



# Monks Coppenhall Academy & Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy September! I am delighted to see the children back at their desks, working hard and enjoying the many exciting activities planned by their teachers and support staff. Firstly, I would like to give an extra special welcome to all our new children in the Nursery, Reception and the small number of children who have joined classes throughout the Academy. We now have over 620 children on roll.

At the beginning of the academic year, one of our main priorities is to establish routines for both children and parents/carers. Prior to the start of term, we sent out information regarding uniform, school meals and collection points as well as advertising the opportunity for parents/carers to attend our 'Meet the Teacher meetings. This information can be found on the general academy letters section [here](#).

There are a few more points that need to be communicated.

## **Site safety**

The school site and surrounding areas can be very busy and we ask for your support with keeping all of our children safe. Access to the school car park and the car park for the Family Hub is restricted to a permit system. Permits are available from the office on production of a blue badge. ***Please do not attempt to drop off or collect from the school driveway as there is no safe area to turn around.***

***Drop off:*** The opening times for the school gates are there to ensure that once the children are on the school site we have the correct level of supervision and that we maximise curriculum time therefore we cannot open the gates early. Please could we request that children and families do not arrive too early as this again can have an impact upon the procedures around school. The opening time for the gates is **8:35am**.

***Key Stages Two (Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6)*** We request that parents/carers **do not** accompany their children onto the key stage two playground in the mornings. Parents/carers, if they wish can walk with their children until they reach the reception classrooms where staff will be on duty. Supervision is provided on the KS2 playground until the whistle is blown and the children line up at **8:45am**.

***Collection:*** The main gate for the Nursery opens just before 3:00pm. The other gates around school e.g. the estate gate does not open until 3:10. This is to ensure that all the children get maximum use of the school site e.g. the school field for PE and Sport. The end of the school day for all other classes is 3:15pm.

## **School Meals**

As of September, the catering team have been employed directly by our Trust. This will mean that we can deliver better quality meals at affordable prices. The school meal price is now £2.75.

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Our extra-curricular clubs will begin either next week (w/b 9<sup>th</sup> September) or the week after (w/b 16<sup>th</sup> September) and further information will be sent out separately. Please note that we are introducing a small charge to offset the costs associated with running this extra provision. **As of September, all clubs will be charged at £1 per club.**

The money that is raised will go directly to support the individual club e.g. Art club will get additional art materials and not use the curriculum art supplies.



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There are a small number of exceptions. Some clubs are 'invite' only e.g. gymnastics, as the children attending this club will be training for a competition later in the term and have been selected from their in-school classes. Athletics is another example of a club that will not be chargeable. The funding for these clubs comes from our sports grant.

I know this decision to charge for clubs will not be popular but as I am sure you are aware, schools and academies are struggling financially and we are no different. These small changes will mean that we keep our provision and we will be offering the same range of clubs as last year. Please note that children eligible for pupil premium will receive the opportunity to attend one free club as part of our pupil premium pledge and this is funded directly from the pupil premium grant.

I have lots more information to share but I will do this via our school newsletter so do look out for this on Friday.

Kind regards,

Carl Leech  
Principal

🌟 ✨ EXCITING NEWS ✨ 🌟

ASDA has launched a new campaign and are giving schools an AMAZING opportunity to earn some extra funding through their ASDA rewards app! 🎉

Simply go into your ASDA rewards app and to the 'CASHPOTS' tab and opt into "Cashpots for Schools" and select Monks Coppenhall Academy.

Every time you shop ASDA will donate 0.5% of your shop to your chosen school cashpot at NO EXTRA cost to you and the best part is IT DOES NOT affect your own individual earnings cashpots either! 🙌

This is another wonderful way to support the school and raise some more funds. We would really appreciate your support. 🤝

Don't forget to share with friends and family. 👤 #supportyourschool #asda #community

All the money raised will go to our #MakingMemories@Monks initiative that subsidises trips and visits for all pupils.

See the links on our Facebook page.