



## The Russett School Newsletter

Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer, albeit different. It was lovely to welcome our pupils back to the academy this week. We also welcome our new pupils and three new teachers. Thank you for your patience at the beginning and end of the day. As you are aware we are not doing staggered start and finishing times and children continue to have their temperature taken and hands sanitised. All transport are now returning to one single run only until further notice. If you have any issues with transport please contact them on 01244 973377 or 01070 371489. If your child arrives late or needs to leave early for an appointment please telephone the office on your arrival and you will be directed to the pupil entrance.

Here are a few pictures of pupils enjoying their first week back.





I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I will be taking early retirement and will be leaving at the end of the academic year. The Trust Board and the Governors will be working together to appoint an Executive Head Teacher to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

### **Covid 19**

If your child or family member develops any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, please get tested as soon as possible and self-isolate. Please inform the academy as soon as possible. If the test is negative, your child can return to the academy. If the test is positive, the household must self-isolate for 14 days. Please keep us informed at all stages to ensure that the academy can remain open and ensure the safety of the other pupils and staff.

### **NHS**

Our NHS Physiotherapists and Speech & Language Therapists have returned to the academy and are working with our pupils again.

### **Pupil absence during term time**

Can I remind you that if a request is made for a pupil to be absent from the academy during term time, it will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are exceptional. The Local Authority will then issue a fine to parents/carers where the absence is for 5 consecutive days, in accordance with S.444 of the Education Act 1986.

### **Pupil Absence**

Can I remind you that it is the duty and responsibility of a parent/carer to contact the academy as soon as possible to inform us if their child is going to be absent from the academy and for what reason. This should be done on the first day of absence and if the child is absent for more than one day, the academy should be kept updated daily. This can be done by telephone 01606 855832 or by email to [admin@russett.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@russett.cheshire.sch.uk) or in writing via the escorts.

### **Parent/carer contact numbers**

It is important that we are able to contact you at all times and especially in the case of an emergency. Can you please make sure that if we have to contact a parent/carer in an emergency, that you are available. Ideally, we require three contact names and numbers for each pupil. Please also remember to update us with any change in contact details.

### **Specialist Staff**

Our independent Speech & Language Therapist Jane Mullen will continue to work with pupils three days a week which is funded by the academy. Kathryn Alexander our independent Occupational Therapist from Mosaic is returning on Monday mornings to work with pupils in lower school. Some parents will be receiving permission letters.

### **School Uniform**

School Uniform with the academy logo can still be ordered online through School Trends. In addition, uniform can be purchased from a local supplier, Bucanneer at The Old Fire Station, Chester Way Northwich 01606 212817. They have a stock of plain green sweatshirts, and embroidery

of the logo can currently be arranged in 5 to 7 working days. Orders can also be placed online. Please make sure you compare the prices for the best value on the size you require.

### **Pupil Illness**

Please keep pupils off from the academy if they are not well. The Pupil Illness Protocol is on the academy website and advises of the reporting procedure and gives guidance on different illnesses.

### **School Meals**

As advised at the end of last term, the price of an school meal has increased to £2.55 (£12.75 per week.) All school meals must be paid for in advance at the beginning of each week. Please ensure that payment is in a sealed envelope with your child's name written on it. If you pay for school meals by cheque, please make cheques payable to The Russett School. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals. If you think your child would qualify for a free school meal, you can apply for a free school meal online by contacting [Benefits@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:Benefits@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) or telephone 0300 123 7021. We are currently looking in to the cashless system. Further details will follow.

### **Medical/Dental Appointments**

Can parents please send a copy of any appointment letters into the academy if they ask to collect their child early for medical/dental appointments etc.

### **Facebook and Twitter**

As parents are aware, the academy has an official facebook page and it can be reached through the link on the academy website. Please be mindful that any comments made are in the public arena.

Parents and Carers can follow the academy on our twitter account: @RussettSchool and also our Facebook page. However, if you have any queries or concerns please telephone the academy, the Leadership Team is available

The leadership team is always available to discuss any queries or concerns.



### **Working with the community**

Family and Toddler is currently not taking place. This will be reviewed nearer half term.

For more information visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/therussettschool/](http://www.facebook.com/therussettschool/) or our website: [www.coachingforinclusion.org](http://www.coachingforinclusion.org) or Phone: The Russett School on 01606 853005.

## Cheshire West Local Safeguarding Board

The Cheshire West Local Safeguarding Children Board works to ensure all children can be safe from abuse or harm at home and within our community. The website address is <https://www.cheshirewestlscb.org.uk/>

## Measles

Can parents/carers inform us if they or any member of the family have been in contact with German Measles, Measles or Rubella. Please inform the academy immediately.

## Procedure for the supporting of pupils with medical conditions

Please can all parents ensure that when information is requested by the academy under this procedure that it is returned. Under NHS Policies, the academy does not have access to medical information held by the academy nurses

## Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's academy.

Please follow the link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/link-to-us> and support your academy.

## Behaviour Policy

A copy of our Behaviour Policy can be found on the academy website.



## Amazon

For all your last minute shopping, don't forget to go through our website when you are purchasing items on Amazon. Amazon give us 5% which helps the academy to provide those little extras for the pupils.

## Transport

If there are any changes to your child's transport arrangements, please ensure that you phone transport Co-ordination on either Cheshire West 01244 973377 or Cheshire East 01270 371489. There have been a number of occasions that transport have not been informed.



Grace

## Key Dates

Flu Vaccinations	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
INSET Day	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020
Academy closes for Half Term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
Academy opens	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Academy closes for Christmas	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Academy opens	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Academy closes for Half term	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Academy opens	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Academy closes for Easter	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
Academy opens	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

Thank you for your continued support.



Catherine Lewis

EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER