



Charnock Hall Primary Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

3 weeks into the new academic year and pupils are really settling into their new classes, routines and the high expectations staff have of them.

A huge thank you to you

Once again, huge thanks to you all for your ongoing support, best wishes and understanding as we work through each day. The uptake on masks and self-protection measures (if unable to wear a mask) has been fantastic, please keep it up. I will keep you informed of any changes and updates we can make to these as we move forward.

COVID Advice

Through our social media channels, I have shared information and reminders regarding COVID, hopefully these will help you further.



Know Your Symptoms

<h3>Covid-19</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Fever-Dry Cough-Fatigue-Shortness of Breath	<h3>Flu</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Fever-Dry Cough-Runny Nose-Headache-Sore Throat-Muscle and Joint Pain
<h3>Cold</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Cough-Sore Throat-Aches and Pains-Watery Eyes-Sneezing-Runny or Stuffy Nose	<h3>Allergies</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Sneezing-Coughing-Itchy Eyes-Runny or Stuffy Nose

Earlier this week, Mrs Fotheringham attended some training regarding testing, and we thought the following information would be really helpful, should you need to book a test –

- The main test-booking page is rebooted at 10am and 8pm daily. It is best to try to book at this time rather than any other time of the day, due to the current demands.

A message from year groups

Reception

Pupils have settled really well in their first full week. They are enjoying learning the rules and routines of life at CHPA. They especially love the adventure of the journey to the dining hall for lunch each day. Listening skills have improved greatly and pupils are beginning to make some real friendships.

Miss Johnson, Mrs Nicholls and Miss Hunt.



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Y1

Year 1 have made a super start to the year and are thoroughly enjoying the Superhero topic. Pupils are getting used to new routines and life after EYFS. We have also made a positive start to phonics learning.

Mrs Duffy, Mrs Whiteley and Mr Brown

Y2

What a great start Y2 have had. Year 2's topic for this half term is Wriggle and Crawl. We began the term with a minibeast hunt and this week we have been investigating minibeast habitats. The minibeast hunt inspired us to find out what our favourite minibeast is and we collated a class pictogram. We will be ending our week by sketching our favourite minibeast using sketching pencils. Please encourage your child to keep an eye out for minibeast when you're out and about or in your garden.

Miss Brooks and Miss Reid.

Y3

We are extremely proud of how well each and every pupil has settled in over the past two weeks! Pupils have returned to school so well, adapted to the new rules and have got to grips with life in Year 3. Pupils are enjoying our first topic, based all around science, where we have carried out a number of investigations already! We have dived into our first text, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, and we eagerly await what may happen to this mysterious creature. Well done Year 3, keep up the great work!

Mrs Leversidge, Mrs Ezard and Miss Copley

Y4

Our topic of Traders and Raiders is already engaging the pupils. It has been wonderful to see the Y4's settle into their new routines and they are already impressing us with their hard work and positive attitudes.

Mr Gabbitas and Miss Stringer.

Y5

Y5 have made a great start to their learning and are impressing us with their application during lessons. Pupils are already engaged and eager to learn more about our topic of Pharaohs.

Mr Silverton and Miss Monger

Y6

Pupils have settled well into the challenges that Y6 brings. This week baseline tests allow teachers to identify and address gaps in knowledge. Y6 have begun studying WW2 and are really engaged in their learning. Thanks to parents for your contributions and offers of artefacts, but unfortunately, we cannot accept them into the building, due to Covid restrictions.

Spanish Day – 25th September

On Friday 25th September, CHPA, along with all the L.E.A.D. academies are participating in 'European Day of Languages'. CHPA are celebrating the Spanish language and culture, so every class will be immersing themselves in a range of activities, including: flamenco, learning basic Spanish and recreating the work of Spanish artist Pablo Picasso through inspired pieces of art using different mediums. We will take lots of photos of the day and share these with you through social media.

Communicating with teachers

At the start of lockdown, we introduced new contact emails for parents to liaise with teachers regarding their home learning. However, due to the ongoing restrictions, it has been decided to keep these in place, to aid ease of communication between CHPA and home. Please be aware that although replies may not be instant, one will be provided.

