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Dear Parent/Carer,

Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 19

Welcome to Newsletter 19, a very busy week at CHPA, that has seen the introduction of the LIVE Good Morning Charnock sessions and a further increase in the percentages of pupils accessing remote learning.

Covid update

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister announced that schools would not return as first hoped for after the half-term break. Although this is as disappointing for us at CHPA as I am sure it is for you who have children remote learning, at this time it is the only sensible course of action in the fight against Covid-19. The PM went on to explain that schools would not return before March 8th. I just want to make it clear to everyone, as I have had a few people ask me – this date is not set, it is something that Government are working towards. However, Government has also explained that schools would be given 2 weeks' notice ahead of pupil return. At this time, I, just like all other Headteacher's, have exactly the same information available to us as you do. There are many rumours regarding a possible return and how this will be implemented. Unfortunately, all I can confirm at this time is that it is purely rumour. However, as soon as I know certainties, I will share them with you.

As I explained last week, staff have this week began undertaking the asymptomatic Covid-19 testing that has been developed by the DfE and NHS. This adds a further protective measure to how CHPA is addressing the pandemic. 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 the PCR test 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.

Remote Education (Online Learning)

This week there has been a noticeable increase in the percentage of pupils accessing remote learning regularly, which is pleasing. However, whilst we fully understand and appreciate the difficulties of home schooling whilst balancing work responsibilities etc. it is disappointing that some pupils have still not logged on at all. Currently, between 25-30% of pupils are not accessing remote learning provision, which will have a negative impact on your children. Although it is difficult, please do what you can and do not dismiss the importance of this for your children.

We do not expect you to be the teacher, you are not teachers, you are parents who have your own strengths and weaknesses, you did not train to be a teacher and to expect you to do this to the same standard as a trained professional just isn't realistic. However, with the recorded videos, the teaching part is done for you. We just ask that you put provision into place to ensure your children have the opportunities to undertake the set learning – and as independently as possible, just as they would if in class. Then if they find something difficult, they can ask you, they could watch the video themselves again, or they could ask teacher – just like they would if in class. Independence is crucial and it is lovely to hear reports via teachers, from yourselves, that many are working more independently.

For those who have had problems accessing Microsoft Teams, please follow the link for support.



InstallingTeams.doc
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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

Please note, when emailing LEAD IT, you will need to provide the following information –

- School name
- Child name
- Child's date of birth
- Child's teacher name and class



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. A reminder to contact LEAD IT with queries - If issues continue, please contact ictsupport@leaditservices.co.uk

The class timetables for Monday 1.2.2021, will be posted through our social media accounts on Sunday evening.

Safe and well checks

This week, teachers have been undertaking safe and well checks with pupils undertaking remote learning. This has seen some real positives with a significant number of you signing up to these. However, there remain a number who have not engaged, which is disappointing, particularly as we have provided the opportunity for you to book at a time convenient to you. It is essential that you make time for you and your child to speak with teacher during these video, so we can support you.

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 1 – Mrs Nicholls and Miss Johnson

Y1 - Class 4 – Mr Brown

Y2 - Class 6 – Miss Hilton

Y3 - Class 7 – Mrs Leversidge and Mrs Ezard

Y4 - Class 10 – Miss Stringer

Y5 - Class 11 – Mr Silverton

Y6 - Class 13 – Mr Stewart (on behalf of Mr Stevens, due to his absence)

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).

The screenshot shows a web page for 'Charnock Hall Primary Academy' with the title 'Parents Evening System'. Below the title is a welcome message: '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.' The form is titled 'Your Details' and contains the following fields: 'Title' (a dropdown menu), 'First Name' (a text input field), 'Surname' (a text input field), 'Email' (a text input field), and 'Confirm Email' (a text input field). A blue arrow points from the text in the previous block to the 'Email' field.

Half-term Readathon LIVE

Our volunteer libraries have organised a Readathon based on the theme of 'Our City Reads'. It features our writer in residence, Nik Perring's poem 'Mrs City' which will be read by children across the city. This will be followed by a free creative workshop by CHOL Theatre and Arts Company. This event exciting event is suitable for children aged 7-15 years. For more information, please click on the link:

<https://greenhill-library.org/readathon-live/>

Raring to Go

To help parents with ideas to keep their kids entertained at home this winter, I have put together a January digital edition of the magazine (link below) which is full of clickable content that I hope they will find useful as well as supporting some of our local businesses at this tricky time. For more information, please click on this link:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/sheffield/winter/>

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.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, with the theme being 'Express Yourself'. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health, even more so whilst we are in the middle of this worldwide pandemic. Mental Health is something that we all have, just like our physical health, and it more important than ever that we discuss mental good health and how that feels.

Staff will be sending out suggestions of things your child could do next week to express themselves - maybe you could take part to?

Also, another activity that you could take part in is thinking about your top three things of the day. These can be any little thing, from seeing the sunshine, having a hot cup of tea or smashing a super tricky division problem - Anything! The idea is that you get talking as a family about the positives. It is very easy to focus on the bad things going on in the world at the minute. Maybe you could share your top three things with us on social media? Look out for CHPA's daily top three things on social media!

You can look here for further ideas or support, if you feel you should need it. Please remember that we are still here for you all, even if you are not physically in the building with us.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

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

How to nurture a child's mental health



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