parents/carers,

I very much understand how challenging the last few months have been for us all and would like to place on record a thank you for all that you are doing to support the city's efforts. It is vital that we continue to do all that we can to keep each other safe and well, to reduce transmission of COVID-19, to safeguard the health and care system, to get education back up and running, and to get the city's economy going. Balancing all of those needs is a difficult task.

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to write to you to talk about the summer and the start of the new school year in September.

As you will know, the government has set out its position for a full return of pupils in September. Alongside this the government announced that schools would be expected to close over the summer holiday period.

We believe there is a real need in the childcare and education sector to pause for both a well-earned break where it is possible for them to do so, and to prepare for September. Settings and schools have remained open to the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils consistently from when lockdown was introduced back in March. This has involved provision during both term time and holiday periods, in setting and at home. Staff now need time to plan and to prepare for full opening in September. This will include settings having to implement new guidance to help protect children, young people and staff. Therefore over the coming weeks we will be supporting settings to prepare for a successful restart in September.

We recognise that settings not being open over the school holiday period may provide a challenge for some of our families – for keyworkers who have been accessing provision during the pandemic and for families who usually rely on their wider family and friends for childcare during the summer break.

We are therefore seeking to support families by providing an additional signpost through the Council website for childcare options during the summer break. This is available on the COVID-19 section of the Sheffield City Council website at the link below and we will be trying to add further as we go along.

www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-support-for-people

As we look to September, I recognise that things will continue to be very different. Before the start of the new academic year we will write to you to provide you with an update and to advise on how we can continue to do all that we can to minimise risk and reduce virus transmission. We are committed locally to schools and settings opening in September and will be working hard over the coming weeks to carefully plan and put things in place.

Thank you once again for your understanding, support and your approach to what has been a really challenging and unprecedented few months.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Jones

Director of Education and Skills (Interim)

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