



Chosen Hill School

Learning Habits:

Making Mistakes is Part of Learning

Did you know that everyone that learns to become good at something has made lots and lots of mistakes? Michael Jordan, former basketball player famously said: *'I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.'*

Let your child know that making mistakes is normal and part of learning. They might fear looking foolish or are nervous about getting things wrong in front of others. Reassure your child and encourage them not to give up when things get hard.

Parent Newsletter 10/09/21

We are fully up and running for the year! Thank you for working with us in regards the staggered start to the year so we could roll out the asymptomatic testing. This has run very smoothly, with the last of the second round of tests being completed at the start of next week. It is fantastic to see the school full of students again and with such a sense of purpose and excitement about the year ahead. We are looking forward to roll out our enrichment programme for students starting next week with PE clubs. Please encourage your child to get involved.



Home Testing

We have nearly completed the testing of students onsite, with year 8 being completed on Monday. After the second test,

students should have brought home a pack of home test to enable them to continue testing at home. These tests should be done twice a week, ideally on a Sunday evening and Wednesday so they are spread across the week. There is lots of information and instructions on the school website which can be found here. Please let us know as soon as possible of any positive tests, either using the form on the website on the link above or by messaging the school.

As you are aware, children under 18 years and 6 months do not need to isolate if they are contacts of a positive case anymore, however they should get a PCR test done as soon as possible. If you are asked by the NHS to isolate, then you must.

The Government is reviewing the twice weekly testing at the end of September so we will update you when we have more information about what the next steps are.

Please do not send your children to school if they have COVID symptoms including a temperature, loss of taste or smell or a new continuous cough.

Free school meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals, then they will automatically be given a £2.20 allowance each day on the till system and this available to them at lunch time only. If your son/daughter would like a snack at break time, then you should top up their dinner money account to enable them to purchase something then.

The allowance is for a meal at lunch time, so a sandwich or savoury option and tray bake or a main meal deal. It is not for the purchase of drinks and tray bakes only. Please can you remind your child so that they don't get turned away when they want 3 cookies for lunch!

Canteen

We have introduced a pre-ordering system to assist with queues in the canteen and ensure students are able to have what they would like for lunch. Due to the system issues we are currently having, we cannot re-print the on boarding letters at the moment, so please bear with us if you don't

have one and we will catch up as soon as we are able. Not having the app does not prevent students from getting food from the canteen as long as they have topped up their dinner money accounts on school comms. The collection point is the food canopy by DART between 13.20-13.35 and then from the canteen.

Breakfast – with effect from Monday the 13th, the canteen will be open from 8am for breakfast. Options include toast, croissants and pastries, sausage and bacon rolls.

If your child has any food allergies, please can let us know if you haven't already done so.

The canteen operates on a cashless basis, so it is important that if your child wants food that their dinner money account is topped up. Students that bring cash can top up their accounts using the machine in student finance. We have set a spend limit of £5 per day as a general rule but if you would like us to increase or decrease this amount, please let us know and we can do so.



New year 7s enjoying their team building activities on induction day

After School Pick Up

As you know picking up time outside the school can be very hectic and we want to ensure all our students are able to leave the site safely. Please can we remind all parents, not to park on the zig zags outside the school or in the bus stop or school gate areas. There are double yellow lines outside the school as well and these should be kept clear to enable the traffic to flow. Please use the Rugby club car park wherever possible to wait for your child if picking up to try and the avoid congestion outside the school. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Lockers

We will be issuing Year 7 with lockers next week. If your son/daughter would like to have a locker, please send them in on Tuesday the 14th with a suitable padlock. They will have until the end of the week to bring in their lock and choose a locker. When we have issued the Year 7's with lockers we will then open them up to Year 8.



Attendance and Registers

At Chosen Hill School we believe that excellent attendance and punctuality are fundamental in ensuring maximum progress for each student and that the students grow up with the correct work ethos for their future lives. Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attend school every day. Please see in the accompanying letter from

Mr Hearing how you can support your child to help make every minute count and promote excellent attendance this year.

Wearing of masks on school buses

If your child travels to school on a bus please can you ensure that they wear a mask. This is a requirement of our risk assessment in line with the current guid-

ance for schools. We will be reminding students of the need to wear a mask whilst travelling and appreciate your support in reinforcing this message.

We have Active Photographic, our School Photographer, coming into school on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th September 2021. More details to follow as soon as we have scheduled which years will be photographed on which day.

PE Clubs starting Monday 13th September

	Lunch	After School
Monday	Yr 7 Table Tennis Yr 10 & 11 Strength & Condit.	Yr 9-11 Hockey
Tuesday	Yr 8 Table Tennis Yr 7,8 and 9 Basketball Yr 12 & 13 Strength & Condit.	Yr 7, 8 & 9 Table Tennis Yr 10-13 Fitness for Females Yr 8,9 & 10 Rugby Yr 7 Netball
Wednesday	Yr 9 Table Tennis Yr 10-13 Basketball Yr 10 & 11 Strength & Condit.	Yr 7 Rugby Yr 8-13 Netball
Thursday	Yr 10 Table Tennis Yr 7& 8 Hockey Yr 12 & 13 Strength & Condit.	Yr 10-13 Table Tennis Yr 10-13 Fitness for Females
Friday	Yr 11 Table Tennis Yr 7& 8 Monkey Club	