

St Charles' VC Academy

NEWSLETTER

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We are really excited to welcome you back to school to that the new school year. I hope everyone had a great summer holidays and has stayed safe during these very strange and difficult times.

It has been a real pleasure to see all of the children back at school this week, they look fabulous in their St Charles uniform, especially their black school shoes. Thank you for this. Wearing the correct school uniform really instils in the children a sense of pride in being part of St Charles family.

We are excited by the year ahead and look forward to working together to ensure it is a really successful year.

Safeguarding 2020-2021

Miss Wilson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mr Foster is our Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

Should you have any worries or concerns both at home or at school they are available for confidential chats and support whenever required.

To make a telephone appointment with them, please speak to the school office.

Jewellery



Can we please remind you that only small stud earrings are permitted for safety reasons. As PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum, earrings must be removed on PE days.



Medication

Please can you ensure that if needed, your child has their EpiPen and asthma pumps in school at all times and that we have received the relevant paperwork with authorisation to use them.

Thank you.



Exciting new ICT



Whilst we have been away, St Cuthbert's Trust, IT team have been busy making improvements to the IT facilities and resources.

This includes a new set of Google Chrome books for school to support teaching and learning in the classroom.

We have also begun to use Google Classroom as a tool to support ICT lessons in school as well as setting work and tasks for the children to complete at home.



Google Classroom



Whole School Attendance

Our target for 2020-2021 is to attain and maintain **96%**.

To help us achieve this, please ensure that you arrive to school on time.

Staggered start times are:

Group 1: 8.45am

Group 2: 9.00am



Contacting School

You can contact school in any of the following ways:



01482 326610



admin@stchull.org



www.stchull.org

Concerns, worries, anxieties

We are very aware that the normal return to school anxieties may be considerably more for some children due to the impact of COVID 19. Please be assured that your child's wellbeing is our priority and we will do everything possible to provide any additional support required.

We are always at the end of the phone should you have any pressing concerns.

Parental Engagement

This term, we will be sharing pictures and videos of the children's learning on our new website and twitter feed.

Be sure to check them regularly to keep up to date with the latest information.

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Welcome Meetings

This year, due to current restrictions, we are unable to hold welcome meetings. We will instead be making short videos for each class where the class teacher will be describing new routines for your child in their new class, for example, homework, PE times, and other expectations for the year.

Watch out for these on our school website and twitter feed.



Children's Belongings



In order to comply with the DfE guidelines and restrictions from the government to keep everyone safe, please send your child to school with **as little as possible**. Many children are still coming into school with large, empty rucksack. Please do not send your child with a big bag. Your child needs only their named water bottle and packed lunch (if they have one)



Due to the current situation our focus for PE has to be that all children are enjoying and engaging in PE lessons. On the day of your child's PE lesson we would like each child to come to school dressed in their PE uniform. It is important the PE kit is seen as an extension of our school uniform, therefore our high standards should be maintained. As with all items of uniform please make ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name in the event that it is misplaced.



You should have received your child's PE day by text last Friday. Please contact the school office if you are not sure.



Social Distancing

Please respect the social distancing rules and one way systems that we have put into effect for the safety of our community.

Please also ensure that gates do not become cover crowded and obstructed.

Thank you for doing a fabulous job in keeping everyone safe.



Facemasks



The DfE has advised that primary school children will not need to wear a face covering. This is because the approaches schools are putting in place will sufficiently reduce the risk in the classroom and also because they may have a negative impact on learning and teaching.

Hand sanitiser

There will be access to hand sanitiser at school so there is no need for children to bring in their own. If you still wish your child to use their own hand sanitiser this can be brought into school but must remain in the child's tray – it cannot go back and forth from school.



Communication



We have tried really hard to make sure we share with you all the latest guidance and changes in school in order for us to make sure we minimise the risks. Over the last few months we have used text messages, twitter, email, school website and also sent correspondence to families in the post. Can you believe we spent approximately a £100 in stamps over the last few months!

It has always been important that we have your most up to date details, please inform us of any changes straight away.

Please consider that if you are called to collect your child, it is important that this can happen as soon as possible.



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Updates and changes

This is a new and different way of working and I have no doubt that things will change throughout the term. All measures in place are under continual review and should there be a need to change anything you will be informed immediately.

Please know we have been operating in a different way since the 8th June and children and adults have managed well. We have every confidence that our school community will continue to adapt to these new systems.

We are very excited about this academic year and are confident that the measures in place will deliver the level of safety required and importantly will not hamper the joy of learning.

Let's be sensible, let's be brave and let's continue to work together, like we always do, to give our pupils the best they deserve for this year.



ST. CHARLES' VCA
**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR
CHILD IS UNWELL?**

**THE MAIN SYMPTOMS OF
CORONAVIRUS ARE:**

**A HIGH
TEMPERATURE:**

When touching your chest or back, you are hot to the touch.



**A NEW
CONTINUOUS
COUGH**

This means you have been coughing a lot more and if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual.



**A LOSS OR
CHANGE TO YOUR
TASTE AND SMELL**

This means you have noticed you cannot taste or smell things or they seem different to normal.



**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IF YOU OR
YOUR CHILD ARE DISPLAYING ANY OF
THESE SYMPTOMS.**

**ARRANGE A TEST AND INFORM THE SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE DATE OF TEST AND THEN THE
RESULT OF THE TEST.**

STAYING SAFE > STAYING APART



ST CHARLES'
VC ACADEMY

Getting a test

Call 119 and arrange a test if you or your child develops symptoms.

Inform the school office of the date of test and then the result of the test.

If the test is positive, follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

It is really important that you help St Charles to implement these actions by following the advice set out here and wider public health advice and guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have>

If children have other symptoms of common illness, for example a sore throat, runny nose or sneezing, then they are able to come to school if they are well enough.