

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of the support and patience so far this year because it has been a busy one! We continue to feel the impact of the pandemic on our lives and families – this is truly one of the most testing times we have ever experienced as a community. As time passes, both staff and parents continue to find positive ways forward during this constant pressure and changes.

The children have been an absolute credit to us all and settled in really well in to their new classes. Every child is becoming more confident and independent in accessing resources around the classroom and outside. It's so wonderful to see lots of new friendships blossoming! The children look very smart in their uniform and really understand the new expectations well.

After half term, we are looking forward to our virtual parent/teacher conversations where phone calls will be made and a report sent out. Please have any questions ready and a separate letter will go out.

At CHS, our behaviour rules are: **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. Please talk to your children about how they follow our school rules on a consistent basis.....many children go 'Over and Above' with demonstrating our rules and school values. Please encourage them with this brilliant behaviour and continue to congratulate them for doing well.

We all wish you and your family a lovely half term.

Miss Fowles

REMINDERS

Inset and Half-Term

Pupils break up for half-term – Friday 23rd October 2020
Half-Term (Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020)
Monday 2nd November 2020 - INSET Day (pupils not in school)

Bonfire Dinner – Thursday 5th November 2020
International School Meals Day – Wednesday 11th November 2020
School Photographer in School – has been **postponed until March 2021**



Health and Safety – *Stay Safe*

Thank you to all parents wearing face masks and distancing.
Gates - will be open from 8.30am until 8.55am and 2.45pm until 3.05pm.
Masks - it is Solihull MBC's mandatory request that masks are worn on playgrounds.

Community police will be carrying out stop checks



Chuckles and Chums Childcare

Chuckles and Chums - for children aged 4-11 years (7.30am-5.30pm).
If you need any childcare please telephone 0121 779 8073.



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INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

All applications for school places for September 2021 have to be made via the Council website: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions>. If you live outside Solihull you must apply to your local council even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application.

Information for Year 6 Parents – applying for a Secondary School place for September 2021

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 (current Year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2021. Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is **31st October 2020**. Offer day is 1st March 2021.

Information for Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2021

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 start full-time school in September 2021. This first year is called 'Reception'. Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is **15th January 2021**. Offer day is 16th April 2021.

Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2021

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you can apply for 30 hours free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2021. These applications are now made directly to schools and not via Admissions. CHS offer 15 hours a week (5 x 3 hour sessions). The additional 15 hours can be applied for at Chuckles and Chums (if entitled). Please email the school office on office@chs.solihull.sch.uk, telephone 0121 779 8070 or call into the school office for an application form.

Please note that all admissions are now completed online (with the exception of Nursery). If you do not have access to a computer you can visit any library and use the computers there. Please do not miss the deadlines and please ensure that you complete the form with admissions.

REPORTING BACK

Donations



Thank you to the parents and Around Again Social Supermarket, who generously donated food items for our Breakfast Club and families in the local community.

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PARENT INFORMATION

SATs for Pupils in Year 6

Monday 10th May 2021 to Thursday 13th May 2021 are the provisional dates for Year 6 SATs. Please make a note of the dates in your diary. As you know Year 6 is a critical year for pupils and excellent attendance is expected.

Could your child be eligible for extra funding?

Please click on the link and complete the online application for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium to find out: www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm



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Concerns – Safety of Parking/Entrance Access – We need you to:

- **Reduce your speed** in and around the school site. The speed limit is 5mph on school property. Be observant when reversing and when driving through the walkway at each entrance.
- **Park legally, and with consideration to residents and others**, leaving access to the school and resident's driveways free.
- **Keep music and noise down** as some residents work shifts so may be trying to sleep.
- Do not park under the barrier or on the curved part of the front entrance, delivery vehicles need to have access and this causes a safety hazard. If you park in this way and your vehicle is damaged the school is not responsible.
- Ideally, park away from the school site and walk in, this will ease congestion.

We all have a responsibility and nothing comes before the safety and well-being of the children and school community. Please help us to be a safe and happy community, give a bit of thought and show respect and kindness to others, but more importantly **think of the lives and safety of young innocent children**.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Meals

Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal regardless of a parent's income. Year 3 upwards, as you are aware, are now required to pay for your child's school dinners as they will no longer qualify for the Government's Universal Infant Free School meals programme. Some families may be entitled to continue claiming free school meals depending on family income - if you would like to apply for free school meals, please do so via the Solihull council website at: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm>. Families that do not qualify will be charged for each school meal their child has; payment is to be made online via ParentPay or at any PayPoint.

Prices from 1st September 2020: a school dinner for one child will cost: £2.20 per day /is £11.00 per 5-day week.

School Uniform

Uniform can now be purchased through **Brigade or Mansuri Schoolwear**. Please see details below:

Brigade

Order your school uniform online from



Log on to:

www.brigade.uk.com

Enter Coleshill Heath School (delivery to school service) and select the school from the drop down list provided.


Mansuri Schoolwear

163 Yew Tree Lane
Yardley
Birmingham B26 1AY
Tel: 0121 784 4230

Please telephone before you visit to see if they stock what you require (Jumpers/Cardigans only).

Shortly Mansuri will be selling, in addition to CHS jumpers and cardigans, PE tops and book bags. CHS will inform you by text once these additional items are available.

CHS - although school no longer sell uniform, we do have a few items still available from left over stock. Please enquire at the school office. CHS do sell ties (£2.75), book bags (£5.00) and water bottles (£1.50).

PE Tops (£4.00)	Navy 3-4 years / 5-6 years Orange 3-4 years Purple 3-4 years	
Navy Round Neck Jumpers (£9.50)	22"/24"/small adult	
Navy Cardigans (£11.50)	32"/Small Adult	
Blazers (£22.50)	24"/26"/32"/34"	



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After-School Club

After-School Clubs for the whole school will be reviewed in January 2021. Single Year Groups (one year group each half-term) will start in November with Dance and Cheerleading for Year 3. Information to follow.

Improving Communication Links with School

To keep your child/ren safe and ensure their well-being, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our links with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. As sending written information home is sometimes unreliable; we are continuing to use Schoolcomms, an electronic school communication system. This will enable you to receive all your information from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters by email to your inbox and short messages directly to your mobile phone as a text message, or if you have an Apple or Android mobile phone, by app message. In addition to Schoolcomms, we also use ParentPay for trips, dinner money etc and Class Dojo for communicating with parents.

URGENT: Keep the office informed of your current mobile number and email address. If you are not receiving communication by these sources please contact the school office and they will look into the reason why. Help us to help you, thank you. Limited information can also be found on our website and noticeboards around school.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Community Hubs

In light of the new restrictions and rising cases of Covid-19, along with the fact these hubs are on school premises, we have decided to keep the hubs closed until January. I do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but I know you understand how difficult it is in making sure everyone stays safe.

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Please see our website for further Community Events or visit www.solihull.gov.uk/events



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