

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 13 Dec - 17 Dec 2021 : Week 2



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Plan B: Following the government's announcement on 8th December, the information below is taken from a communication from the Department for Education

1. Attendance

School attendance remains mandatory and all the usual rules continue to apply. Enabling children and young people to attend their education setting regularly continues to be a national priority.

2. Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn by pupils and students in year 7 and above (which would be children who were aged 11 on 31 August 2021), staff and visitors in communal areas, unless exempt. This is a temporary measure. Pupils and students in year 7 and above in these settings must also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and should wear it on dedicated transport to and from school, college, or higher education provider. We do not recommend that pupils and staff wear face coverings in classrooms, unless their Director of Public Health advises them to temporarily do so in one of the circumstances described in the <u>Contingency Framework Guidance</u>.

3. Wrap around provision

Schools should continue to offer their usual after-school activities. These activities promote the wellbeing of children and young people.

4. Testing

We strongly encourage all those involved in education to continue regular testing (LFD not PCR) and reporting their results, and to encourage pupils and students in year 7 and above to test and report their results. Settings are strongly encouraged to ask parents, guardians and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering the setting.

2. Isolation

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will continue to be required to self-isolate and asked to book a PCR test. The Government plans to introduce Daily Contact Testing as soon as possible as an alternative to self-isolation for contacts of positive Omicron cases who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months.

Foreign travel over the Christmas period

Please click <u>here</u> for information regarding what to do upon your return to the UK regarding COVID tests etc. If your child's attendance may be affected, please forward us evidence of flight bookings / boarding cards so that the absence can be authorised.

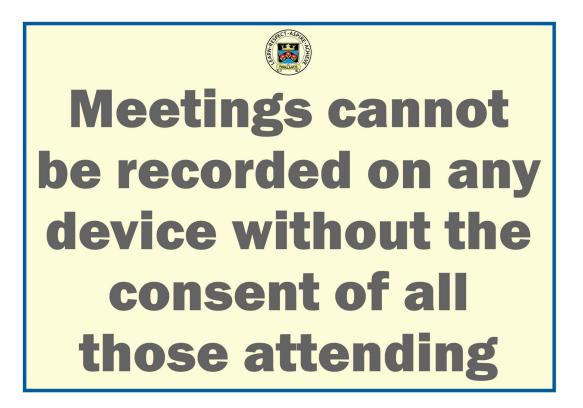
Online learning

We are experiencing high levels of staff absence and, like all schools, we are struggling to find supply staff in the current climate. Please be advised that we may have to move to online learning for a year group if the situation worsens next week.

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Recording without consent, use of social media

It has been brought to my attention that a recent visitor to school recorded a confidential conversation and then has subsequently shared this with another parent. This is extremely disappointing and goes against GDPR guidelines. In addition, we are finding an increasing number of visitors who utilise social media to make inflammatory remarks about school - and we, as an organisation, have no right of reply, nor should we have to. Confidential conversations or emails should remain confidential; school does not share confidential information with the wider community and we expect the same in return. While social media can be used for the benefit of all, it can lead to one-sided versions of events which will not be confirmed or denied online by school. The home-school partnership relies on complete trust and we expect all our stakeholders to uphold this.





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Year 7 Messages

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Year 11 Messages

PRE-MOCK EXAM PROGRAMME

Next week is the final week of our after school programme aimed at helping to prepare our Year 11 students for their mock exams after the Christmas break. Option C (PE, Health & Social Care, Geography 11XCRC Only, Computer Science, Music Tech and French) on Tuesday, RS on Wednesday and Science on Thursday. Sessions run from 4-6pm. The time between school closing at 3pm and the sessions starting can be used to enjoy extra-curricular activities, complete homework or enjoy a break. Refreshments will be provided. Attendance is not compulsory but we would advise that our students take every opportunity to engage in preparing for their mock exams and, in turn, their summer GCSEs. Please click on the link <u>here</u> for the programme in full.

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Head Students' Page

Hello everybody!

This week students have been working on contributing to the Christmas hampers. Each form has two boxes that they must wrap and fill with various different foods. And then, after each box is full, some of the school staff deliver the hampers to the elderly and needy around Chorley and Euxton.

And keeping with the Christmas theme, today was the school's Christmas jumper day. Every year, the school holds a Christmas jumper day where students can come into school wearing their Christmas jumpers. It's always really nice to see everyone's jumpers and to see all the different Christmas designs.

As a reward for good behaviour and attendance, the school holds a rewards trip for the students. This year, years 7 and 8 are going to Escape in Chorley to do some bowling, and years 9, 10 and 11 are going to the Trafford Centre to do some Christmas shopping. The rewards trips are always good fun and enjoyable to go on.

So merry Christmas from the Head Students!

