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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well as we begin our summer holidays.

Firstly, thank you all for your fantastic support over this last academic year. We started the year thinking that we would be operating as a Covid-secure school for just a few weeks. We finish the year in tighter bubbles than originally planned and unfortunately, with many students and staff isolating due to yet another increase in infection rates in our local area. Despite the challenges we have faced, I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved at Childwall Sports and Science Academy this year. Our students have done us all proud by demonstrating their resilience and ability to adapt to change quickly and with very little disruption.

Our July 'World in One Week' festival was a delight to be a part of. Children were engaged in activities that were different, stretching our thinking, allowing for reflection, and understanding of different cultures and traditions. Students were given the opportunity to work directly with artists, actors, dancers, musicians, and film makers. They were also engaged in careers workshops that explored their ambitions and their personal skills. Many of your children took on the role of radio presenter for our Childwall Community Radio project, training, and planning for weeks before then broadcasting live on FM for 7 days. I encourage all of you to check Twitter and the school website to see some of the images that capture the character-building activities that students have immersed themselves in. The atmosphere around school was one of joy, curiosity, and excitement

Throughout the year, students have learnt to work safely in a face-to-face environment where they are based in one room, and they have learnt how to switch to remote learning with very little notice. There have been many lessons for us all throughout this experience and some of our new approaches will remain as part of our education systems and structures moving forward. Please note the updates below, ready for our return in September.

Support over the school holidays:

We recognise that the six-week holiday can be a very challenging time for some of our children and family members. Please see details from Liverpool City Council attached at the end of this letter with regards to support for families entitled to Free School Meals from Liverpool Local Authority. You can also go to: https://www.childwallssa.org/downloads/letters/liverpool_city_council_letter.pdf

Uniform:

All students will be expected to wear our new school blazer on their return to school in September. The following link takes you to all the detail you need to know about exchanging your voucher for your new blazer, for free: <https://www.childwallssa.org/support-for-parents/school-uniform/>

*Please ensure that you do not waste money on expensive trainers as school shoes, as they are not permitted. Also note that any body piercings other than a single stud in the earlobes will need to be removed when returning to school and hair colour should be natural.

The School Day:

We will be returning to our usual start time of 8.30 am for all students in September. School gates will open at 8.15am. Staff on duty will direct students to their yard and line up zone for the start of their day. The timings of lessons will remain the same. The end of the day is 2.55pm. This is to coincide with the arrival/departure of buses on our main routes. This will be reviewed at the end of Half Term 1.

Registration:	8.35 - 9.00am
P1:	9am - 9.55am
P2:	9.55 - 10.50pm
<i>BREAK:</i>	<i>10.50 - 11.05pm</i>
3:	11.05 - 12.00pm
P4:	12.00 - 12.55pm
<i>LUNCH:</i>	<i>12.55 - 1.30pm</i>
Reading:	1.30 - 2.00pm
Period 5:	2.00 - 2.55pm
<i>School finishes:</i>	<i>2:55pm</i>

Movement Around School:

From September students will be back to moving to specialist teachers in their specialist areas. Teachers will stay in their own classrooms. We will be utilising our one-way system to allow for fluent and safe movement inside the main building. All students will be expected to walk in single file, in a clockwise direction. If appropriate, they will be signposted to walk across the quad to shorten their journey and continue to walk in a clockwise direction. Stairwells will be clearly marked 'Up' and 'Down' to ensure there is no passing in confined spaces.

We respectfully request that whilst infection rates for Covid 19 are high in our local area, students continue to wear face masks when moving around the internal corridors of the building. Students have the choice to wear a mask in the classroom should they wish.

Line Up:

Students will continue to line up at key times in the school day. Form Tutors will collect their form from their zone on both these occasions and escort students to the classroom.

1. Before AM registration (8.30 - 8.35am)
2. At the end of lunch, before Reading time

All teachers will continue to escort classes to the gate at the end of the school day.

Equipment:

All students are expected to attend school ready to learn. The minimum expectation is that they always have the following equipment with them. This equipment will be checked each morning.

- A black pen
- A pencil
- A ruler
- A red pen, for self-assessment and responses to teacher feedback.
- A pencil case to keep this equipment together.

*It is highly recommended that students also have their own scientific calculator.

Return dates and Testing:

****Please note that some of the most recent testing kits have inaccurate instructions inside them. If using tests at home you must continue to do so as previously instructed. Using as a nasal swab.***

Staff return to school for two INSET days on the 1st and 2nd of September 2021.

Friday 3rd September 2021:

Year 7 and Year 12 will return on Friday 3rd September. The government have asked that all schools test students on their return after a long period away from this environment. Please support us by completing the [online consent form](#) if you have not already done so. We will be testing students twice on their return to school, as research has shown this process to be successful in breaking chains of infection and protecting others. Students will test before entering their classrooms. They will test themselves under the guidance of our fully trained testing team. (Y7 and Y13 test on Friday 3rd September and Tuesday 7th September.)

Monday 6th September 2021:

Year, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 will return with a staggered entry time for testing on Monday 6th September.

- **Year 8, Year 11 and Year 13 will start at [8.30 am](#)**
- **Year 9 and Year 10 will start at [9.30am](#)**

Their *second test* will take place on Thursday 9th September. School staff will arrange a rota and students will start that day at the normal time of 8.30am.

My apologies for such a long letter, but I hope you appreciate that there is a great deal to communicate before we start a new academic year. Please take the time to digest the detail and revisit the information before your child is due to return.

Finally, thank you once again for your support over the last academic year. I wish you a happy and healthy summer break.

Yours faithfully,



Ms J E Vincent
Headteacher



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

#ASummerToRemember holiday activity programme is a packed summer programme bursting with great activities and delicious meals every day!

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Liverpool which also covers the Christmas holidays in 2021.

The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children.

Children will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the summer holidays, including specific provisions available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills.

To find out where your nearest scheme is please visit www.merseyplay.com. Information on contact details for local programmes in your area will be available from 8th July.

If you have any queries regarding the HAF programme, please call MPAC on 0151 708 0468 or email info@merseyplay.com. In addition to this programme, families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs> to find out more.

Liverpool City Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The free places are funded by the Department for Education.

We look forward to creating #ASummerToRemember for your child!

Regards,

Sally Dobbing

HAF Project Manager