

Newsletter



From next week, there will be a few improvements to the ways pupils join their live lessons on Microsoft Teams. To make it easier to join each lesson during the day, the year group teams will be organised by class and year group (e.g. '2I1 Virtual Classroom', '2PC Virtual Classroom' and 'Year 2 Virtual Classroom'). Pupils will continue to join lessons at the same time as they have been doing so far, but they will no longer need to navigate multiple channels for each house and subject. Instead, when they click on their class channel they will now see one single meeting to join. In the event that your child is struggling to join a lesson, please write a message beneath the meeting to request access and their teacher will do all that they can to invite them in, if possible. Should you ever require any IT support, please complete the form on our Learning from Home page on our school website and our team will be in contact with you to help.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of the team for the positive feedback we have received since the start of the year. They have appreciated hearing their efforts are valued at a time when they miss teaching your children face to face. Ultimately the return to remote provision is not ideal for anyone, least of all the children, but we hope what we have in place helps your children to maintain a strong connection to their teachers and classmates and contributes to engaging them in their learning.

Mrs Drake

Mr Thompson

Head of School

Deputy Head of School

COVID Testing for Staff

From next week, staff at Cheadle Hulme Primary School will begin to take part in the Government's rapid asymptomatic testing programme of school staff, in support of the national effort to break the chains of transmission of COVID-19.

Whilst this is an important addition to maintaining the continuity of education, it is important to note that this may also result in a bubble closure for children and staff on site in the unfortunate case of a positive test result being returned.

Pupil Funding

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Whilst much of this funding will go towards improving their provision at school, it will also mean that you will be eligible for a weekly shopping voucher worth £15 whilst schools are closed. Click [this link](#) to find out more and to apply. *This is valid at major supermarkets such as M&S, Waitrose, Tesco and Sainsbury's.*

School Communication

Please read the letter that has been sent out to all parents and carers today about the new communication system that we will be using from next week.

Critical Worker Provision

With COVID rates higher than they have ever been, and as staff do all that they can to break the chains of transmission, we would like to remind parents and carers with children currently in school that Government guidance states that, regardless of critical worker status, 'parents should keep their child at home if they can'. We are in a national lockdown and we therefore need to be minimising the number of children and staff on site, so if either parent is able to work from home we would urge you to consider carefully whether it is really necessary for your child to be in school.

Critical Worker & Vulnerable Children Provision

Following the amended bubble arrival times introduced this week, pupils should now be collected at the following times:

3:00pm Nursery	3:10pm Year 2
3:05pm Year 1	3:15pm Reception

Please ensure that you minimise your time on site by arriving and departing promptly at the start and end of the school day.