



Charnock Hall Primary Academy

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IMPORTANT – Post Lockdown 3 wider re-opening of CHPA

Dear parent/carer,

Following the letter sent following the Government’s announcement regarding the wider re-opening of schools from Monday 8th March, CHPA leaders, staff and I have been able to put together updated plans and procedures to support the return of all pupil on this date.

Pleasingly, due to the successful implementation of the tight controls in place between September and Christmas, Risk Assessments show that there will be very little difference to these and as such, for you as parents and for pupils attending CHPA, you will not notice any difference.

We will continue with the following –

- Staggered start and finish times (please see below for these times).
- Staggered play and lunch times.
- All visitors onto site, whether outdoor or indoor must wear a facemask to protect both themselves and other site users (unless they are medically exempt).
- Pupils wear CHPA uniform and on their specific PE day, come in their PE kit (please see below for the days).
- Pupils should bring their Pupil Learning Diary and reading book on a daily basis.
- Please avoid bringing unrequired items in to CHPA to help reduce the spread of possible infection.
- Any parental meetings will be undertaken electronically or over the telephone unless specific needs require a meeting in person.
- Classes/Year groups will remain as individual bubbles to reduce the impact of any positive cases that may affect CHPA.
- Staff will remain in a single year group bubble to reduce the impact of any positive cases that may affect CHPA.
- Pupils will return to their classes with their class teacher.

Staggered Start / Finish times & PE day

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time	PE Day
YR (Class 1 & 2)	8:30am	2:45pm	Friday
Y1 (Class 3 & 4)	8:40am	2:55pm	Wednesday
Y2 (Class 5 & 6)	8:50am	3:05pm	Wednesday
Y3 (Class 7 & 8)	8:30am	2:45pm	Monday
Y4 (Class 9 & 10)	8:40am	2:55pm	Thursday
Y5 (Class 11 & 12)	8:50am	3:05pm	Tuesday
Y6 (Class 13 & 14)	9:00am	3:15pm	Friday

As CHPA will be fully opening, it is Government expectation that all pupils (unless they are ill or are required to remain at home due to them being clinically extremely vulnerable) must return. The updated guidance document, received 22.2.2021, is quite clear in this. Any pupils that do not return on 8.3.2021 will be followed up using the usual CHPA and Local Authority procedures.

In the event of any absence, pupils will be able to access learning via the Learning Platform (in the event of all pupils returning however, this will be different to the current remote learning offer (Lessons will not be recorded for viewing, but work will be set).



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In the event of a further lockdown or a required bubble closure, pupils will be directed to the Learning Platform, where the remote learning offer will match what has been in place through Lockdown 3 (a mixture of recordings and live sessions).

As you are already aware, we have a very strong link with Sheffield Hallam University (SHU) and have a number of teaching students with us now and in the coming weeks. These students, by undertaking their placements here at CHPA, are not only learning new skills to support them in their development, but they will also provide us with additional capacity to support pupils

I appreciate and understand that 2021 has been very challenging so far, particularly for those of you who have had to balance the responsibilities of running your homes, working and leading remote learning for your children and as a result are looking forward to your children returning. However, this return will also be filled with doubt in regards to your child's safety. In the coming days, I am expecting a letter from Greg Fell, Director of Public Health Sheffield that is aimed at you as parents.

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Sheffield Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH
www.sheffield.gov.uk

4th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write ahead of the wider opening of schools. I recognise that the winter has been very challenging. Thank you for all that you and your families have been doing to keep each other safe and reduce virus transmission. Spring is around the corner and we need to continue to follow the restrictions so that we can hopefully enjoy the summer with our families.

Since January you have been home schooling your children and I know how much pressure this adds to things. Thank you for all the time you have invested into supporting your child and helping them learn at home. We all know how important school is and I'm sure children are now ready to get back to school to see their friends and start learning again in the classroom.

Schools will continue to put all the measures in place so that they are as safe as they can be. Your child will be familiar with the way school operates with:

- School bubbles and contact tracing if positive cases are identified
- Staggered start and finish times if required
- Social distancing will be in place wherever possible
- Regular handwashing
- Enhanced cleaning and ventilation

In secondary school pupils will be required to wear a face covering (unless they are exempt) in classrooms and during most activities unless it is possible to socially distance. They should also wear a face covering when they are moving around inside the school buildings, such as in corridors and communal areas.

In addition to this rapid Asymptomatic Testing with Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) will now be in place for pupils in secondary schools. Testing for staff in both primary and secondary schools has been in place since January. 1 in 3 people who have the COVID-19 virus have no symptoms and do not know that they have it. Testing helps us find these cases. The testing programme is voluntary; however, I'd really ask that you take up the offer of testing for your child. Pre-school children and primary aged pupils do not need to be regularly tested.

Our webpage www.sheffield.gov.uk/backtoschoolsafely gives lots of other information about returning to school and detail about asymptomatic testing. The DfE parent/carers leaflet may be useful too: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=24%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

The Local Authority Public Health team will continue to monitor case numbers and will review the situation regularly. I recognise that you may be anxious and concerned about your child returning to school. This is



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understandable. The measures that are in place in school and the testing that is available will help us to monitor things carefully and enable children to get back to school safely.

For pupils and school staff returning to school from 8th March I'd remind everyone of what you can do to continue to reduce COVID-19 in your community.

What can you do to reduce Covid-19 in your community



Got Symptoms?

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you have **any** of these symptoms, however mild, even if you have got a negative LFD test result **you must stay home, don't go into school and book a free test** via our easy, accessible tests centres here in Sheffield. Most test results are now coming back within 24 hours. You can book a test by calling 119 or online at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

The rapid asymptomatic LFD test kits **should not** be used if your child has symptoms. You should book a test at one of the test centres if you or your family start to develop symptoms.

Please remember that the country is still in `lock down` which means you still cannot have visitors at home or mix with people you don't live with unless they are in your family bubble. Meeting up out-doors is MUCH safer than indoor **and you are allowed to meet with one other person for exercise**. So if you can, enjoy some spring sunshine, blow away the cobwebs.

If people outside your family or bubble are coming into your home - e.g. maintenance workers or carers - reduce the risk by: Washing hands; wearing a face covering and keeping your distance if you can. Cleaning surfaces they have touched and opening windows for fresh air before and after their visit.

We have significantly slowed and reduced the spread of the virus in Sheffield. However, we need to continue to do this by following the restrictions. This will then allow us all to get back to enjoying more activities and time with our friends and families in the summer.

Yours sincerely
Greg Fell

Director of Public Health, Sheffield

Additionally, please follow this link from Sheffield Council, that you may find useful in supporting you to support your child with their return – <http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/backtoschoolsafely>

Stay safe!

Regards

Mr P M Burgess – Headteacher