



Further to the initial parental letter issued on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March (below), daily updates for Culcheth High School will appear in this text box and updated at 3.30pm each day.

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

- I hope that you have managed to enjoy some of the sunshine within the confines of the current 'lockdown' guidance
- Please, please, please don't let your children out to play in groups in the local community – we all need to stay at home
- Culcheth High School is closed to all students except those registered as vulnerable students or registered 'Key Workers' children who have no child care alternatives
- Please discourage students who are not eligible to come into school, to visit the school site at any time – children should be following the guidance and limiting social contact with others
- Clear in-school procedures and protocols have been put in place for staff and students when in school, that maximise 'social distancing' practices
- Students do not need to wear their school tie and are encouraged to wear short sleeves or roll their shirt sleeves up when in school
- Another Art Challenge from our brilliant Art Department – The iPad Art Challenge. It can be accessed via this link - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JsRYaLiZiyGq13quUL1hRsRN-TIDPBx4eq1TW5Rz5Q/edit#slide=id.p1>
- Tassomai Science Online access for all students – Tassomai have opened their online science learning resources for all students at Culcheth High School. Watch out for an email detailing how students can register and log in
- The school will continue to run provision, when needed, for our most vulnerable students and children of key workers during the Easter holidays including the Bank Holidays
- Registered families will be contacted to discuss this further so that we can plan staffing levels
- **From Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, there will be no catering provision in school for staff and students. Staff and students will need to bring their own snacks and packed lunches from Friday onwards**
- In the midst of these challenging times, a number of our school staff have also volunteered to support the NHS. I am very proud and privileged to work with such amazing colleagues #WeAreCHS
- Be safe, follow guidelines and take care of yourself, each other, family, friends and loved ones #WeAreCHS

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

- The Art Department has launched a 'Loo Roll Art Challenge' for students, parents and staff. It can be accessed via this link - [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nfHBJc\\_WtExV5tTm9kRIggFZ6a2sazvd-r7f5WNQyqk/edit#slide=id.g7200b38a93\\_0\\_1](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nfHBJc_WtExV5tTm9kRIggFZ6a2sazvd-r7f5WNQyqk/edit#slide=id.g7200b38a93_0_1)
- All parents/carers of children eligible for FSM have been emailed with a £30 Asda voucher, per child, for school lunch replacement until the Easter break. Please keep the information safe. We are also informed that this code can be 'topped up' once it is spent, so please keep a hold of it as we may be able to offer further support in the coming weeks
- A message from the MFL Team – the free 'Amazon Audible' offer (link below) also includes French & Spanish audible books. A great resource for our linguists!

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, the UK is encountering some uncertain times related to Coronavirus and I am aware of some concerns it will have raised in our local community. I can reassure you that we have introduced a number of measures to prevent the spread of infection on the school site. These include:

- Ensuring all student and staff toilets are fully stocked with soap throughout the school day.
- The insistence that all visitors to the school wash their hands on arrival.
- The instruction of a no physical contact rule for students and staff.
- The instruction of no sharing from the same source of food, drink or confectionery for students.
- Increased frequency of cleaning of communal spaces and surfaces including stair-rails and door handles throughout the school day.
- Classroom doors and internal doors to remain open, where practically possible, to limit the amount of touching and usage of door handles and door surfaces.

I would be grateful if you could reiterate these points with regards to touching, sharing food/drink and washing hands with your children, at home. There is some excellent information for young people that can be found on the following link.

<https://young.scot/campaigns/national/coronavirus>

I and the Senior Leadership Team meet daily with other key staff to regularly risk assess and plan for a range of scenarios that may arise as a result of Coronavirus. These include:

- A suspected or confirmed case of Coronavirus with a student or staff members.
- A full or partial school closure.
- A reduction in appropriate staff to student ratio.
- How the school will continue to provide for students entitled to free school meals.
- How we continue to provide teaching for students in the event of a partial or full closure, especially those in Year 11 who will be sitting exams in the summer term.
- Consideration of cancellation of planned school visits that take place next term.
- Consideration of postponement or cancellation of school events such as Parents' Evenings to mitigate potential risks that these gatherings may bring
- Consideration of other measures to support 'social distancing' within the school setting.

As you see there has been much to consider.

Last week, the government moved to phase 2 of its Coronavirus Action Plan which is the Delay phase. **As it currently stands, schools will remain open during the Delay phase and as we have had no cases of Coronavirus directly linked to the school, we are fully staffed with lessons continuing as normal.** Should this situation change and we are ordered to close by government, or as a result of reduced staffing we have to

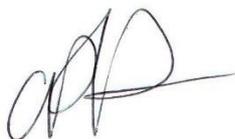
close or partially close, we will inform you in good time and this communication will include information about how the school will ensure students are equipped to work from home.

This will be done in a number of ways:

1. The school website will be updated by 3.30pm each day informing parents/carers of the arrangements for the following day.
2. Parents will be notified via the school app and email of any changes to the current arrangements.
3. The school's social media platforms (Twitter) will also inform parents/carers in a similar way.

Maintaining the education provision for our students is very important to us but our priority is rightly around their health and well-being. If you have concerns about your child's health and they present any symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19 then you must follow the NHS guidelines issued to the general public. As a parent and Headteacher, I am fully aware of how the uncertainty is affecting families and young people. It is vitally important that we work together in the coming weeks and months and I would like to thank you in advance for your support regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CPH', written in a cursive style.

C P Hunt (Mr)  
Headteacher