Eadie, Jack, Millie and Becca :)

School closes at 1pm on Friday, 17th December. We reopen on Monday, 4th January

Weekly Learning Support Board - click here

Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

Year 7: 53 pupils Year 8: 30 pupils Year 9: 55 pupils Year 10: 47 students Year 11: 40 students How had the Perfect 3 last week? Years 7: 162 pupils Year 8: 110 pupils Year 9: 129 pupils Year 10: 131 students Year 11: 129 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

Support during the Christmas period: click <u>here</u> for information on how to access the following:

- Chorley Council
- Emergency Food Provision, Help with Shopping & Prescriptions
- Financial Hardship Debt & Benefits Advice
- Housing / Homelessness
- Help with Social Isolation / Feeling Lonely
- Adult Mental Health Struggling or In Crisis
- □ Young People's Mental Health Support
- Domestic Abuse Support
- Police Welfare Checks

Christmas dinner for pupils will be served on Tuesday 14th December

Secure news

Next Wednesday we will be holding a 'Mind, Body & Spirit' Festival to help to celebrate being back together as a school for a full term. Every pupil will take part in a session about wellbeing, one about physical health and one about inspirational BAME figures or cultures. We will then come together in our vertical tutoring forms to share what we have learnt and to create a product to present to parents and carers. This will be shared with our wider school community in the New Year. The staff are very much looking forward to this event and we hope your children enjoy this day too!

Virtual Ultra Marathon

We are encouraging students to get active next week by walking or running to contribute towards a 105 mile ultra marathon for their House. This could include walking to and from school, walking the dog or just a short jog around Astley Park.

Students should complete the Google Form which they will receive in their emails with each day's activity, preferably tracked using an activity tracking app and submit any festive photos to lakeland100@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Reward Trips

Trafford Centre Trip - Monday 13th DEC 21

Pupils can attend school in non school uniform if they are attending the trip.

Pupils will leave school at 3.30 pm and return to school at 9 pm. Please can parents ensure that their child is collected promptly. Please DO NOT park in the bus bays, we will need space for 4 coaches when we arrive back at school.

As per national guidance, we are expecting pupils to wear masks on the coaches and at the Trafford Centre, we would appreciate it if parents could reinforce the need for excellent behaviour with their children.

Escape Trip - Year 7 Tuesday 14th DEC 21

Pupils can attend school wearing non school uniform if they are attending the trip. Pupils will leave Parklands at 3.30 pm to walk to Escape, it is advisable that they have a warm coat. The trip will finish at 6.45 pm, please ensure that pupils are collected promptly from the venue. We would appreciate it if parents could reinforce the need for excellent behaviour with their children

Escape Trip - Year 8 Wednesday 15th DEC 21

Pupils can attend school wearing non school uniform if they are attending the trip. Pupils will leave Parklands at 3.30 pm to walk to Escape, it is advisable that they have a warm coat. The trip will finish at 6.45 pm, please ensure that pupils are collected promptly from the venue. We would appreciate it if parents could reinforce the need for excellent behaviour with their children



We are selling Christmas Chums for Derian House Children's Hospice. They are £2 each and available at lunchtimes from Miss Robinson in the Pavilion office.









FREE SENIOR ACTIVITY PLACES OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Chorley Borough Council are working in partnership with Inspire Youth Zone and Chorley School Sports Partnership again this Christmas, to provide activities and food for eligible young people over the Christmas period.

This letter details the activities and support available for eligible 11 -16 years olds across Chorley during the Christmas.

As your child/children are eligible for free school meals, we would like to invite them to our Christmas Holiday events. Each young person is entitled to attend any of the dates as required. These activity days are FREE of charge and will include a hot meal.

To book your place at listed below, please call Inspire Youth Zone on 01257 228888 (Monday – Friday between 10am-12pm OR 1pm -3pm).

The sessions are:

- · Monday 20th December 5pm 9pm @ Inspire Youth Zone
- · Wednesday 22nd December 5pm 9pm @ Inspire Youth Zone
- · Friday 24th December 11am 3pm @ Inspire Youth Zone
- · Wednesday 29th December 5pm 9pm @ Inspire Youth Zone
- · Thursday 30th December 11am 3pm Bowling & Crazy Golf Trip @ Escape
- · Friday 31st December 11am 3pm Australian New Year Event @ Inspire Youth Zone





Spaces are available for all young people 11-16 years old. Please note that you will be required to register as an Inspire member before booking your place. Membership for this will also be free of charge and is just to allow us to take and record information related to your child and their booking and for future opportunities.





Support and friendship for families

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You can make a difference to a family in your community.

All parents know that those early years before children go off to school are vital in a child's life and at Home-Start we believe parents have a key role in creating a secure childhood for their children. Its just sometimes they need help your help

For more information on how you can help please contact:

Home–Start Central Lancashire on Tel: 01257 241636

Or email: Admin@homestartcentrallancs.org.uk

Next Training Course Starts

In the New Year 2022

Please contact the Home Start office on the above number for

confirmation





UK PGL WATERSPORTS HOLIDAY 2022

You may or may not be aware but due to the current situation the France Watersports Holiday for 2022 has had to be cancelled.

However, I am pleased to say PGL has offered an alternative that I think will still provide great enjoyment and experiences to our pupils. I have attached the PGL leaflet in this email. The dates for this trip are Sunday 7th August - Friday 12th August 2022. This trip will come at a reduced cost of £635.

