



Clacton County High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome and updated information

A warm welcome to our new year 7 students and their families and a huge welcome back to our existing students. After such a long period away from school, it has been great to see the children back in classes and learning; it has been too long! Meeting our new students and then seeing the return of familiar faces was an absolute pleasure.

For students in years 8-11, things are quite different to when they were last here, with the set-up of separate year group zones, which has restricted movements around the school, and break and lunchtime arrangements being at staggered times. Overall students have settled very well to the new arrangements and timings.

We are working hard to make sure that despite the differences, school remains a safe and welcoming place, where students are happy and can continue to develop a love of learning and fulfil their aspirations. Full attendance is important and so far, this has been excellent; let's keep this momentum going.

In the current climate, it is more important than ever that we follow the guidance and recommendations to keep us all safe and well.

FACE MASK/COVERING

We have been encouraging all students to wear a face mask/covering in all indoor spaces since the start of term. Given the current rise in the infection rate, and the need to protect each other within our community, from Monday, 21st September, students must wear a face mask/covering in all indoor communal spaces (not necessary in classrooms); this will be checked every morning in form time as part of their daily equipment check. Those students who are considered exempt for physical or mental health reasons must inform the relevant Year Leader so that they can be given an exemption card. We will provide disposable masks from Monday, 21st September, that students will be able to purchase on their ParentPay account or using their reward points. You will doubtless know of local and national incidents where entire year group 'bubbles' have been sent home to self-isolate. We are trying to avoid this, and I hope you can appreciate that we owe a duty of care to all at CCHS as well as the wider Clacton community. Students should also have their own personal hand sanitiser. I would like to thank you in advance for your support in this matter and for ensuring your child wears a face covering.

SCHOOL CANTEEN (CLOUDS)

Our sincere apologies to all parents and students who have encountered difficulties with using the new canteen payment system. This was to replace the fingerprint biometric system and to mitigate any risk associated with the spread of the virus. Unfortunately, since the start of term we have experienced some unexpected technical problems, which have now been resolved. On the reverse of the cards it offers a 'Beat the Queue' Fusion mobile app, the school does not have appropriate facilities to operate this and therefore it is not available.

When loading money onto ParentPay, money for the school meals must be specifically assigned to *dinner money* for it to be used in our school canteen. If you need any help or advice with this, please do not hesitate to contact us via admin@cchs.school.

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Since the start of term, students have been able to obtain food and parents will be advised via ParentPay of the amounts required to be reimbursed via their accounts. From Monday, 21st September, any student who does not have money on their account will need to speak to their Year Leader, as we will need to call home to verify the payment. Please ensure that your child has a ParentPay balance on their "dinner money". You can set up the card to auto top up to ensure it does not run out.

The menu for the next 3 weeks is an addendum to this letter, should you wish to use it to decide whether your child will want a meal from Clouds on the days, they have access to this.

MOBILE PHONE AND INTERNET SAFETY

Please ensure you know what your child is engaging with on their mobile phone or through other internet connected devices. Internet safety is part of our curriculum but please be vigilant as parents/carers. There is a lot of advice for parents here on the risks of different apps:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Students cannot share equipment; therefore, they must come to school fully equipped with everything they need for that particular school day. This includes a named water bottle and packed lunch for the days when they are unable to access Clouds.
- Two additional items of personal equipment are required from next Monday: a scientific calculator, and a small cloth/sponge to clean their mini- whiteboards, preferable to using their blazer sleeve!
- When dropping off or collecting your child from school, please avoid parking directly outside of the school gates and using the leisure centre. Park well away from the entrances with respect for our neighbours' property.
- Please do not visit school without a prior arrangement. If entering the school buildings a face mask/covering must be worn at all times.
- Finally, we are sincerely sorry, but if your child forgets anything, reception staff are unable to accept and deliver personal items. Please check that each morning, your child has everything they need and is wearing correct uniform.

It continues to be unprecedented times for everyone. As throughout the pandemic, things change, often at quite short notice and society responds and adapts swiftly to any requirements and guidance. School is no different, each day we are making adaptations to ensure the day runs smoothly and staff and students remain safe and secure as much as we can. Our children's education must continue and with home and school working together in partnership, we can get through this; at present, it is just a different way of working.

If in any doubt about what to do if your child or someone in your house has any symptoms of the virus, please look at the advice from the Department for Education on guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> If you are in any doubt, refer to this guidance for advice and please keep us updated; this is vitally important.

If you do have any concerns regarding your child's education or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact the school via the admin email in the first instance; admin@cchs.school and a member of the pastoral team will get back to you as soon as possible.

In closing, I would like to remind all of us to wash hands, cover our face and whenever possible give each other as much space as we can, remember: HANDS, FACE, SPACE.

Yours sincerely



C Taylor
Head of School



Clouds Menu for next 3 weeks

W/B 21st September	W/B 28th September	W/B 5th October
Monday Yr 7 & Yr 9 Tuesday Yr 8 & Yr 10 Wednesday Yr 11 only	Monday Yr 7 & Yr 9 Tuesday Yr 8 & Yr 10 Wednesday Yr 11 only	Monday Yr 7 & Yr 9 Tuesday Yr 8 & Yr 10 Wednesday Yr 11 only
MEAL £2.04 Roast Chicken Or Quorn Sausages Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Choice of Vegetables	MEAL £2.04 Beef Bolognese Or Tomato & Basil Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread	MEAL £2.04 Chicken Curry Or Vegetable Curry Rice, Garlic & Coriander Naan
MEAL DEAL £2.43 1 of the above plus either a 330ml Water bottle or cookie/cake of the day	MEAL DEAL £2.43 1 of the above plus either a 330ml Water bottle or cookie/cake of the day	MEAL DEAL £2.43 1 of the above plus either a 330ml Water bottle or cookie/cake of the day
GRAB AND GO Bacon Bap £1.07	GRAB AND GO Sausage Roll £1.07	GRAB AND GO Hot Dog £1.07
Wednesday Yr 7 only Thursday Yr 8 & Yr 9 Friday Yr 10 & Yr 11	Wednesday Yr 7 only Thursday Yr 8 & Yr 9 Friday Yr 10 & Yr 11	Wednesday Yr 7 only Thursday Yr 8 & Yr 9 Friday Yr 10 & Yr 11
MEAL £2.04 Pork Sausages Or Margarita Pizza Chips, Beans/Peas	MEAL £2.04 Battered Cod Or Cheese Omelette Chips, Beans/Peas	MEAL £2.04 Breaded Cod Or Quorn Hot Dog Chips, Beans/Peas
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GRAB AND GO Beef Burger £1.70	GRAB AND GO BBQ Chicken Wrap £2.04	GRAB AND GO Chicken Burger £1.89