Miss Johnson / Mrs Nicholls - 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 Leversidge / Mrs Ezard - Class 7 - class7teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Copley - Class 8 - class8teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mr Gabbitas - Class 9 - class9teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Stringer - Class 10 - class10teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk



Mr Silvertton - 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

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

Please be aware of the following acceptable terms of use –

Any inappropriate use of the email system, including inappropriate language use, threats etc., will result in you being unable to use this system as a communication method. Anything deemed inappropriate by an individual teacher, will be shared with Senior Leaders, who will take appropriate action to protect staff.

Incoming emails, must come from adults, pupil emails will not be directly responded to.

Copies of all emails received and sent will be saved to ensure the safety of staff.

PE – Reminder of days

PE Days are as follows -

YEAR GROUP	DAY
YR	Friday
Y1	Wednesday
Y2	Wednesday
Y3	Thursday
Y4	Monday
Y5	Friday
Y6	Tuesday

Helping pupils to settle

We all love our children, want the very best for them and want to keep them safe. For younger children, particularly in Reception, an understandable part of this (particularly as you are not able to come into the building at this time), is looking and waving through the window. It is clear that this is done as a gesture of your love for your children; however, this can disrupt pupil's morning routines, particularly if they have already been upset when leaving you.

Once you have passed your child over to teacher, please leave the site as quickly as safely as possible and do not return to peek through your child's class window.

If you are dropping-off on KS2, please do not hang around the main gate as this is making it more difficult for other site users to get through whilst safely maintaining social distancing.

Also, at the end of each day, we fully understand that you are excited to see your children and learn all about their days. However (and particularly as we are all wearing masks), collection time can be much quicker and easier if you could please do the following;

Only wave at your child if it is their turn to be dismissed by the teacher. Unfortunately, 60 parents arms waving in the air, makes it very difficult to identify where a child's parent is situated.

As the weather deteriorates (and it will), if you could do all of these it will ensure that we can make the start and end of day routines as quick and safe as possible.

Keeping pupils safe at drop-off and pick-up

To aid us in keeping your children safe, can you please ensure that your children do not do the following during drop-off and pick-up times.

As you walk between Y1 and Y2, please do not let your children climb up the banking area. This is not only steep, but is extremely slippery. Pupils know they are not allowed to do this during the normal day.

In addition, outside of EYFS, under the veranda, play equipment is left by pupils at the end of playtime. Please do not let your children play with this equipment at drop-off or pick-up, because some of this has been moved and earlier in the week was left blocking the fire exit.



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As you are on the KS2 playground, please do not let your children climb onto the walls to play in the stones (which are part of the raised beds) or onto the wall next to the downstairs hall. Pupils know they are not allowed on here during the normal day.

The trim-trails are a great way to keep pupils active and engaged at playtimes, however, without proper supervision, can be dangerous. As a result, please do not let your child play on these. They have lots of time during the normal day and know this is when they are allowed to play on it.

Super School Meals

You may be unaware, but every pupil in Reception, Y1 and Y2 is eligible for Free Schools Meals, regardless of individual circumstance. By them having a daily school meal, which does include a sandwich option, you are saving money on your food bills, whilst still ensuring they have a filling and tasty meal.

On 1st October, we are having our first 'Meal Theme' day of the year! The menu will include, Burgers, Fries, Chocolate pudding and Chocolate Sauce!!! I know that the staff will be signing up to this!

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>

Social Media

If you are not yet following us on social media, please follow us on Twitter using @charnocklead as the handle and via our Facebook page [Charnock Hall Academy](#). If you do request to make friends with CHPA on social media, please also send a message stating who your child is. With us all wearing masks, it is difficult to recognise faces and this will then make accepting friend requests easier and quicker.

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

Reception places for 2021

Applications for Reception places in September 2021 are now being taken. If you would like more information on this, please see the website or contact main reception.

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff
at CHPA

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Come and join the fun to 'be the best you can be'!

Contact us now to arrange a visit

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