



# Charnock Hall Primary Academy

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## Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 9

Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to you as we end the first week of half-term 2, a busy week, which has been strange, but has ended with our youngest pupils in Reception returning after their required isolation period. It is wonderful to now have everyone back!

### Covid updates

Although we are now, as a nation, in a second lockdown, this time it is different for schools, as we will remain open as normal for all pupils. Therefore, it remains a legal requirement that all pupils, who are able, attend school as normal. In its latest briefing to the general public, the Government has made the following statement –

*Schools continue to remain open for all children and young people as they have since the start of the autumn term for the duration of the national restrictions.*

*Being at school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time spent out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of education, and children's future ability to learn. It continues to be our aim that all pupils, in all year groups, remain in school full-time.*

*The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in the classroom far outweigh the low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools can take action to reduce risks still further.*

*More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Parents should be advised to speak to their child's GP or specialist clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.*

*Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend childcare or nursery during the period this advice is in place.*

*Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education or childcare.*

*Parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will be receiving a letter shortly confirming this advice.*

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) – 4 November 2020

The procedures we have at CHPA are very tight and I once again thank you for the part you play in this. It could well be that this new lockdown actually makes the journey to and from CHPA at the start and end of the day a safer one, because we, as adults, will generally be having a smaller number of interactions with other adults.

Apart from a small number, all pupils who are able, have returned following the half-term break and whilst we completely understand that for everyone this is an unknown and uncertain time, we have to follow the law and guidance given to us by the Government. Therefore, if you choose not to send your child, we have no option but to mark this as an unauthorised absence and report this to the Local Authority. Additionally, if you choose to keep your child away from CHPA, we will not be able to provide you with work to support you and your child, as you are electing to keep them away and it is unmanageable, in terms of workload, to expect staff to provide work for pupils who are attending and those who are choosing to stay away from school. So please be aware that the provision of education, if you do keep your child away, when they should be here, will be your responsibility.

During this lockdown, at this time, there will be no alteration or amendment to our procedures for drop-off or collection as these are already very tight.

### Catch up classes

Y1 and Y6 have made an excellent start to their catch up classes. Well done for your commitment to supporting with this. If there are any questions, please contact class teacher.

### Poppy Appeal

The support you have shown for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal has been astounding! We now have a new consignment of stock that we are selling on behalf of The Royal British Legion, so for those of you who missed out before, items will be for sale at the start and end of the day.



Coats and Jumpers

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As I wrote in a letter during half-term, it is very important that pupils have coats and jumpers with them as we move into the colder winter months. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's first and surname. Thank you.

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## 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>

## Odd Socks Day – 16.11.2020



The week beginning 16th November is Anti-Bullying Week, a week that is observed across the country in order to highlight the message that bullying is not something to be tolerated and that needs to be called out in all areas of life. Here at CHPA, we hold our Friendship Week at the same time, in order for us to not only focus our minds on our no-nonsense approach to tackling any form of bullying, but to celebrate the friendships and community we have at CHPA.

To launch our Friendship Week this year, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November, where we encourage everyone to come in odd socks so we can celebrate the wonderful differences and diversity that we have here at CHPA, but also highlighting that we are all the same.

We will be discussing as one of the themes across the week, the part that we can play in making CHPA, our community and our planet the best it can be. What part will you play?

## Children in Need

As it is photo day next Friday, we will not be dressing up for CIN. However, as we are celebrating and taking part in the Odd Socks Day on 16<sup>th</sup> Novemebr, if pupils brought a donation of £1, we could then send this off to the CIN appeal.

## PE Days alteration reminder

Following the return after the half-term break, this is a reminder of the slight change to the PE days for classes. They will now be as follows, so please remember to wear PE kit on that day –

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

## Parent Consultation meetings

The first parent consultation meeting took place via video meeting earlier this week and feedback, on the whole, has been positive. There have been a few technical difficulties for a small number of people, but teachers have all commented that it was nice to get to speak to you without masks on. If you have not yet booked and wish to do so, the next meeting is next Thursday 12.11.2020.

## 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.



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## Update to behaviour approaches

Due to the challenges of Covid, it remains unfortunate that you are unable to join us on a Monday morning for Celebration Assembly. However, over the last few weeks these have been really well received through video conferencing across all 14 classes.

We have also taken the opportunity to amend and update some of our reward systems at CHPA and feel it is important that you understand what these are so you can ask your children about them.

**Team Points** – Team Points are awarded for pupils for any number of positive reasons. These are awarded by any staff member to any pupil. Team Points are counted up at the end of the week and the class with the highest number receives a special Friday afternoon 15 minute treat (chosen by the Random Generator). Over the half-term, these totals are kept and then the class with the highest number at the end of the half-term receive a full-afternoon treat (chosen by the Random Generator) as a reward for all their hard work.

**Learner of the Day** – Awarded to 1 pupil per class for outstanding effort during that day.

**Learner of the Week** – Awarded to 1 pupil per class who has outstandingly demonstrated that they are trying to be the best they can be!

**Gleaming Classroom** – Awarded by the cleaning staff to 1 class in EYFS/KS1 and 1 class in KS2 for the care and respect they show for their learning environments and equipment. The winning class receive 40 additional Team Points towards the end of week draw.

**Attendance Award** – Awarded to the class with the highest attendance percentage across the week (we do not include any Covid related absences in this). This award also comes with an additional 40 Team Points.

**Lunchtime Champions Award** – This award is chosen by the lunchtime staff in recognition of pupil's good behaviours and use of manners at lunchtimes by a specific year group bubble. This award also comes with an additional 40 Team Points per class.

Random Generator rewards include:

Weekly Random Generator rewards –

- 15 minutes extra play.
- 15 minutes extra iPad time.
- 15 minutes choosing from anything on the generator.
- Top Trumps competition.
- Library Time – to be taken in the last 15 minutes of a Friday afternoon to avoid bubble crossing.
- Free choice of all the Random Generator – Learner of the Week to choose this.

Half-Termly Random Generator Rewards –

- Non-uniform day.
- Movie afternoon, including popcorn.
- Sports afternoon – choice of activities to be played, chosen as a class.
- Afternoon Tea – cupcakes (made by kitchen) and juice and a 30 minute play time.
- Choose afternoon – pupils choose what they want to do for the afternoon.
- IT suite afternoon.
- Arts/Craft afternoon.
- Free choice of all the Random Generator – Class to choose this.

## Y7 Secondary places for September 2020

The final date for parents of Y6 pupils applying for a secondary school place, for September 2021, is 30th November 2020.

## Sunflowers Childrens Centre

It has come to my attention that a number of rumours are circulating regarding Sunflowers Children's Centre, that is situated next door to CHPA. After to speaking to the owner this morning, I wanted to help dispel any rumours by letting you know that they have no intention of closing and are looking to further increase childcare numbers and develop their staffing capacity in the future.



Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA

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**TIME TO START SCHOOL?**

**Reception place applications being taken for next September**

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

**Contact us now to arrange a visit**

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