

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Around 20% of the pupils in the school are entitled to Free School Meals. The government announced changes to the entitlement criteria for free school meals from September 2026 – there are now two different types of free school meals, known as 'targeted' and 'expanded'.

Targeted Free School Meals

Families who receive any of the following are eligible for 'targeted' free school meals –

- Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit

Expanded Free School Meals

Families in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 will be entitled to 'expanded' free school meals.

If you are eligible for Targeted Free School Meals then you can apply for additional Financial Assistance for Uniform and Trips (see below) where needed.

If you think your child may be eligible please go to <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We can support with the cost of uniform:

We have tried hard to make sure that uniform is largely available from supermarkets and keeping the ties in school saves 50% from the uniform shops.

If you are in receipt of Targeted Free School Meals and are struggling with the costs of branded compulsory uniform (blazers and PE tops) please email s.curzon@cca.staffs.sch.uk to request support in the end of June ready for the next academic year.

Please note – this must be purchased for you and not reimbursed if you purchase.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We can support with the costs of trips:

When a trip is advertised, if you are in receipt of Targeted Free School Meals and wish to apply for support please email s.curzon@cca.staffs.sch.uk who will confirm eligibility and request that the amount to be paid is reduced on Parent Pay.

WHO'S WHO - PASTORAL

(if you have questions about welfare)

Head of KS2: Mr M Hodson

Head of KS3: Mrs E Miller

Pupil support: Mrs D Stangroom

SENCO: Miss T Woodward

Assistant Principal: Behaviour and Welfare:
Mrs H Dawson

Principal: Mrs T Thorn
Assistant Principal & Pupil Premium Lead: Mr S Curzon

All of our email addresses follow the same format –

initial.surname@cca.staffs.sch.uk

WHO'S WHO - ACADEMIC

(if you have questions about curriculum)

Heads of department:

Art & Technology: Miss D Fares

Computing: Mr G Coulson

English: Mrs K Howard

French: Mrs S Taylor

Geography: Mrs J Croasdale

History: Mr S Pellington

Music: Mr K Harrison

PE: Mr C Bailey

PSHE: Mrs C Thomas

RE: Mrs L Nicholson-Ward

Science: Mrs E Miller



SENCO: Miss T Woodward

Assistant Principal:
Teaching and Learning:
Mrs L Nicholson-Ward

Principal / Curriculum: Mrs T Thorn
Assistant Principal / Data: Mr S Curzon

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WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO PROVIDE

Teaching:

- Running like a secondary school with specialist teachers.
- Making sure that there are 6 sets in English and Maths in all years to help your child receive more appropriate teaching.
- A model of setting of 1,1,2,2,3,3 in English so that more pupils can reach for their true potential in English.
- Nurture Group in Year 5 to support transition for those who need further support in English and Maths, lessons taught by the same teacher, who is also our Specialist SENCO Miss Woodward.
- Fortnightly Literacy Lessons for all Year 5 pupils to support with this key skill.
- Interventions in English and Maths with CCA staff throughout the year. Use of external tutoring in Maths to support those most in need.
- Mixed Ability teaching groups for all non-Core (English and Maths) subjects.
- Use of our assessment and reporting systems – GREAT which are designed to be more accessible and understandable.
- Quality Teaching: Ensuring that all lessons are good or better.
- Funding of specialist resources such as Star Reader and spag.com.
- Relentless focus upon recognition of 4R's.
- Assessment strategies in Science structured to allow for the utilisation of alternative skills and inclusive assessment that focuses on multiple skill sets.

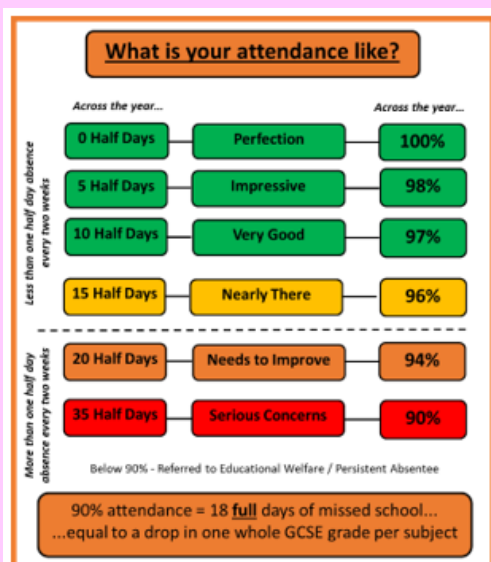
Targeted Academic Support:

- Intervention for those in need.
- Creation of the CCA Excellence Programme.
- Pupil Welfare Officer (Mrs Stangroom) and Inclusion Support Officer (tbc).
- Enhanced transition arrangements for those in need.
- Peer mentoring programme for KS2 pupils.
- Heads of Year in all Year Groups.

Wider Strategies:

- Provision of branded uniform for those in need, re-gifting of pre-loved uniform for all.
- Reduction in cost of trips (for those in financial need) to enhance experiences of pupils in all years.
- A broad and comprehensive extra-curricular offer.
- Relentless focus upon attendance.
- Continued use of app and creation of Social Media pages to help parental engagement.

ATTENDANCE



USEFUL LINKS

School website: www.christchurchacademy.co.uk

Please contact the school for a log-in for your 'My Child at School' App.

X (Twitter): @CCASStone

Instagram: [cca.stone](#) [the.arts.cca](#) [cca_pe](#)

Facebook: [Christ Church Academy, Stone](#)

School email: office@cca.staffs.sch.uk

School phone number: 01785 334900