



A Request

If you come to the school reception area, please wear a face covering. We'd also ask that **only one adult is in the reception area** (you can have children with you of course). Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

A Reminder of Times for the coming Week

Timings **from 21st September** onwards:

School gates open from 8.35-8.50am. All children to arrive within this window to allow a steady flow of pupils and ease congestion.

Staggered end times	Whole classes
Year 3	Finish 3.00pm
Year 4	Finish 3.10pm
Year 5	Finish 3.20pm
Year 6	Finish 3.30pm

We have been incredibly grateful for everyone's cooperation over this first couple of weeks. We have considered combining year groups at the end of the day to reduce the total gap to below 30 minutes. However, having seen how busy the playground already is, we do not feel that we can safely do this at this time whilst enabling you to continue to socially distance. Whilst we understand that this is inconvenient for some of you, we have assessed the risks and do not feel now is the right time to change the end of day arrangements. Thank you, once again, for your support and especially for the huge increase in the number of parents wearing face coverings when collecting their child(ren). THANK YOU



Parents' Meetings

Parents Meetings will take place in the Hub building. There will be social distancing measures in place and we will be able to create a safe one-way system. Further details will follow next week. You'll be receiving an email from school to let you know how to make appointments.

Important: **We have swapped the parents' meeting dates** because of the implications of staffing the classes whilst the teachers are meeting with parents in the afternoon. **See below...**

Looking Ahead

- Tuesday 29th September**
- 12.45-7pm Y4 Parents' Meetings
- Wednesday 30th September**
- 12.45-7pm Y3 Parents' Meetings
- Tuesday 6th October**
- 12.45-7pm Y6 Parents' Meetings
- Wednesday 7th October**
- 12.45-7pm Y5 Parents' Meetings
- Wednesday 7th October**
- Flu Immunisations
- Friday 9th October**
- #Hello Yellow
- Monday 26th – Friday 30th October**
- HALF TERM
- Monday 2nd November**
- INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 3rd November**
- Children back to school after half term
- Tuesday 20th November**
- individual school photographs



Car Parking and Child Safety

We have again received complaints about the inconsiderate and dangerous parking and driving of some of our parents. We appreciate that the vast majority of our parents who drive their children to school park safely and considerately, even if this means a slightly longer walk. Unfortunately, some are parking up on pavements and driving off with apparent disregard for pedestrians, including our pupils, and other drivers. Some are still blocking driveways or using the school's entrance as a turning and drop off point which is dangerous and can cause gridlock if people are trying to get into the school car park.

Please can we ask that all parents park and drive with consideration for the safety and convenience of others.

Thank you.

Dinner Money

Thank you to all our parents who have paid for school dinners. Can we please remind everyone that school dinners need to be paid for **in advance**. The cost is £2.15 per day, £10.75 per week and should, wherever possible, be paid for on ParentPay. ParentPay also has the facility for you to set up low balance alerts to let you know when funds are running low so that you can top up before getting into debt.

Thank you all in advance for keeping your dinner money accounts in credit.

Further responses to this week's Positive Covid test

Whilst we are confident that we have put into place stringent measures to keep everyone safe at school, and in order to avoid an 'outbreak' amongst staff and/or pupils, we have updated our risk assessment to ensure even tighter health and safety measures (amongst the adults) in school:

- Restricting, further, the number of staff members in shared spaces and offices at school;
- Staff on the school gates will now wear face coverings;
- Reminders for all staff that they should avoid being:
 - within 2m of others for 15 minutes or more
 - within 1m of others for a minute or more.

We will continue to encourage social distancing between pupils; the children are doing a fantastic job of that.

The aim is to ensure that we have a strategy for business continuity which means that we do not lose whole teams (e.g. the senior team, the office team) if one member of staff becomes ill and the others have to self-isolate. We have been delighted with the positive response from parents to our measures and we understand our duty to protect the community of Chellaston (and beyond).

