



HEADLINES

Welcome back everyone! Here is the first HeadLines newsletter of 2021 / 2022! A huge welcome to all our new families who have joined us for our new intake/ transition sessions and a big welcome back to everyone else. We have only been back in school a few days but the school is awash with active learning and excitement already. The children have taken all the new routines in their stride; they have been amazing!

A new school year brings a wealth of activity and opportunities for us all and we are excited about the year ahead. Whilst we have no idea what the coming academic year will bring, I'm hoping it will be less disrupted than the last couple of years.

This first newsletter has lots of information so please do read it and note any dates at the back of the newsletter. The staff have worked hard planning interesting topics and will be sending home an introductory Curriculum Newsletter shortly detailing events for this term and giving information regarding PE, homework etc. We are just in the process of finalising other key dates for the coming year which will be published shortly.

After reviewing the latest Government guidance, an autumn term COVID Risk Assessment and an 'Outbreak Management Plan' have been. As always, I must emphasise that the risk assessment may change according to the most current situation of the COVID19 pandemic in line with national guidance. **All of the precautions have been put into place to stop the spread of the virus and to ensure that we take as much care as possible. We are following Government guidelines to ensure we reduce the spread of infection.**

Key points to note:

- Bubbles will no longer be closed in the event of a positive case in pupils or staff.
- If several cases occur within the same group of pupils and staff, we will send home a 'Warn and Inform' letter to make you aware.
- If we have five or more cases within the same group, this would be identified as an outbreak and our Outbreak Management Plan would be put in place. The 'Outbreak Management Plan' takes into consideration the amendments that may need to take place to mitigate further risks of cross-infection or the return of Remote Learning.
- Pick up time: please do not crowd together - social distancing must be maintained for everyone's safety.
- Please wait in the designated area for your child's class.
- If anyone in the family tests positive - even on a lateral flow device test - the rest of the family should have a PCR test and isolate until the result is received

Changes to General Operation

- Children will be return to pre-COVID drop off & pick up times of 8.45am - 3.15pm
- Gates are open from 8.45am - 8.55am each morning
- Children will return to sharing toilet areas, playgrounds and the dining hall but increased cleaning procedures and routines will remain in place.
- Children will be with their class teacher and adults as much as possible but there will sometimes be a crossover of staff.

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- Some support staff may cross year group bubbles but will mitigate the risk of infection by keeping to the hygiene guidelines, washing hands between groups.
- Reading books/diaries will be changed/checked more frequently. However, children should only bring essential items to school each day, e.g. lunch box, coat, bag and reading book. No toys, including 'pop its' or additional equipment should be brought in.
- Children will need to bring a labelled water bottle daily – we can refill these and provide water if children forget.
- Water fountains will be used for the refill of water bottles only. Children will not be drinking from the water fountains.
- To reduce the risk to office staff & parents we ask that you continue to communicate via email or phone where possible
- We ask parents to drop off or pick up swiftly and not stay on site any longer than necessary.
- Some staff or parents may wish to continue to wear face masks in crowded areas and we will respect their decision to do this but it is not essential.
- First Aid will take place in the classroom or in location by our trained first aiders wherever possible. They will only visit the school office when essential and cannot be supported in situ
- Paediatric first aiders will attend to more serious injuries wearing gloves and mask if necessary.

Face Coverings

- The Government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet.
- School staff will continue to apply personal discretion to their use of a face covering in communal and small enclosed areas of school. Visitors to school may wish to continue to wear a face covering and it is understandable that some parents may wish to continue to wear face coverings when picking up and dropping off at school. School will respect these personal decisions.

Cleaning, hand hygiene and ventilation

- We will continue with our rigorous stepped-up cleaning regime. This will continue to include regular cleaning of frequently touched areas including door handles, locks and flushes and the toilets. Classroom resources e.g. books, Chromebook will continue to be disinfected regularly.
- As part of our control measures, we will also continue to encourage regular hand washing. We will continue to ensure that your child cleans their hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Rooms will continue to be well ventilated.
- Each classroom will be cleaned at the end of each day by our team of cleaners following government guidelines
- Children can share resources but increased cleaning and hand washing will take place
- Windows and doors will be open where possible to increase ventilation in classrooms. We have been informed by the DFE that schools will receive carbon dioxide monitors to monitor suitable ventilation but await further information.

Extracurricular activities

- We are looking at gradually reintroducing extra-curricular clubs and activities. Further information will be distributed as the term progresses.

Assemblies

- We will be reintroducing assemblies to the whole school, initially delivering to Y1 – 3 and Y4 – 6. We are mindful that many of the younger children have never experienced a whole school assembly in the hall. We hope to be able to resume to assembly pre-pandemic as the term progresses.

