



# Chosen Hill School

## Learning Tip

### Talk for Writing

If your child has been set a piece of writing to complete as part of their home learning encourage them to talk their ideas through with friend or relative. They can explore lines of reasoning and retrieve elements of knowledge.

The time spent talking informs the plan which, in turn, informs the actual writing.

## Parent Newsletter 1/10/21

This has been a week of celebration and excitement. We have received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from parents regarding the amazing job that (nearly 400) students did in representing the school at the Open events last week. The sixth form senior prefects have started their work in supporting students in Y7-9 – we are very grateful for the time and energy they have already and continue to invest in our school community. We have had some impressive results, and attendance at our sports clubs, fixtures and wider enrichment offer. We are looking at options to try and make attendance at these opportunities even easier for students and will share more information later in the term. We know how important it is for students to have the chance to play, create and work with their friends to helping them feel a strong sense of belonging and pride in their school, so we have pulled together a growing programme of additional activities for them to enjoy. Please see (attached) the extra-curricular programme for the coming weeks – please get involved!



Thank you posters have been put around the school



## COVID update

During the week commencing the 4th October we will be giving out more LFD tests for pupils to do at home. Please can we ask you to encourage your children to continue the tests twice weekly as it helps reduce the transmission rate of COVID in school. We have a small number of positive cases in school at the moment, and so the more people who test regularly, the more we are able to stop the virus from spreading. All positive tests should be reported to us and followed up with a PCR test.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, however mild, please isolate as a household and book a test for the person with symptoms (even if they have already taken a test). Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of taste and/or smell.

You can book a test through

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

If the test is negative, your child can return to school once they are well and have been fever free (without the support of paracetamol or Calpol) for at least 24 hours.

If the test is positive your household must self-isolate for 10 days from the date symptoms started, unless any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
- consider limiting contact with people who

are at higher risk from COVID-19

- if symptoms develop, isolate and get tested

Further information is available at:  
<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 concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111. For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community





## Additional funding for schools to support adopted/ special guardianship students

Schools can claim additional funding to support students that were previously in care in England or Wales and that are now adopted or living with you under a special guardianship order or child arrangements order. In order for us to do this, you are required to declare your child's status directly to us at school. At Chosen Hill, this can be done by contacting Sarah Dingwall at [sdi@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:sdi@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk). The deadline for this self-declaration is 7th October 2021 so please inform us ahead of this date.

The Department for Education requires you to provide evidence of your child's adoptive or special guardianship status, by sharing your adoption/special guardianship order or showing a letter from the local authority confirming that they placed your child with you. Our admin team will then tick a box on our pupil census, which is sent to Gloucestershire Local Authority.

Please be aware that you must make this declaration each time your child moves to a new school, so if this is your first year with us, we would be grateful if you could let us know. Once we know, we will not contact you again for this information whilst your child remains at our school. There is the opportunity to work with Gloucestershire Virtual School team who can offer advice and support that we could access for your child. Please advise if you do not want to be contacted further to explore this.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Stoneman (Acting Designated Teacher for previously looked after children) at [ks@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ks@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk).




Sixth Form student council meetings



PE during last week's open evening

Extra-Curricular Activities at Chosen Hill School September 2021

	Before School	Lunchtime						After School					
		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth Form	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth Form
Mon	Breakfast Club Monday to Friday in the School Canteen, selling tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bacon rolls, and pan au chocolate.	Table Tennis (Boys' Gym)			Strength and Conditioning (Sports Hall)	Strength and Conditioning (Sports Hall)				Hockey (Sports Hall)	Hockey (Sports Hall)	Hockey (Sports Hall)	
Tues	Breakfast Club Monday to Friday in the School Canteen, selling tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bacon rolls, and pan au chocolate.	Basket Ball (Sports Hall) International Dimension Club (Room G20)	International Dimension Club (Room G20) Table Tennis (Boys' Gym) Basket Ball (Sports Hall)	International Dimension Club (Room G20) Basket Ball (Sports Hall) Table Tennis (Boys' Gym)	International Dimension Club (Room G20)	International Dimension Club (Room G20)	International Dimension Club (Room G20) Strength and Conditioning (Sports Hall)	Table Tennis (Boys' Gym) Netball (Sports Hall/Top Courts)	Rugby (Field) Table Tennis (Boys' Gym)	Rugby (Field) Table Tennis (Boys' Gym)	Rugby (Field) Fitness for Females (Sports Hall)	Fitness for Females (Sports Hall) Fitness for Females (Sports Hall)	Fitness for Females (Sports Hall) Fitness for Females (Sports Hall)
Wed	Breakfast Club Monday to Friday in the School Canteen, selling tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bacon rolls, and pan au chocolate.	Repair Shop (Room P4)	Repair Shop (Room P4)	Repair Shop (Room P4) Table Tennis (Boys' Gym)	Repair Shop (Room P4) Basketball (Sports Hall) Strength and Conditioning (Sports Hall)	Repair Shop (Room P4)	Repair Shop (Room P4) Basket Ball (Sports Hall)	STEM Club (Room SC23) Rugby (Field)	STEM Club (Room SC23) Netball (Sports Hall/Top Courts)	STEM Club (Room SC23) Netball (Sports Hall/Top Courts)	STEM Club (Room SC23) Netball (Sports Hall/Top Courts)	STEM Club (Room SC23) Netball (Sports Hall/Top Courts)	STEM Club (Room SC23) Netball (Sports Hall/Top Courts)
Thurs	Breakfast Club Monday to Friday in the School Canteen, selling tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bacon rolls, and pan au chocolate.	Hockey (Sports Hall) Gymnastics Club (Girls' Gym)	Hockey (Sports Hall) Gymnastics Club (Girls' Gym)	Gymnastics Club (Girls' Gym)	Table Tennis (Boys' Gym)		Strength and Conditioning (Sports Hall)			Homework Club (Room U4)	Table Tennis (Boys' Gym) Fitness for Females (Sports Hall)	Table Tennis (Boys' Gym) Fitness for Females (Sports Hall)	Table Tennis (Boys' Gym) Fitness for Females (Sports Hall)
Fri	Breakfast Club Monday to Friday in the School Canteen, selling tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bacon rolls, and pan au chocolate.	Monkey Club (Girls' Gym) Italian Club (Room L20)	Monkey Club (Girls' Gym) Italian Club (Room L20)	Italian Club (Room L20)	Italian Club (Room L20)	Italian Club (Room L20)	Italian Club (Room L20) Table Tennis (Boys' gym)						

## New after school bus for clubs

With effect from Monday the 4th October there will be an additional bus from school for students wishing to take part in after school clubs. It will leave at 4.30 and stop on the route marked on the map below and the following approximate times.

Leave CHS at 4.30pm

Stop 1: Shurdington Primary School

Stop 2: Hucclecote Road - Cross Hands Roundabout Bus Stop

Stop 3: Hucclecote Road - Golf Club Lane Bus Stop

Stop 4: Hucclecote Road - Churchdown Lane Bus Stop

Stop 5: Barnwood Road - Insley Gardens Bus Stop

Stop 6: Abbeymead Avenue - Roman Road Bus Stop

Stop 7: Abbeymead Avenue - Glevum Centre Bus Stop

Please be advised that priority for places on the bus are for Year 11 students in the first instances, should the bus be full.

The cost of the bus is £1 and tickets will be available from student finance during normal opening hours. This bus is to allow more students to take part in after school clubs and activities and be able to get home afterwards. We are trialling it to see if it makes a difference over the next term.

