

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are safe and well – we know this is a challenging situation for everyone and we appreciate everything you do to support your children as they attend their online lessons. We can see from the examples of work submitted that everyone is trying their best and we are very pleased with the exceptional effort taken to complete tasks. Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the Parent Survey. The feedback regarding online learning was extremely positive and we appreciate all of your lovely comments which we have passed on to teachers. Please continue to use admin@clrchs.co.uk to contact school if you have any questions, or telephone the main switchboard on 0161 643 4009. Public Health still require schools to report on positive Covid-19 cases as well as close contacts of positive cases who have been asked to self-isolate and so please telephone school if you need to report either of these situations.

Remote Learning

Attendance and engagement in lessons continues to be excellent. We have introduced more variety of learning, particularly in Key Stage 3, where the curriculum is now delivered through a mixture of live lessons, flip learning (research tasks etc), recorded lessons and set tasks to address the issue of children spending five hours each day at a screen. This is more realistic when compared to classroom learning but we will continue to ask students to log on to every lesson to be registered as we feel this is key to keeping in touch with all students. We will review the curriculum in Key Stage 4 and 5 at the end of this week.

Free School Meals

The national free school meal voucher scheme has now been reinstated and voucher codes have been emailed to families who qualify. If you are not currently in receipt of free school meals but believe you are entitled, or have recently applied for a qualifying benefit, then please could you complete the application form at <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

Safeguarding

We are confident that the current level of contact between teachers and children is beneficial in knowing that everyone is safe and well. However, if you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature, please contact us using the email Safeguarding@clrchs.co.uk (this email account is monitored daily by members of our Safeguarding Team) or refer to the Directory of Services, which we emailed to parents last week, to make contact with agencies such as #thrive. If you have any serious concerns, you should inform the EHASH team at the Local Authority on 0300 303 0440 or ehash@rochdale.gov.uk and, if you are in any doubt, please telephone the police.

Testing

We have an asymptomatic testing facility for staff based in the main hall in school so that all adults working in school have access to twice weekly lateral flow tests for Covid-19. We have begun gathering consent from the parents of children attending our community school so that they too can take part in regular asymptomatic testing and we will contact all parents in the near future to ask for consent for asymptomatic testing in readiness for when students return to school.

We continue to await official guidance regarding when we will be able to open school fully but rest assured that we will continue doing our utmost to keep students learning and the school connected – please take a look at our school's Facebook page for posts and updates regarding Motivational Monday, Wellbeing Wednesday and Feel Good Friday. You will also find updates on our school Twitter feed as well as our website.

We really miss having everyone in school but must continue to follow the Government guidance to keep everyone in our community safe as we look forward to a full reopening soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs A Williams