

Monday 29th June 2020

Headteacher: Mr P M Burgess - NPQH

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.

Information regarding the 2020-2021 Academic Year

In last week's Newsletter, I began to explain some of the plans ahead of the 2020-2021 academic year. At this point, with no significant updates in guidance, there is nothing further to share in respect of returning pupil numbers for September. However, our plan for pupils return will be as follows (if all pupils return) –

- Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2020 – Pupils will return to the classes they left in March. This will allow pupils, many who will not have been at CHPA for 6 months, to return to an environment and faces that are familiar. This will also allow 2019-2020 classes to say their goodbyes and thus support the mental wellbeing of everyone. Within this time, it is the hope that pupils will also be able to spend a short amount of time with their new classes for 2020-2021.
- From Monday 7th September, pupils will then begin the new academic year in their new classes, as would normally take place.

At the end of last week, teachers and leaders put the final touches to class groups for September. As a reminder, teachers look at all pupils within a year group and organise classes based upon a number of factors, including pupil relationships and academic development, to ensure there is a fair spread and equilibrium to both classes in each year group. Once classes are finalised, these will be the classes for next year as, in the professional opinion of teachers and leaders, these will be most effective for all pupils for the next academic year to support them in being the best that they can be!

It is our intention that information regarding 2020-2021 classes will be sent out by the end of this week via SchoolComms.

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

Summer Closure

Following an official communication from The Department for Education, I can finally confirm that CHPA will be closed, as planned, for the summer holidays. Therefore, the final day of the academic year for those eligible to attend, is 17.7.2020.

Phased re-opening of CHPA

Pupil's numbers accessing CHPA on a daily basis has continued to grow over the last week and today has seen us open the fourth Key Worker Bubble. This is the final bubble we can open without having to close current Y6 Bubbles.

2019-2020 Pupil Reports

Pupil reports for this academic year will be sent out over the course of this week. This will come via a password-protected attachment in SchoolComms and you will then be sent a text with the password, which is to ensure we protect security and adhere to GDPR regulations.

Home Learning & Pupil Learning Packs (PLPs)

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 are on the website for this week and they will be prepared and on the website for WB 6.7.2020. Feedback from a number of parents, has indicated that pupils are tired and are becoming less engaged in this learning, so from next week, the foci of the learning content will be different.

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.

Summer PLPs

As explained last week, 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.

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The use of cash on site

Please note that due to the ongoing COVID crisis, we are a cash free site. As this has worked very well during this time, following pupils planned return in September, CHPA will continue to be a cash free site. Please ensure you are able to use SchoolComms system to organise any payments required for lunches, educational visits etc. If you have any problems with this, please do not hesitate to contact the main office.

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 see 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).

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

At this time, there is no update on the Free School meal voucher scheme, for those eligible. More information will follow when it becomes available.

Lunchtime Menu

If having or wanting CHPA meals, below is the available menu between now and the end of term

Monday

Margarita Pizza, wedges, baked beans.
Ham or cheese baguette.
Chocolate pinwheel and custard.

Tuesday

Macaroni cheese and vegetables.
Ham or cheese baguette.
Vanilla sponge and custard.

Wednesday

Burger/Veggie burger, chips and beans.
Ham or cheese baguette.
Flapjack and custard.

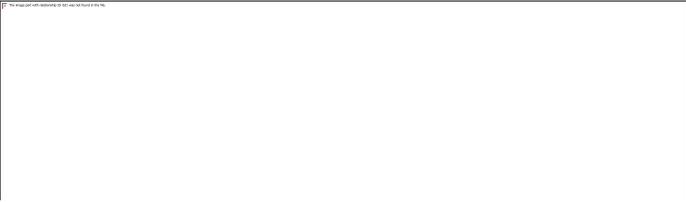
Thursday

Meatballs/Veggie balls in tomato ragu, with pasta.
Ham or cheese baguette.
Chocolate sponge and custard.

Friday

Fish fingers or Cheese flan, chips and beans.
Ham or cheese baguette.
Biscuit and custard.

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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

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.

A huge thanks to Miss Fenlon, who delivered a lovely cake at the end of last week. This is thoughtful and everyone at CHPA sends their sincere thanks. This was shared through our social media also.

Take care and stay safe!



Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA