



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Headteachers Friday Letter

Dear parents and carers,

We have now reached the end of our first full week at school. I would like to thank you all for your co-operation and support during this time. I think the drop off and pick-ups have improved but to further help with these can we do the following from Monday:

1. Please arrive at your designated time in the morning. This has enabled us to let the children in as quickly as possible and children aren't waiting outside getting cold and upset.
2. At the end of the school day, please wait in the designated playground space in order to aid dismissal and to reduce congestion on the pavement.
3. When your child(ren) has been picked up please leave the playground and try to avoid congregating outside the school gate / fence.
4. Having monitored the arrival and dismissal, I am now asking **our parents/carers to wear a face covering for drop off/pickup** due to the large number of people arriving together. I hope you understand my decision, I have promised to put safety first at all times and thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Following a number of queries from parents regarding the procedure for unwell children, please find below the process.

Symptoms

The following are all symptoms of Covid-19; in the event that your child displays any one or a combination of these this could mean that your child has contracted the virus:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back or have a temperature of over 37.8 degrees
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

What to do if your child has symptoms

Whilst we are aware that a high temperature can be a symptom of many childhood illnesses prevalent at this time of year, I have sought advice from Public Health England who have advised the following;

- If your child has a temperature of over 37.8 degrees you must keep them off school; contact your GP to ascertain if your child requires a test for Covid-19. Do not mask symptoms with medication and send your child into school.
- In the event that the GP advises a test is not required, keep your child at home until their temperature returns to normal.

- Should your child develop a new and persistent cough, keep them off school and make arrangements for a Covid-19 test. If this is negative the child can return to school, and we politely request that you provide us with a copy of the negative test result.
- If your child has a combination of the symptoms; keep your child off school and make arrangements for a Covid-19 test. If this is negative the child can return to school, and again request that you provide us with a copy of the negative test result.

Whilst we do our very best to exercise common sense in all cases, we must at this stage take a cautious approach, given that the levels of infection in the local area are increasing. We are of course, sympathetic to the fact that asking you to take your child for a test before they can return to school can put additional stress on the family; we must however remain vigilant to protect everyone in the school community. I'm sure you appreciate that it could only take one child with Covid-19 to force us to close whole classes (self-isolating for 14 days), possibly leading to the closure of whole year groups and even the short term closure of the whole school. I do not want to be in this position and will continue with the cautious approach.

In all cases, if the child showing symptoms has sibling/s who live with them in the household, we ask that they are also kept off whilst you either seek advice from the GP or await the outcome of the Covid-19 test.

It is inevitable that children will get colds, sore throats, sickness bugs and even chicken pox. For these illnesses, please follow the normal sickness procedures.

I understand the extra level of caution can impact on you and your family and it may seem that we are being over cautious but please think about the context; we have 50 staff, 381 children and each day we have around 300 parents at pick up and drop off – that's around 731 possible contacts each day and once you consider the wider spreading ripples of each person's subsequent contacts in the day, you can understand that we have no choice but to be cautious.

We really appreciate the support we have had from parents so far, everyone has been understanding of the measures we have to put in place and have responded amazingly well to them all.

As always, thank you for your understanding and patience at this time.

During the period of lockdown many of your children took part in the competition for the #100point club. It was so successful that we ended up with the #300point club

The children received a badge of gold for the #300point club, silver for the #200point club and bronze for the #100 point club.

Bronze - #100 point club

- Ruby Tipping
- Riley Tipping
- Gabriel Birchall
- Zach Jenkins
- Jude Jenkins
- Joshua Jackson
- Layla Meek
- Pippa Barlow
- Lois Barlow
- Georgia Bennett
- Lottie Lee
- Demilee Holdcroft
- Harrison Moore
- Harriett Lilley

Silver - #200 point club

- Tobias Lindsay Cope
- Cara Daley
- Dillon Carnell
- Brandon Carnell

- Kayla Leese
- Charlie Sidebottom
- Lily Wilshaw
- Marcie Elliot
- Evie Hill
- Heidi Podmore
- Harriett Podmore
- Lucy Millward
- Myles Brown
- Myla Brown
- Danny Brown
- Jack Coomer
- Harrison Wright
- Logan Harrison

Gold - #300 point club

- Emily Phillips
- Isobel Woodcock
- Max Cartwright
- Tilly Cosens
- Mia Hastings
- Lily Hastings
- Seren Taylor
- Oliver Cooper
- Amelia Elkins-Shaw
- India Scott
- Ella Scott

We also appointed our head boy and girl team for the year 2020-2021. Congratulations to:

Pippa Barlow – Head Girl

Layla Meek – Deputy Head Girl

Danny Brown – Head Boy

Jacob Bomparola – Deputy Head Boy

We have started our celebrations back in school however we cannot have a celebration assembly and I really miss these. We will not be sending certificates for headteacher award and stars of the day to limit paper transfer but your child will receive a badge.

Stars of the week



Name	Class	Reason
Arya Jones	Nursery	For being caring, enthusiastic and listening well
April Morgan	RSJ	For settling well into school life
Neaveah Thorley	RSN	For an amazing week of learning
Lucas Beeston	1R	For wonderful writing

Jenson Dale	1M	For working really hard
Kadie Brown	2P	For being a lovely person
Lily Irene Cork	2M	Fabulous start to year 2
Lucas Hackney	3A	Fantastic rhyming couplets in English
Marcie Elliot	3L	For always working hard
Blake Christer	4J	Enthusiastic start to year 4
Aaliyah Hubble	4B	Excellent attitude to work
Alisha Owen	5DS	For hard work and enthusiasm
Jack Coomer	5HS	For an excellent start to year 5
William Wang	6C	Exceptional start to year 6
Zak Smart	6S	Excellent attitude to all his learning, focused at all times

Headteacher's Star of the Week



Name	Class	Reason
Ruby Sargeant	Nursery	Super attitude and excellent start to school
Lilly-Rose Lawson Keen	Reception	For settling well into Reception and always greeting me with a smile
Oliver Fox	KS1	Excellent English and maths work
Olivia Hammonds	LKS2	Excellent attitude to school
Joab Richards	UKS2	For being brave

From next week, we will include our attendance award and team of the week.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of school then please contact dbeardsmore@cfp.school and I will get back to you. Remember if you wish to see the class teacher you need to make an appointment in advance. When entering the school building, you need to continue to wear your mask.

Can I say a sad goodbye to Grace, Oscar and Rory Bailey who will be leaving us. We wish you well in your new school and we will miss you all.

Have a fantastic weekend. I am hopefully going for a long walk tomorrow, so fingers crossed the weather is good.

With my best wishes,
Diane Beardsmore
Head teacher