



Clacton County High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The end of academic year 2020-21 has arrived, whilst yet again this hasn't been the year any of us could have expected, we are all looking forward with great anticipation to the start of the new academic year in September, welcoming our students back to school. We are very excited about meeting our new Year 7 students.

Overall, since we returned to school in early March, our students have been amazing. They have shown real resilience and have been a joy to have back in the classrooms, all eager to engage with their education. This is a testament to you as families, supporting and encouraging your child(ren) through the lockdowns with home learning, and as a school we would like to sincerely thank you for your positive approach to this during such challenging times.

Holiday & Food activity fund info

Essex County Council, in partnership with Active Essex are pleased to provide Essex ActivAte holiday clubs this summer that are free for low income families who are eligible for benefits based free school meals and for working families who are struggling financially and who would benefit from this holiday support. Every club offers fun physical activity, a range of enrichment activities and every child attending will get a nutritious meal. The offer also includes specialist SEND provision and mental wellbeing hubs across the county.

Details and booking links for all of our sessions can be found via [Essex ActivAte - Summer 2021](#)

If eligible for Free School Meals, vouchers are available again for four weeks of the summer holidays and these have been allocated through the Wonde system. Please keep an eye out for the email.

Returning to School in September

Bringing our thoughts back to the start of the 2021-22 academic year, it is important to note that both the 1st and 2nd September are non-pupil days. Following this, Friday, 3rd September is dedicated to settling the new Year 7 into school and making sure they are completely familiar with the school site and expectations. The new Year 12 students also begin the next stage of their educational journey at Sigma Sixth College on Friday, 3rd September.

Following DfE guidance, we are organising two in-school Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests for all students for their return to school. Testing will take place in the school gym.

For their first LFD test (either Thursday, 2nd and Friday, 3rd September dependent on year group), students will need to come into school, test and then return home. Please make a note in your diaries of the time and day when your child needs to be in school for their first LFD test. [A programme of timings for the testing can be found here.](#)

Students' second test will then be completed during the school day on either Monday, 6th or Tuesday, 7th September, again dependent on year group; they will test and return to lessons on these days. All Sigma Sixth students will come to CCHS for their first pre-return to school test on Thursday, 2nd September and would have also received in advance a specific time slot to attend.

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Uniform & Equipment Reminder

Students are expected to wear correct uniform. The school website has examples of the styles of shoes and trousers that are permitted as part of our uniform, if in doubt, please check before you buy! Should you need financial support with any uniform items please contact admin@cchs.school.

Some additional reminders:

- Facial piercings - are not allowed. Students who come to school with a facial piercing will be expected to take it out and a refusal to do so could mean they are removed from lessons until they have done so. From September, nose studs must be clear-plastic which can be worn only for the 6-week healing period, after which they are to be completely removed when in school.
- Jewellery – earrings are limited to one pair of studs; no hoops are allowed. Necklaces can be worn, but must be discreet and not on view. Hair - only natural hair colours; e.g. no blue, pink, red, purple, green and no extreme hairstyles. Any student who comes to school with hair deemed unacceptable could be removed from lessons until their hair meets our expectations.
- Fingernails – should be of an appropriate length for school and for participation in PE, or technology subjects.
- Make up – if worn, should be discreet and appropriate for school.
- Socks – plain black or white socks only and these must be worn below the knee.

Students are expected to bring their own equipment, books and everything they need for the school day in a bag large enough to accommodate all of their belongings. Small across-the-shoulder bags are not appropriate as they cannot carry books.

Students should bring their own named water bottle in school, this can be refilled at appropriate times throughout the day.

Return to biometrics fingerprint scanning

In September, we will be returning to biometric scanning of fingerprints as a payment method in school. Money should be loaded on to ParentPay accounts in the normal way and allocated to dinner money or pay for other items. Please ensure that there are sufficient funds on your child's account ready for their return day in September.

Safeguarding; an important reminder

This link will take you to a [letter of advice](#) prepared by Mrs Tate, deputy headteacher and the designated lead in school for safeguarding. It is very important that parents are fully aware of online dangers and monitor their children's interactions with others. Online 'friends' come in many guises and the letter highlights the importance of reassuring your child that if they encounter anything at all that makes them uncomfortable, they must speak out. Please regularly monitor your child's online interactions across all of their devices and chat to them about their 'friends', this is the best way to protect your child from possible harm from online exploitation.

Finally, it looks as though the weather is going to pick up just in time for the holidays and I hope that you all have a lovely summer. Although restrictions are lifting on Monday, 19th July please continue to stay alert and stay safe and I look forward to seeing all of our students when they return to school in September.

Happy summer holidays!

Yours sincerely

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