



Clacton County High School

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Higher Expectations, Raising Aspirations

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it through the first half term of academic year 2021-22. So far, it has been an excellent start to the year, not without some challenges, especially in regard to the rising number of positive cases mirroring the national picture, but the twice weekly testing has done its job and through this we have managed to protect our school and local community. I have thanked you before, but am only too pleased to say it once again, thank you, without your total support this would not have been possible.

In regards to testing, a reminder that if your child has tested positive within the previous 90 days, they do not need to complete the twice weekly testing. Once 90 days have passed, if the guidance remains as it is, they can resume LFD testing in line with other students.

PROUD Points - Congratulations to the vast majority of our students whose behaviours are exemplary in their lessons; over 350 students have retained all their PROUD points awarded and significantly built on those. We want all of our children to feel proud of their commitment and hard work and have a positive attitude to their learning and it is disappointing for us when any student does not comply with expectations, both in school and out and about in the community. Whilst we will do all we can in school we hope that by working together with parents all of CCHS students leave our school as empathetic and responsible citizens. It is really important that home and school support each other, we all want the same thing, children engaged with their learning and aspiring to do well and be the very best they can.

Safeguarding; Make sure you know where your child is and who they are with – This includes when they are online. Please take to the time to talk to your child/ren and find out who their friends are, where they are going and definitely who they intend to meet up with. Online interactions are equally important, ‘friends’ come in many guises and whilst giving our children independence and freedom to mature and make good choices, there is a balance to be found in keeping a watchful eye over their interactions and relationships.

Virtual Parents’ Forum, Tuesday, 2nd November @10.30am - It is my intention to hold a virtual Parents’ Forum. I held one in the summer term and really enjoyed engaging with the parents who joined and answering their questions. To structure the meeting to get the most out of it, places will be limited, therefore, if you are interested in meeting with myself or a deputy, and submitting a question, please book via the School Cloud by end of school on Monday 1st November at the latest. Instructions and a reminder on how to book can be [viewed here](#)

School Uniform - We are very proud of our school and our standing within the local community. School uniform is a very important part of our identity and we want our students to look smart both in school and whilst out and about to and from school. We have very high standards and expectations and the vast majority of our students look very smart. A reminder about uniform, accessories and adornments, and yet again we seek your support to ensure your child’s uniform is correct, other items worn appropriately; this includes socks, and that nails, jewellery and hair colouring meet school expectations. Any outdoor clothing must be removed as soon as a student enters the school buildings. Please refer to the [school’s website](#) if you are unsure about any items of school uniform or email admin@cchs.school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mobile Phones – CCHS is a No Mobile Phone Zone for Students! – Parents, please could you remind your child that mobile phones and airpods (or equivalent) are not allowed to be used in school. On entering the school site, phones should be turned off, airpods removed and all put securely away into bags or blazer pockets. Students seen using phones or phones going off in lessons will need to hand their phone in until then end of the school day. Please rest assured it will be held safely and securely.

Vaccinations in the Community - We have just heard from the Immunisation Team, that there will be an opportunity for your child to receive their COVID-19 vaccination during half term at Clacton Hospital, Tower Road, Clacton on Sea. If your child is between 12-15 years old and yet to be vaccinated you may book a slot following the link within this [NHS letter](#) and further info on pop up clinics [here](#).

School Equipment - In the weekly mailing last week, we mentioned making sure children have everything they need for the school day ahead. Part of our request for this is to improve our students' organisational skills, take responsibility for what they need and to encourage independence for both their equipment and learning. Another reason is to improve our communications efficiency and our front office team spend quite a lot of their morning delivering forgotten items. Whatever you can do to help your child to be more organised will not only benefit them directly, but will ensure we are there to help with your enquiries.

If you do have a query, please do not hesitate to email admin@cchs.school in the first instance, especially first thing in the morning, and we will get back to you as soon as possible; the phone lines are extremely busy at this time.

Finally, I wish you all a very well deserved half term break. I hope that everyone is able to take a rest and breather, ready for return on Monday, 1st November @8.45am. Reminder; that the clocks go back overnight Saturday 30th into Sunday 31st October and we all get an extra hour of sleep!

Stay safe and keep well.

Kind regards

Chris Taylor
Head of School