Year Group Bubbles

- It is no longer recommended that pupils remain solely in consistent year group 'bubbles.' Pupils will be able to sit in groups at lunchtime and the need to sit facing forwards will no longer be in place. In the classrooms, teachers will also have greater flexibility when organising seating plans.
- To prepare for the event that cases rise, we have a contingency plan to cover the possibility that it may become necessary to reintroduce bubbles for a temporary period in order to reduce the mixing between year groups.

Wrap Around Care

- The Breakfast Club online booking system remains in place and operates from the school hall
- After school club will relocate back to the previous KS1 classroom. Parents should still continue to phone the after-school club number and drop off/ pick up at the Churchley Road entrance. After school club will have a copy of the school risk assessment and be asked to ensure they adhere to school guidelines where applicable.

Online remote learning

- Our remote learning education plans remain in place in the event that your child has to self-isolate or if restrictions are reintroduced. While school attendance is mandatory, remote learning will be provided for pupils who are following clinical or government guidance to stay at home e.g. where they are self- isolating.
- All pupils who are not physically unwell will be given access to remote learning as soon as is reasonably practicable.

And finally ...

I am extremely proud of how resilient our children have been over the past year particularly with numerous bubble isolations, another closure and continued uncertainty. Thank you once again for your continued support and cooperation.

As we look forward to the start of the new school year, our priority remains to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils and minimise the disruption caused by COVID-19. Although we may feel excitement at the prospect of returning to normal pre-covid, we do need to continue to proceed with caution. We need to continue to work together to implement the control measures in school and continue to help reduce the risk of transmission, which will keep our pupils in school.

I will continue to keep you updated if guidance changes or arrangements need to be amended in response to government advice or Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council guidance.

Here's to a great autumn term!

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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Proposed Key Dates for Autumn Term 2021

The autumn term is always very busy (and long!) so there are many important events to enter into your diary. The diary dates are updated on each newsletter as, inevitably, additions and occasional changes do occur. Any amendments will be indicated in red so that they are easy to identify.

Tuesday 7 th September	Y5 swimming starts
Wednesday 8 th September	Weekly FRESH on-site food pantry resumes – all welcome (approx. 1.30pm)
Thursday 9 th September	Y1 vision screening catch up
Thursday 16 th September	Y3 Spanish starts delivered by partner school Cheadle Hulme School
Friday 17 th September	'Meet the Teacher' looms available on class dojo and on individual class web page
Friday 17 th September	EYFS Stay & Play (upto 10.15) followed by Tea & Tissues coffee morning until 11am
Friday 17 th September	Year 6 YOS weekly workshops followed by sport commence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB - Friday 17th September • Knife Crime Awareness - Friday 24th September • Victim Awareness - Friday 1st October • Hate Crime Awareness - Friday 8th October • E - Safety - Friday 15th October • Choices & Consequences - Friday 22nd October
Thursday 23 rd September	Big European Languages Day (KS2 only)
Thursday 7 th October	Prospective Parents (2022 intake) Open Morning at 9.30am
Tuesday 12 th October	Whole school pupil nasal flu vaccination
Tuesday 12 th October	Full Governing Board Meeting 1/6
Tuesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening – up to 6pm
Thursday 21 st October	Parents' Evening – up to 6pm
Friday 22 nd October	Break up for October half term
Monday 1 st November	INSET 2 / 5 – staff only on site
Thursday 4 th November	Individual Photos
Friday 5 th November	EYFS Stay & Play 9am – 10am
w/b Monday 8 th November	KS1 & KS2 Stay & Learn Week – details to follow
Wednesday 17 th November	Prospective Parents (2022 intake) Open Morning at 9.30am
Tuesday 30 th November	Prospective Parents (2022 intake) Open Morning at 9.30am
Tuesday 30 th November	Full Governing Board Meeting 2/6
Wednesday 1 st December	Christmas Tree decorating assembly
Wednesday 15 th December	KS1 (Y1/2) Nativity – 10.30am EYFS Nativity (Nursery, Reception) – 2pm
Thursday 16 th December	EYFS Nativity (Nursery, Reception) – 10.30am KS1 (Y1/2) Nativity – 2pm
Monday 20 th December	KS2 (Y3 – 6) to Stockport Plaza: Dick Whittington
Tuesday 21 st December	UKS2 (Y5/6) Christingle – 2pm and repeated at 6pm
Wednesday 22 nd December	Whole School Christmas Dinner & Party Day
Wednesday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas holidays

Term dates 2021 – 22

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
Autumn 1	Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Friday 22 nd October 2021
Autumn 2	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	Wednesday 22 nd December 2021
Spring 1	Thursday 6 th January 2022	Friday 11 th February 2022
Spring 2	Tuesday 22 nd February 2022	Friday 1 st April 2022
Summer 1	Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Thursday 26 th May 2022
Summer 2	Monday 13 th June 2022	Tuesday 26 th July 2022
INSET days Staff only in attendance	1 Wednesday 1 st September 2021 2 Monday 1 st November 2021 3 Monday 21 st February 2022 4 Friday 27 th May 2022 5 Wednesday 27 th July 2022	