

7th March 2022

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

It was great to see so many of you back in the school grounds at drop-off this morning, it feels like we are gradually returning to normal. Just a reminder that access inside the school buildings remains restricted and by appointment only at this time. We continue to take some measures to minimise our risks as we still have a number of staff and children affected by Covid. We have worked hard to ensure that our website is kept up to date and so can act as the primary source of information to address day to day queries, and this has worked successfully throughout the pandemic. For any queries that cannot be answered by looking at the website, please feel free to either drop us an email or give the school office a call where a member of the team will be happy to help you.

You will receive an email later this week about booking an appointment for the Spring Parents' evenings which take place at the end of the month. These meetings will remain virtual via either a zoom or phone meeting. However, with many activities returning to normal, we would like to hear from you about your preference for the format of parents' evenings next academic year, so will be sending out a survey on this shortly.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Ukraine collection. We were overwhelmed with people's generosity and quick response. A big thank you to Basingstoke Skip Hire who arranged the van and collections from both schools. Please see the photos attached of amazing quantities donated at both schools.



We are all deeply concerned about the situation in the Ukraine and inevitably, the situation and its dominance in the news is leading to questions in the classroom from curious and sometimes anxious children. Teachers will be addressing questions from pupils sensitively both in class and in assemblies.

If you are having conversations with you children at home, this article provides some helpful advice - [How to talk to children about what's happening in Ukraine and World War Three anxiety](#)

If, as an adult, you are concerned about the situation, this is a useful resource - [How to manage anxiety around the Russian/Ukraine war](#)

Thank you.

The CHPS Team