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Dear Parent/Carer,

Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 18

Welcome to newsletter 18, there are some very important pieces of information contained within this regarding LIVE Good Morning Charnock sessions, LIVE Celebration Assembly and Covid-19 testing in Primary Schools, so please read this carefully.

Covid update

Next week we hope to begin staff asymptomatic Covid-19 testing in school, once our testing kits arrive. Along with the other protective measures we are taking, testing will allow us to take further measures to keep CHPA as safe an environment as possible. Up to one in three people who have Covid-19 have the virus without symptoms, so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly. Tackling the pandemic requires identifying asymptomatic, infectious individuals. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread both at CHPA but within our homes and the local community. Staff participating will test at home twice a week, in the evening, using Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests that have been widely used to detect COVID-19 in asymptomatic individuals. No test is perfect, but the speed and convenience of LFD tests supports detection of the virus in asymptomatic individuals who would not otherwise be tested. If a positive test result is received, staff will book a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test and the bubble they will work in will be closed until the results of the PCR test. If this PCR test is also positive then the bubble will remain closed with all pupils/close contacts of the person tested having to isolate for 10 days (from the initial test), if it is negative, the bubble will re-open. If a bubble does need to be closed, we will contact you with as much notice as possible with more information.

Due to the parameters of the test and information we have been provided with by the Department for Education, CHPA staff testing will take place on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, between 7 and 8pm. It is only when I have received the results from each staff member that I will know whether a bubble requires closure. In the event of a bubble closure, I will inform you via Schoolcomms.

Critical Worker Requests

At this time, we are still receiving some requests for a lockdown CHPA place from Critical Workers. It is important to remember previous correspondence sent to you regarding this and the need to 'stay at home' wherever you can. Pleasingly, many families have reviewed their circumstances and have worked with us to ensure the switch to remote learning is seamless.

To ensure the effective running of CHPA, requests for lockdown placements will now only be reviewed once per week. If you send in a request during the week, this will be stored and then reviewed at the weekly meeting we will undertake. As we are now several weeks into lockdown, the need for new requests should reduce to zero, as you have care in place.

Remote Education (Online Learning)

Over the last week, we have introduced updates to the CHPA remote learning offer, including sharing the daily timetable with you the night before the next day's learning. We hope you have found this useful.

From Monday 25th January, each year group will have a LIVE Good Morning Charnock session. This will be short session and will be an opportunity for pupils to come together, share how they are doing, catch-up and see each other before they undertake the days learning. It is expected that **ALL** pupils log onto this daily, so we can support pupils' mental wellbeing by seeing their friends and catching up. An attendance register for attendance will be taken and this will form part of the Remote Attendance Award (similar to the usual CHPA Attendance Award).

The LIVE sessions will be undertaken through Microsoft Teams. Whatever device your child is using, they will receive a calendar reminder that the event is to take place – (when it is created) and to attend the meeting at its intended start time, they simply need to click ACCEPT and they will then join the meeting. If they are using a tablet, please follow the embedded instructions link for downloading (this has also been shared on CHPA social media accounts and is attached to the Schoolcomms email, with this newsletter).



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Also on Monday 25th at 1:30pm, there will be a Celebration Assembly (which I will deliver), where we will share all the positives and the rewards for the last week. It is expected that ALL pupils attend this on a weekly basis, as there is now an award for Remote Learner of the Week (parents you will find out beforehand and will receive a certificate to share with your child, but please don't let them know until it is announced).

Again, this LIVE session will be done through Microsoft Teams. With the information shared above being the same. I will not be sending this invite out until after the LIVE Good Morning Charnock sessions have completed on Monday.



For info, the LIVE good morning sessions will take place at the following times -

YR – 8:45am
Y1 – 8:55am
Y2 – 9:05am
Y3 – 8:45am
Y4 – 10:15am
Y5 – 9:10am
Y6 – 9:15am

To ensure the safety of all pupils the following safeguards are in place –

- These will be group conversations only.
- If your child takes part in a group video conversation, they can be seen by the teacher and other pupils that are part of the conversation.
- Parent/carer will need to appear on screen at the start of the session to confirm consent for their child to be part of the group conversation
- If the teacher has any concerns about children (or other members of the household) using unsuitable language, dress, location, the conversation will be ended and concerns will be recorded and passed to the Headteacher or Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- Only those invited to the meeting will be able to log into LIVE events as they remain within the Remote Learning Platform.
- These sessions will only take place at pre-arranged times and days. This will be through invitational link.

If you need to contact class teacher, please use the following email addresses -

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 Hilton - 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 Silverton - 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.

We also appreciate that pupil log in details remain an issue for some. As shared in a communication earlier in the week, you can now reset this yourself. If you do have other log in issues though, please contact LEAD IT ensuring you provide the following information.

Safe and well checks

This week, teachers have been undertaking safe and well checks with pupils undertaking remote learning. It is essential that you make time for you and your child to speak with teacher during these calls, so we can support you. However, from next week, these will change slightly and we will be using the parents evening system (that we used in October/November) to undertake these calls.

We have decided to use these as it provides you with flexibility of when your catch-up takes place, as you will book your individual appointment time. The 10-minute catch-up session will take place during the usual CHPA day (9am-3pm) and will be undertaken by the teacher responsible for remote learning in each year group that week. Due to the significant importance these catch-ups have, regarding well-being, safeguarding and educational feedback, if you do not book a time that is appropriate for you, this will add to teacher workload, and we will then have to contact you (which may be at a time that isn't convenient to you). As part of monitoring, we keep records of families that have or have not engaged with direct communications and during the first lockdown, we did need to contact Social Care and the Police, due to non-engagement and the concerns it created.



For next week (WB-25.1.21) the teachers undertaking catch-ups will be –

- YR - Class 2 – Miss Hunt
- Y1 - Class 3 – Mrs Duffy/Mrs Whiteley
- Y2 - Class 5 – Miss Brooks
- Y3 - Class 8 – Miss Copley
- Y4 - Class 9 – Mr Gabbitas
- Y5 - Class 12 – Miss Monger
- Y6 - Class 14 – Mr Stewart

The other teacher within each year group will undertake the catch-ups the following week.

It is imperative that you book a session as we are sure your child is missing their teacher, as teachers are missing children greatly.

To book an appointment, please go to the following – charnockhall.schoolcloud.co.uk and complete the log in form and then follow on screen instructions to book. Please be careful when entering details to ensure they are correct or this will not work due the security functions. It is exactly the same process as before, so you've already had a go – although it does seem like a very long time ago!!!

You should be directed to this screen (use the hyperlink above as this works or type the address given into your browser).

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Parents Evening System

Welcome to the Charnock Hall Primary Academy parents' evening booking system. Appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title

First Name

Surname

Email

Confirm Email

Water Safety

Earlier today, information was shared in regards to water safety. Although it is not summer and water safety may not be at the top of our thoughts, water and cold weather is a very dangerous, particularly with the amount of rainfall we have had recently and the high water levels of rivers and lakes etc. Therefore, as many of us are taking walks as part of our lockdown exercise, it is important to remember water safety. This link to Royal Lifesaving Society UK shares important water safety advice.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-information>

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](https://twitter.com/charnocklead) as the handle and via our Facebook page [Charnock Hall Academy](https://www.facebook.com/charnockhallacademy). 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. The recent lockdown demonstrated just how many parents have not shared with us their updated details. This is really important, so in future; please do contact us with any changes.

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

Thanks

On behalf of all the staff, thank you once again for all your support this week. I wonder what next week will throw at us!

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA