

Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. We have been so impressed with the start to extra-curricular clubs over the last week. The engagement and positivity students have shown for the clubs they have decided to join has been truly inspiring to see. Well done to all those who have joined a club and if your child wants to join one, please use the School Gateway app to book them on.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to thank all parents who have accessed our virtual Year group parent events. These have been recorded and Year 7, 10 and 11 are now available to view (Year 8 and 9 will be uploaded here during the course of next week) on our website using the following link: <https://www.chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk/parents/year-group-information-evenings-videos>

Over the course of the last couple of weeks, we have had reports about some issues in the local area. Please can I ask you to remind your son/daughter about the importance of personal safety as they travel to and from school. In particular, they should not walk home alone through the park or other areas that may be considered short cuts. If they have any specific concerns they should talk to a member of staff at the school.

We will also be reminding students over the course of next week that they should not walk to school with their phones or other electronic devices in their hands. We will also advise them to keep any valuable items out of sight and not to walk to school wearing earphones, so they are able to be completely aware of their surroundings and ensure their safety.

Please see below for messages we will be sharing with students about road safety:

Road Safety Good Practice for students:

- Walk sensibly on all pavements, particularly where width has been restricted.
- Do not walk in large groups. Space out and walk individually or in pairs.
- When you need to cross a road always **STOP, LOOK (BOTH WAYS), LISTEN.**
- Only cross the road when it is free from traffic in BOTH directions and it is safe to cross.
- Concentrate fully when you are near busy roads.
- **DO NOT WEAR EARPHONES.**
- **PUT YOUR PHONE AWAY.** (It distracts you. You MUST be looking at the roads NOT your phone.)

Next week is **Bike to School week**. We want to encourage as many of our students, who can, to get involved as we have good cycle storage for students to lock their bikes away during the school day. Cycling to school has several positive benefits for our children both in terms of their physical and mental health. It is also a great positive travel habit to establish early in the academic year and very beneficial for our environment. We look forward to seeing our students arrive on their bikes next week.

As you will be aware, the UK's Chief Medical Officers have announced this week that all 12-15 year olds will be offered a first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine as part of the next phase of the national vaccination programme.

In Manchester, vaccinations will be organised by the NHS School Health Immunisation Service. This is the team who deliver the range of other vaccinations across the city's schools as part of their regular work so they are experienced at delivering vaccines. It is this team that will inform, provide guidance and seek consent from parents. At this point we have not received any further information about when the programme is scheduled. As soon as we have an update, we will contact parents. In the meantime, please find attached the information from them that may address any questions about the vaccinations process and the most up to date advice regarding Covid-19 symptoms.

Next week we will hold our annual Open Evening and we have many student volunteers helping us with this event. We want to thank all those who have offered their support to the school during this evening.

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend,
Chorlton High School

