

Cherry Lane Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

On behalf of the staff at Cherry Lane, firstly may I say a warm 'welcome back' to everyone. It is the beginning of a new school year and a fresh start for everyone. I hope you had a lovely summer break. Your children have been wonderful during this first full week back at school. This week we have been getting to know your children, focusing on well-being and settling the children back into the 'normal' routines of school life. It was lovely to see all them back and of course and meet our new Reception and Nursery children. Welcome to any new children who have also joined our school. The children look very smart in their school uniform, thank you for making such an effort with this. Just a reminder - please name all uniform, especially jumpers and cardigans!

It is wonderful to be able to relax some of the procedures that we had in place last term and to see the pupils enjoying this, for example eating in the hall again. We are planning lots of exciting things for this academic year, for example history workshops, sports competitions and much more. The children are looking forward to putting on their class assemblies throughout the year and we are excited to invite families to watch these and to join us in other events this year.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. As always, we look forward to working with you this year and receiving your continued support. Thank you.

Wishing everyone at Cherry Lane a very successful year. Miss Tranter

Congratulations

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Farah Chowdhury will be appointed, unopposed, to the Board of Governors as Parent Governor, at the next Governing Board meeting.

Parent Governors play an important part in the running and development of our School and are valued members of the team. They play a vital role in ensuring the Governing Body is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

We would like to welcome Mrs Chowdhury who has children in both Year 5 and Year 6 to the board and we look forward to her support in the strategic running of our school.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Haigh
Chair of Governing Body

Staffing

Mrs Quainoo is recovering from a procedure and will hopefully be back on Monday 27th September. The supply teacher, Miss Ahsan, will continue covering the class until her return.

Breakfast Club

We are now able to run Breakfast Club in two groups (rather than year group bubbles) – Reception to year 3 (downstairs hall) and year 4 to 6 (upstairs hall). Although, we have been able to return to some practices prior to Covid, we are still asking families who wish pupils to attend breakfast club to do so by arrangement only. Places, at present, are being given to families who are unable to drop their children at the actual start time for their year groups eg work commitments. All pupils attending breakfast club will remain under breakfast club staff supervision until school start time.

Parent Pay & School Lunches

All school lunches are to be booked via Parent Pay before 9pm every Wednesday evening for the following week. There is plenty of time to book meals, Thursday until Wednesday every week, as you can access your Parent Pay accounts anytime during this period to book your children's meals.

If you have problems booking meals or forget to do so the school office will not be able to book meals for you on Thursday morning as the figures go straight to the kitchen, who have to order food for the coming week. If no meals have been booked you will have to provide a packed lunch for your child for the following week.

Please note that if you are Free School Meals or have children in Reception and Key Stage 1 you can book meals as far in advance as you like.

Covid19 update

There are three key changes:

1. Mixing and 'bubbles'

Keeping pupils or students in year group or classroom bubbles to reduce mixing is no longer a requirement.

2. Tracing close contacts

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. Schools are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.

3. Face coverings

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.

So, what will stay the same?

Coronavirus hasn't gone away so there will still be a need for schools, pupils and students to follow basic measures to avoid the spread of the virus:

- Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools.
- Ensuring good hygiene including frequent and thorough hand cleaning and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

What if someone tests positive or has symptoms? Do they need to isolate?

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 either according to a PCR test or a lateral flow device test – this means you have the virus. If you get a positive LFD test you should book a PCR test. A negative PCR test will override a positive LFD test, if taken within 2 days of the LFD test.

Pupils should only self-isolate if they have symptoms or if they get a positive PCR or Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test.

If they develop symptoms or get a positive LFD test they should book a PCR test. A positive PCR test cannot be overridden. If a pupil is asked to get a PCR test as a result of contact with a positive case they may continue to attend education until they get the result of their PCR back.

And what will happen for people who have been in contact with positive cases?

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while awaiting the result of the PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

If none of the above applies, people should self-isolate [as per the instructions from NHS Test and Trace](#).

But what if there are a number of cases in one school or college?

If there are a number of cases in one school or college, there is advice in place so teachers and staff know what to do.

Schools and colleges will do everything they can to minimise the impact on education and attendance, so might decide to introduce measures like:

- Increased testing
- Temporarily reintroducing face coverings for adults and;
- Restricting attendance as a short-term measure and only as a last resort.

More information on the guidance the DfE has issued to education settings is available on

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011704/20210817_Contingency_Framework_FINAL.pdf

Cherry Lane's Covid Outbreak Management Plan can be found on the school website

<https://www.cherrylane.hillingdon.sch.uk/key-data/covid-documentation>

Medical Appointments

Wherever possible **ALL** Doctors, Dental & Hospital appointments must be made out of school time. If this is not possible you must notify the school office of dates, times and provide proof of appointments whether it is in letter, text or email form. If an appointment has to be made over the phone you must provide proof of your attendance.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

**The school Photographer will be visiting on
Tuesday 11th October & Wednesday 12th October to
take individual and sibling photos**

Reporting an absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness or will miss registration due to attending a medical appointment you **MUST** contact the school office either by phone and **NOT** their Class Teacher. All absences must be reported by 9am on each morning of your child's absence. If the school office has not been notified of your child's absence you will receive an automated message, known as a Truancy Call.

Truancy Call

Truancy Call is a daily automated messaging service that is sent to mobile phone numbers of parent/carers of those children absent from school with parental responsibility. These calls **MUST** be responded to as it is a safeguarding issue for children not attending school. Failing to respond to these calls will result in your child's absence being recorded as **UNAUTHORISED**. These calls are monitored by our Attendance Officer, Mrs Ramsay, who may refer your details to the Local Authority for non-attendance.

School Uniform Ordering Information

We have made some changes for obtaining school uniform. We will no longer be offering uniform via the school shop.

You can now order and pay for our full school uniform online from School Trends by following the link:-

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/CherryLanePrimarySchoolUB79DL>

Alternatively go to the website address www.schooltrends.co.uk then select 'Find My School' and follow the order instructions.

There are no minimum order quantities and your uniform will be delivered directly to your chosen address. As well as our approved school uniform, you are also able to order plain items such as trousers, skirts and shirts.

Other ordering information including sizes, delivery information and the returns procedure is also available online.



14th September – Year 4 Parents Meeting @ 3pm (Upper Hall)

16th September – Year 5 Parents Meeting @ 3pm

17th September – Year 2 Parents Meeting @ 3pm (Lower Hall)

21st September – Year 3 Parents Meeting @ 2.45pm (Lower Hall)

21st September – Year 1 – Parents Meeting @ 2.50pm (Upper Hall)

22nd September – Year 6 Parent Meeting @ 3pm (in 6G Classroom)

22nd September – Rec Year Parents Meeting @ 2.50pm (Upper Hall)

27th September – Year 2 History Workshop

1st October – World Multiplication Day

11th & 12th – School Photographs

W/C 18th October – Parent Consultations

8th November – Year 3 History Workshop

15th November – Year 1 History Workshop



Autumn Term - 2021

Autumn 1 starts: Thursday, 2nd September

Half Term: Monday, 25th Oct - Friday, 29th Oct

Autumn 2 ends: Monday, 1st November

Term Ends: Friday, 17th December @ 2pm

Spring 1 starts: Tuesday, 4th January

Half term: Mon 14th Feb - Fri 18th Feb

Spring 1 ends: Friday, 1st April @ 2pm