



Charnock Hall Primary Academy

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Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the first of a new weekly communication, aimed to provide you with a recap of the week's events and any important information for the week ahead. Apologies that this week's Newsletter is three pages long, in future I aim for them to be short and snappy.

What a great start!

What an amazing feeling it is to have all pupils back at CHPA. I appreciate a number of you and your children may have been anxious before yesterday. However, within minutes of their return, pupils were settled. It is great to have CHPA full and alive with the sounds of children talking, laughing and learning.

The brief return in order to say goodbye to their previous classes has worked well and we are really looking forward to Monday morning when everyone will start with their new teachers, in their new class!

2020 new starters

On Monday, our new Reception pupils will start at CHPA. Additionally, as the good name of CHPA continues to grow, we welcome a number of new pupils, across various year groups, as they begin their time with us.

We are looking forward to meeting and getting to know every one of the new pupils and their families. I am sure you will also wish them a warm welcome to CHPA.

PE

I have had a few parents asking about PE due to the need for pupils to come in their kit. I hope you find the following information helpful –

PE will not start in classes until Week 3, W/B 14.9.20.

Next week, we will inform you of the PE day for WEEK 3.

When pupils come in their kit, it would be appropriate for them to wear tracksuit bottoms if they wish, because as we move into autumn, the weather will get colder. They should also wear trainers rather than wearing school shoes and bring trainers with them.

Pupils should, as normal wear a CHPA cardigan or jumper on top of their PE t-shirt.

Pupils should wear their plain Team coloured t-shirt as they have done previously (Teams will always remain the same) and not a white t-shirt.

Bags, Bikes and Scooters

To reduce the opportunity for children to touch unnecessary equipment, please be mindful of what your child is bringing with them each day. If your child does not have a packed lunch, there should be no real need for any bag to be brought, unless there is a specific need. Additionally, if your child does have a packed lunch, can this please be in a bag that is as small as possible. Large rucksacks, which some pupils have brought are not needed and take up space in classrooms.

I appreciate that a number of pupils like to come on their bikes or scooters each day. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances and to help reduce the possible spreading of any infection as much as possible, please do not bring or send your child into CHPA on anything other than their feet.

Earrings

Just a quick reminder that earrings are not allowed to be worn at any time due to the risks they create. The latest information researched is 6 weeks. Please follow the link for a helpful guide to support you further, if you are unsure. <https://invernesscorp.com/how-long-to-leave-earrings-in-after-piercing/>



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Face masks/coverings

In my communication to you earlier this week, I explained that staff will be wearing masks in communal and corridor areas of the building and also as part of the start and end of day routines. Furthermore, I went on to explain that any visitors onto the CHPA site (including outside areas) must also wear a mask (unless medically exempt).

In response to a couple of queries as to the reasoning for visitors having to wear masks, please accept this as an explanation. As there are a significant number of people, all of whom are exposed to large numbers of the population on a daily basis, there is the chance that at any time anyone of us could contract an infection and run the risk of bringing it onto the CHPA site. As parents, and carers, you are generally here at specific times, which causes an increase in the chances of cross contamination and as staff speak with many of you, it is not only a measure to protect you, it is also a measure to protect them, which as Headteacher, is a responsibility I take very seriously. Amongst the staff team at CHPA, we have staff members who have fallen into the Vulnerable or critically vulnerable health categories and it is therefore imperative that everyone's health is protected. Furthermore, if staff were to become ill and subsequently absent due to a contracted illness brought onto site, this would affect your child's education.

This approach will be regularly reviewed in line with local and national infection rates and through discussions with staff.

A huge thanks to you for your support with this so far!

Liaising with teachers

In usual circumstances, you would speak with teachers about a number of things on a face-to-face basis, either at either end of the day or via telephone. Due to Covid and the staggered start/finish approach we have had to adopt, this is obviously a little more difficult. In the morning, there won't be an opportunity to speak directly with class teacher, although a member of SLT will be available on one of the entrance gates. At the end of the day, there will be an opportunity to speak with teachers as they dismiss pupils from the playground. However, if you wish to discuss something more personal or confidential, please contact the office who will inform the teacher and they will contact you to arrange a convenient time to do this in person or over the telephone.

2020-2021 Academic Year term dates

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| Autumn Term 1 – 3.9.20 – 23.10.20 | Autumn Term 2 – 2.11.20 – 18.12.20 |
| Spring Term 1 – 4.1.21 – 12.2.21 | Spring Term 2 – 22.2.21 – 1.4.21 |
| Summer Term 1 – 19.4.21 – 28.5.21 | Summer Term 2 – 7.6.21 – 16.7.21 |

Inset and Bank Holiday dates

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| Tuesday 1 st September 2020 | Wednesday 2 nd September 2020 |
| Monday 18 th July 2021 | Tuesday 19 th July 2021 |
| | Wednesday 20 th July 2021 |
| | May Day – Monday 3 rd May 2021 |

The full calendar for the 2020-2021 academic year, is available to see on the CHPA website <https://charnockhallacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CHPA-Calendar-2020-2021.pdf>

Outstanding debts

Unfortunately, there are a number of families who have incurred outstanding debt with CHPA. Please ensure any outstanding monies owed are paid in full as soon as possible. You may have already have received communication from Mrs Lee if you have developed a significant debt.

Unfortunately, if these debts are not cleared, we may have to remove the possibility of school lunches until the issue is settled. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak with Mrs Lee and she will work to support you in clearing this.



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For clarity, any debts we have owing to us that are not paid result in us having to find the money from within already very tight school budgets, which would result in a reduction of available funds to spend on your children's education.

Free School Meal Entitlement

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there may be many of you, who in these difficult times are 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>

Pupils leaving the CHPA site alone at the end of the day

If you wish for your child to leave the CHPA site alone at the end of the day, please email enquiries@charnokchallacademy.co.uk with all the relevant details. We can then put this onto the system, so everyone is clear. Unfortunately, we need this information to be written and not verbal.

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.

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

The Class of 2020

On Tuesday 1st September, we welcomed back the Y6 leavers who left us in the summer. Luckily, the weather was lovely, so the pupils, parents and staff were able to spend a couple of hours together reminiscing, sharing memories and feasting on a BBQ. It was a lovely evening, which hopefully went some way to giving those pupils the send of they deserved before they started at their new secondaries.

Huge thanks to members of the PTA and staff, who were brilliant in organising hoodies, gifts, drinks and the important BBQ so everyone could have a lovely socially distanced time!

Previous letter download issues

Last week I sent you a letter which had links to other documents embedded within it. Unfortunately, it appears some people were unable to open the embedded documents. As a result, please follow this link, which will provide you with access to all documents, including the initial Autumn Term lunch menu. <https://charnockhallacademy.co.uk/news/latest-news/>

Thank you

Finally, I just wanted to say huge thanks for the positive and lovely comments, either in person, via email or social media over the last couple of days. Such lovely comments are really appreciated by all staff. The start to any new academic year is always challenging, even without the current additional issues.

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA