



# Charleston Church of England Academy Newsletter

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Dear Families

The end of another busy week! The children have been starting to really immerse themselves in their new learning and there continues to be a lovely, happy buzz around the school. For children in the EYFS/KS1 bubble, RWI lessons have started this week and Miss Steer started back with us on Monday, supporting PE throughout the school.

We are still making small tweaks to the routines we have in place to keep everyone safe and thank you with your patience with these. We are trying to make school as 'normal' as possible for the children but sometimes even small things take a bit of thought as to how we can safely make them happen, so please bear with us on this.

I am sure that many of you will have seen that many schools in Devon and Plymouth have already had to start closing bubbles. We have been lucky enough to not face this yet, however we have been busy behind the scenes planning for the event of bubble or whole school closures. We will share these plans with you soon.

Below are some updates, reminders and news which I hope you find useful. Whilst our face to face meetings are somewhat limited at the moment, can I remind you that you can email the office or the class email addresses if you have information you need to share with myself or teachers or if you have any questions or queries. Someone will get back to you as soon as reasonably possible!

Have a fabulous weekend

Miss Coombe

Head of Academy.

### **New Reception Children**

We are delighted to welcome 7 new little smiling faces into Start Point this term as they begin their primary school journey. Mrs Brown has had a wonderful few weeks with them, getting to know them and making special memories during their very first term at 'big school'. We have all been blown away by how seamlessly they have adapted to life in and around the academy in our new world of bubbles. We cannot wait to see them grow, learn and develop over the coming days, weeks, months and years here at Charleton



### **New Families**

As well as our new Reception children who have joined the school, we also welcomed a number of new families with children in other year groups this term. The children have all settled in beautifully to their new classes and been welcomed warmly by their classmates. We hope that they all love their time here at Charleton.

### **Birthday Treats**

Some children have asked if they are able to bring treats in to share with their classmates on their birthdays. At the moment, the only way this will be possible is if they are handed in to school three days prior to their birthday. This will allow them to be quarantined for 72 hours before other children take them home.

To try and make birthdays special for children this year we have decided that on their birthday, children will be able to wear 'mufti' as a special treat. If their birthday is on the weekend, they can wear mufti on either the Friday or Monday surrounding the weekend. If your child has already had their birthday this academic year (since September 1st), they can choose a day next week to wear mufti as a catch up treat! Children with birthdays in the school holidays can wear mufti on the last or first day of term surrounding the holidays.

Hopefully this treat will help to make birthdays special in these strange times!

### **Covid Symptoms**

The government advice to schools is very clear that if children or staff have any of the following symptoms; a temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell then that person and their entire household should isolate themselves for 14 days or until there is a negative test result. Please be aware that if your child is sent home or you keep them off with any of these symptoms, we cannot accept them back into school until either after the 14 day period or until you have a negative test result. This is even if they get better after a day or two. We understand the pressure that this puts on families but in current circumstances it is essential that we follow guidelines to keep our community safe

### **Illnesses**

If your child is unwell with any other symptoms then it is up to you to decide if they are well enough to attend school. Normal cold symptoms such as a runny nose and sneezing are not Covid19 symptoms and children are able to attend school where we will ensure that good hand and tissue hygiene will be enforced

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

Thank you to everyone who has made these procedures very smooth this week. Just a couple of reminders. Croft Class are now able to use the new side gate onto the pavement for drop off and pick up.

We also request that parents remember to social distance whilst queuing for their children. From Monday, staff will be wearing visors when welcoming or dismissing children to parents. This is an amendment to our current risk assessment procedures.

### **Support for Families**

Barnardo's 'See, Hear, Respond' service

See, Hear, Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

See, Hear, Respond, provides support to children, young people and their families who aren't currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). See, Hear, Respond will support from pre-birth up to 18 years of age and those with special educational needs under the age of 25.

See, Hear, Respond will contact every referral made, so no child is missed. Help is available in one or more of four ways:

- an online hub of support and information
- online counselling and therapy
- face-to-face support for those most affected and at risk of some of today's most pertinent issues, such as criminal exploitation, and
- helping children and young people reintegrate back into school

You can access via the 'See, Hear, Respond' service self-referral webpage or Freephone 0800 151 7015

### **Forest School**

We are pleased to be welcoming Pete Moore from Forest and Beach back to Charleton. Sessions will start on Wednesday 30th September for Croft and Goodshelter for this term and run every other week up until Christmas. In the Spring term Beesands and Start Point will have their sessions, with the Summer term being shared by all classes. The children will need to be wearing clothes suitable for the outside with wellies and coats suitable for the weather conditions.

### **School Lunch Arrangements**

Thank you to all our families who are using the new pre ordering service for school lunches. Please remember to book by 11.59pm the night before if your child would like lunch for the following day. If you are having any difficulties with the system or can't login, please contact the academy office by email [charleton@lapsw.org](mailto:charleton@lapsw.org).

### **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

The Pupil Premium is additional funding that every school receives so that we can support disadvantaged pupils. The most common reason a pupil receives Pupil Premium funding at our school is because a parent is registered as receiving a benefit that entitles them to Free School Meals. This is not the same as receiving a Universal Free School Meal when your child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2. Children of service personnel and Children Previously Looked After by the Local Authority are also eligible. To apply for free school meals for your child, visit this website - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>