



# Charleton Church of England Academy

Parent Updates Newsletter  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of an extraordinary year I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our children, families and staff for the incredible kindness and fortitude they have shown in meeting the many challenges along the way. As we look forward to a new school year in September it is heartening to reflect that, despite the challenges we have faced, our school family continues to flourish.

I must also take this opportunity to thank my wonderful team. They have worked incredibly hard this year in difficult circumstances to keep the children safe and happy. They have taken on extra break and lunch duties, added cleaning to their lunchtimes and worked around the bubbles to ensure as much normality for the children as possible. I am hugely proud of what they have achieved.

This letter contains updates on the end of this term, but also arrangements for September. Please take time to read them and share with your children to prepare them for their return.

Miss Coombe  
Head of Academy



## **What will I need to know when my child returns in September?**

- There will be no staggered start and end time of the school day.
- School activities, such as assemblies, can include the whole school meaning that children can come together for these times of the school week.
- Each school will have an outbreak management plan that they will put into action in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19.
- Schools will no longer have responsibility for contact tracing but may assist with this as advised.
- From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
- Parents are still required to report all positive tests LFD and PCR to schools as soon as possible.
- Bubbles are no longer required in schools but they may be reintroduced if required as part of advice taken from Public Health England.
- We will continue to update and adapt our school risk assessment following up to date government guidance and this information will be available.
- The system of controls such as handwashing, ventilation and enhanced cleaning will continue to form an important part of controlling COVID-19.

## **Face Coverings**

The government is removing the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they be worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. We would strongly recommend that, where possible, you would continue to wear a face covering when dropping and collecting your child to and from school. I am sure that we all want to ensure

that we are doing everything that we can to keep our school community safe and this action will support this. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. If you have concerns about your child attending school, please can I ask that you discuss these concerns with us and we will do everything possible to support you and your child in feeling confident to return to school in September.

All clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people should attend school unless they are under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their clinician or other specialist not to attend. If you feel that this is applicable to your child then, again, please do contact me as soon as possible to discuss this.

### **Positive rapid lateral flow test results**

Anyone with a positive test result will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance](#)
- [book a further test](#) (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, your child should continue to self-isolate.

If you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test please do not send your child to school. This is inclusive when:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are [required to quarantine](#)

You should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that your child returns to school in the correct uniform (including the correct PE kit). When the cooler weather arrives, children are permitted to wear extra layers of clothing if they wish as spaces are ventilated. Please can you support your child to wear suitable layers as near to the colour of their school uniform as possible. Thank you for your support with this. You can order school uniform from Price and Buckland - <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/charleton>

If you would like to refer to the government guidance for parents and carers in full, please follow this link: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The advertisement features a pink and teal background. At the top, the Price & Buckland logo is displayed. The main headline reads 'ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE'. Below this, a smartphone screen shows a selection of school uniforms. A yellow circular badge on the right side of the phone screen says 'ORDER BY 1ST AUGUST to ensure delivery before the start of term'. Below the phone, the text states: 'Our uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland, who have been manufacturing exceptional schoolwear since 1959. Visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.' The 'HOW TO ORDER' section is presented in a numbered list: 1. Visit the school finder located on the Price and Buckland website. 2. Browse the range and buy your uniform. 3. Enter your delivery details and await your order. 4. Register your details or log in to your account to view your order status and history. At the bottom, a yellow button contains the website address 'price-buckland.co.uk' with a mouse cursor pointing to it.

## **Year 6**

Today we say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6 cohort and wish them well as they leave us for their secondary schools. This cohort are incredibly talented and have been a joy to have in the school, we will miss them immensely.

Congratulations to Zak Alcroft who was awarded the Hilary Quick Memorial Cup yesterday for his excellent achievements during his time with us at Charleton. Also, congratulations to Jamie Balaam who was awarded the Spirit of Devon for his achievements during this very different school year.



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## **Welcome to new members of our school family**

As well as our new Reception children we are delighted to be welcoming new children across Good Shelter and Croft classes to our school family in September.

## **Timings for September**

As staggered starts and ends to the day are no longer required we will be returning to our previous timings. Please see below.

**Gates open - 8.30am**

**Lessons Start - 8.50am**

**End of day - 3.15pm**

### **Soul Food Kingsbridge**

This Summer Soul Food Kingsbridge will be providing free in person freshly cooked lunches for four Tuesdays in the summer holidays (3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th August) at Kingsbridge Methodist Church with the option to deliver (if transport or accessibility is an issue).

Spaces will be limited and families will need to pre-book their lunch slot each week. There will be children's activities (soft play/ bouncy castle) as well as a free lunch upstairs from 11.30am until 2pm.

**Soul food**  
A TOWN WIDE INITIATIVE OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES

**Join us for a  
FREE LUNCH this  
Summer**

KINGSBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH  
11 : 30 am – 14 : 00 pm

Email: Soulfoodkingsbridge@gmail.com for more information and to book your space.

**TUESDAY 3rd , 10th , 17th , 24th August 2021**

FREE FRESHLY COOKED LUNCH\* // SOFT PLAY // BOUNCY CASTLE //  
GAMES // COLOURING // BOOKING ESSENTIAL—SPACES LIMITED //

\*Priority is given to free school meal recipients or current clients of the Food Bank.

### **New website for parents to boost child's learning and wellbeing this summer**

The Department for Education has launched a brand new site, designed especially for parents, with the support, information and resources they need to help their children enjoy the summer holidays and prepare for the next academic year.

The site features links to programmes, activities, resources and videos to boost children's learning and wellbeing aimed at parents of 0-19 year olds, with extra information for parents of SEND children. Please share this site with families and carers in your school community

Families can also explore themed activities in their local area and nationally with the [Rediscover Summer](#) campaign, from sport and creativity to nature and heritage.

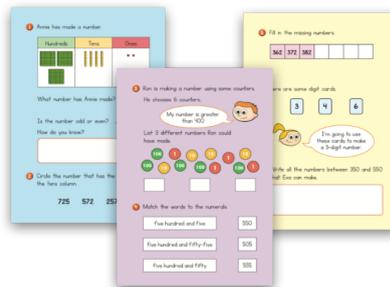
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## White Rose Maths Free Resources For Families

<https://whiterosemaths.com/morrison/>



White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, Morrisons, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and FREE workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.



Parents and carers can collect the books from 2nd August onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.

## Summer Library Reading Challenge



### Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

Visit your local library this summer to take part in the Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge. This year The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create an exciting challenge which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live. With stickers to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. Children who manage to read 6 or more books will earn a special medal and certificate.

Wild World Heroes launches on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July and runs until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021. You can find out more here [Devon Libraries](#) or here [Torbay Libraries](#)



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