



Charleton Church of England Academy

Parent Updates Newsletter
Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term 2022! I trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed time together with your families and friends.

We return to an exciting new year and term with lots planned for the children. Again, we face uncertainty moving forward about what the term may look like due to COVID but we are doing all we can to maintain normality and consistency for the children.

You will have seen in the media, the speculation over staffing issues in schools. We are already facing some staffing challenges this term so request that you have patience and understanding as some things may not be quite the same as normal or quite as efficient as staff prioritise the children's learning in the classroom. As we move forwards, we really appreciate the support you showed the school last term and hope that this is able to continue into the new year. In particular, we need your support with testing if your child has symptoms or is feeling unwell. The quicker any cases are identified and isolated, the less the spread will be and the likelihood of any impact on the children's schooling reduces. Please see the guidelines below for the most recent updates.

Best Wishes

Miss K Coombe

Head of Academy

Residentials

A few parents have enquired whether these will still be going ahead this year. At this present time, both Residentials are going ahead. A separate letter will be going out regarding the Year 5 & 6 Residential including the payment deadline.

Curriculum Maps

You should have received your child's curriculum map this week, alongside this newsletter. Please contact the office if you have not received it.

After School Clubs

Our Eco Club and Premier Sports Club will be running this term starting next week. Eco Club will be on Tuesdays from 3.15 to 4.15 and Premier Sports on a Friday 3.15 to 4.15. If your child would like to sign up to either, please let Mrs Jeffery in the office know.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, including school shoes **not trainers**. Details can be found on our school website. Extra layers can be worn over school uniform if your child is feeling the cold from the ventilation we currently need to have.

Jewellery

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school for safety reasons with the exception of a watch and stud earrings. I have noticed a number of children have returned to school wearing hoop earrings which are not suitable for school. Please ensure that these earrings are swapped for stud replacements or staff will have to ask children to remove them on safety grounds.

Staffing Updates

We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed Natasha Ive as a full time Family Support Worker and DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) to work across our three schools in the South Hams Hub. Mrs Ive has a wealth of experience in family support and is very excited to be joining our team. She will be out and about across the Hub meeting parents and staff over the next few weeks.

Job news - We are recruiting!

Do you have a genuine interest in food and nutrition? Are you highly motivated, with a can-do attitude and exceptional service? Apply now for our Catering Assistant and Cleaning post, based in beautiful Charleton. For more information and to apply please click the link below.

<https://www.lapsw.co.uk/vacancies/>

Catering Assistant / Cleaner - Charleton C Of E Academy

Location:	Charleton C of E Academy
Contract Type:	Permanent
Hours:	28.50
Weeks Per Year:	41
Hourly Rate:	9.43
Salary Grade:	Grade B
Closing Date:	10/01/2022

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COVID Updates

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools, and colleges during COVID-19

The return to school in January can sometimes cause concern especially when the national picture is changing so quickly. We are confident that, due to the high number of Covid cases in Devon during the autumn, schools already have extra protective measures in place. This means children returning to school after the Christmas break will not see anything significantly different.

Schools, including special schools will have informed parents of the day their children will return to school in January. This information will also be on their website so it is really important that you check your schools regular on-line communication as your child prepares to return to school.

Many secondary schools are operating a staggered return so that they can carry out onsite Covid lateral flow testing. Where this is the case families will have been informed directly.

If you have not been told about your school testing on site then secondary students should ensure they have a negative lateral flow test before they return to school as has been the case all term

The Department for Education have provided [detailed information for parents which was updated on the 14th December](#) and covers:

- registered **childcare providers** (including nurseries and childminders)
 - **primary and secondary schools** (including independent schools, maintained schools, academy trusts, free schools, and special schools)
 - **colleges** (for the purposes of this guidance 'colleges' means publicly funded sixth form and further education colleges, independent training providers and special post-16 institutions).
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- From 14 December 2021, the following contacts of a positive COVID-19 case are [strongly advised](#) to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result:
 - Adults who are fully vaccinated (2 doses of an approved vaccine)
 - All children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months
 - People who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
 - People taking part, or who have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine
 - This means that the people listed above:
 - Don't need to self-isolate for up to 10 days as a result of being a contact of Omicron, or
 - Take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test if a contact of other variants