

22 June 2021

Year 3 Induction - changes based on current guidance

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

After careful consideration and in adherence to the latest government guidance, it is with deep regret that we are *not* be able to carry out the proposed transition day for *all* pupils joining us in September as we had originally planned. Instead as we have redesigned our transition in such a way as to maintain the integrity of the bubbles and adhere to the system of controls the school has in place.

We will continue to host the pupils from Castle Hill Infant School on July 2nd, as they are already in a year group bubble, but unfortunately the children who are coming from other schools will not be able to attend this session as we have to avoid mixing children from different schools.

We appreciate this is disappointing, so wanted to offer you and your child an alternative transition option. Instead of coming in on Friday 2nd July, we are offering your child, accompanied by 1 parent, the opportunity to visit the school on a one-to-one basis with their class teacher. The visit itself will take place after the school day (from 15:30) and will last approximately 20 minutes. They will be shown all the relevant areas of the school and will be able to spend their time – the classroom, shared area and outdoor playgrounds. There will also be the opportunity to ask any questions.

To minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19, the following practices will be in place during your visit:

- You and your child will be provided with hand-sanitiser to use before entering the school building.
- The majority of this meeting will happen outside, so please dress appropriately.
- Only one parent can accompany your child to this meeting and they must where a face mask at all times whilst inside the building. Your child does not need to wear a face mask.
- We ask that you maintain social distancing at all times.

If you would like to make an appointment to come in and meet with the class teacher, then you can choose from the following dates:

- Tuesday 13th July
- Wednesday 14th July
- Thursday 15th July

Please email <u>y3starters@chjs.net</u> with your two preferred dates and times (between 15:30 and 16:30). The class teacher will then get in touch to organise a visit which is most convenient. If you decide that you do not want to arrange a visit, this is absolutely fine, but please can you email the above address stating this is your preference.

We thank you for your patience and support during the transition process. We are incredibly excited to begin the junior school journey with your child/ren and cannot wait to welcome them to the CHPS family.

Kind Regards

CHPS Year 3 Team