The offer I have is for us to attend the Jurassic Coast, at PGL Osmington Bay, Dorset. It is a beautiful coastal location with stunning views with direct access to the beach. It has everything to offer our thrill seekers from coasteering and a visit to a giant inflatable park. The children will still take part in various sailing activities including dinghies, catamarans and sea kayaks. They will take part in exploring sea caves, climbing and axe throwing. We also have evening entertainment and day trips to Weymouth and Bournemouth. This all coincides with the typical PGL adventurous activities.

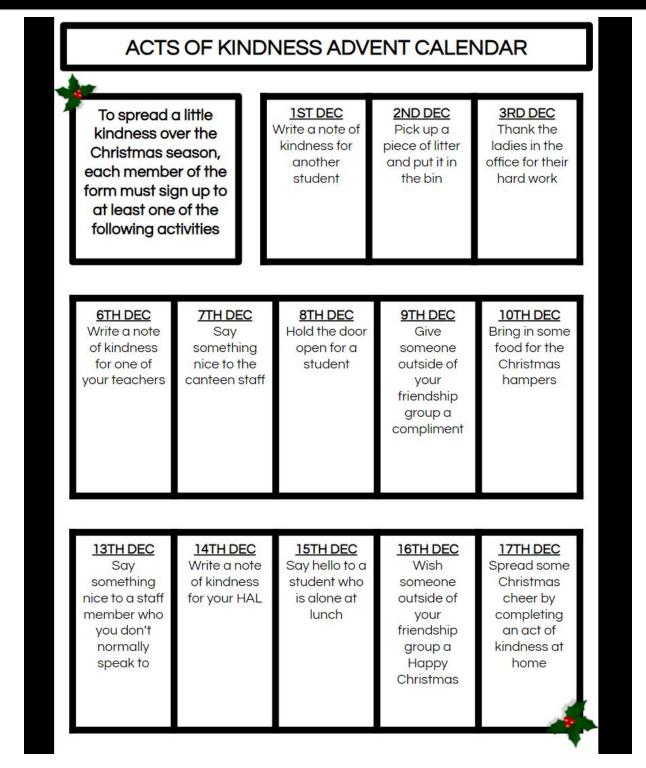
Food and accommodation is all still included. As we have cancelled the overseas holiday I now have spaces for pupils to join this trip. I have included a leaflet <u>here</u> but please note PGL are giving us an extra night/day as we have had to cancel the overseas trip with extra activities..

If you wish for your child to attend this trip, please pay the deposit on SCOPAY 'NG 2022 UK WATERSPORTS', for your child to be secured a place on the new UK trip. A deposit of £100 is required. I am obviously very aware that it is close to Christmas so if you have any issues please email me directly ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Please also note full payment is required by PGL no later than 1st April 2022.

Any questions please email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

As with all trips, there is financial support for those pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Funding.



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas, so to spread some festive cheer around Parklands, we are encouraging all forms to follow our Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar. Students will be completing a range of tasks over the next ten days to encourage kindness and good feeling among all of our staff and students.

We can adapt this for your family to use at home. If you would like a copy, please email aodolan@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Join us for our Christmas Day Dinner St. Laurence's Church,

L Union Street, Chorley

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2021 SITTINGS AT 12.00, 1.30 & 3.00

A free, traditional Christmas Dinner for anyone who would appreciate some food and company on Christmas Day.

To book a place

Ring the Parish Office on 01257 231360 or email stlaurenceschristmasday@gmail.com



Do you know someone in Chorley who can't use the internet?

The internet has been a lifeline for so many people over the last two years - whether for online shopping, keeping in touch with family and friends, seeking medical advice, exercising the brain, dealing with bills and benefits, looking for a job, or finding a new home.

But there are many people who, for one reason or another, aren't able to access this support. Thankfully, Chorley Council is here to help...



If you know someone who can't get online because they don't have a device, don't have an internet connection, or because they need someone to show them what to do, please refer them to:

communities@chorley.gov.uk or call 01257 515151.

chorley.gov.uk/digitalaccess



The link is <u>here</u> for the vast amount of clubs in our area.

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Yr 8 Boys' Football	SAM	6	EUR	5	AFR	4	ASA	3	ANZ	2
Bookmark Competition	ASA	6	ANZ	5	AFR	4	EUR	3	SAM	3
Year 9-11 Girls Football	AFR	6	SAM	5	ANZ	5	ASA	4	EUR	3
HP Staff favourite song	EUR	6	AFR	5	ANZ	4	ASA	3	SAM	2
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Careers



Welcome to the last Career News for 2021. Still lots of great articles and events to take part in, including the 12 Days of Industry Insights advent calendar from InvestIN, a financial session from HSBC UK, IBM School Leaver applications open, news from Norland Nannies and the chance to win a weekend in Bath, UCAT handbook for aspiring medics, a BAE Systems/Pathway webinar plus lots more. Click on the link above!