



Monks Coppenhall Academy & Nursery

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RE: Summer Term Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half-term of the academic year! While thoughts may naturally turn to next academic year, we have an incredibly busy and productive period ahead. This half-term includes two residential visits for Year 2 and Year 6, day trips for Year 1 and Year 3, and school sports days for all year groups. The final week of term will include our nursery graduation, Year 6's performance of Bugsy Malone and our final farewell to academy leavers. Please refer to our weekly newsletters for complete details, including specific dates and times [here](#).

Please see the information below that is pertinent to your child/ren and I look forward to seeing you at the many events.

Achievements and Celebrations

A huge round of applause to our Year 6 children for their tremendous efforts during the national examination week before half-term! We've seen first-hand the dedication you've poured into your studies, and we couldn't be prouder. The forthcoming results, which will be published in the penultimate week of term, will undoubtedly be a testament to this hard work.

This success is a collective effort. My sincere gratitude goes to their hardworking teachers and teaching assistants for their unwavering commitment. I also want to acknowledge the vital role played by families at home, who have supported our children every step of the way – from those initial nightly reads in nursery right through to the more recent homework tasks.

While these examinations offer a snapshot of academic progress, reflecting achievements from those who excel to those with additional needs who may not meet the national standard, they don't tell the whole story. What these tests can't capture are equally important qualities like empathy, creativity, resilience, and grit, which we see demonstrated by our children every day.

Attendance, Term Time Leave of Absence and Punctuality

As we begin the final half-term of the academic year, I want to take a moment to highlight the importance of attendance and to ask for your support in ensuring that your child is in school every day. Attendance is one of the key factors that influences pupil achievement, and the evidence is clear: pupils with attendance above 95% are significantly more likely to achieve their expected grades or better, while those with lower attendance often find themselves struggling to keep up. Furthermore, regular attendance is strongly linked to positive wellbeing, as it provides routine, social engagement, and access to essential learning and support.

Furthermore, we fully appreciate the financial pressures families face and the temptation to book holidays during term time due to cost differences. However, our academy has a very clear policy on term-time holidays [here](#) which means that we approve very few requests each academic year. This policy is not in place to punish families but to maintain our high standards for attendance and to ensure that children do not miss crucial learning opportunities. We must apply this policy consistently, which often means upsetting families by refusing requests or submitting penalty notice requests to Cheshire East. While this is never our preferred course of action, we are committed to doing everything we can to support high attendance.

A plea regarding punctuality. The start of the school day is extremely important for all children. We have set times to offset some of the congestion around school and ask that parents and carers observe the following times. A reminder of these times is overleaf.



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Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Welcome Time: **8:45am** (Children must arrive no later than **8:55am**). *Arrivals after this time will be recorded as late even if they go through the correct gate.* All gates close at 9am for school safety.

Year 3 to Year 6

Welcome Time (Gates Open): **8:35am** (Children must arrive no later than **8:45am**). *Arrivals after this time will be recorded as late even if they go through the correct gate.* All gates close at 9am for school safety.

Uniform

Our main uniform supplier Badged were on site last week to meet our new Reception families and also offered existing parents/carers an opportunity to purchase uniform. At these meetings it was reiterated that any parent/carer who orders uniform direct with Badged before 4pm on a Monday will have it delivered to the Academy office before the end of the day on Friday. It was also reiterated that if uniform purchased prior to the new academic year becomes too small or remains too big, they will exchange the garment as long as the label is still attached. This exchange policy lasts up to six months.

As you are aware, like many schools, one of our 'Covid keeps' was to allow children to wear their PE kit all day on their PE days. This saves time changing in the school day and maximises learning but it also lessens the need to turn the washing around as quickly at home. However, I have noted that more football tops and coloured tracksuits are being worn on PE days. **Please could I ask that PE uniform is worn on PE days.** This will be insisted on on our return in September. Please note our current policy states that "*children wearing the incorrect PE kit may be asked to change into a spare kit*".

Please see our website for full uniform details [here](#).

Site Safety

As you are aware, we do not allow parents/carers to park on the school site as there is no available parking. This is the same for all primary schools as they were never built with this facility. The car park behind school belongs to the Family Hub who have again *requested that I put out a message to parents and carers that they should not be using this area under any circumstances.* The exception to this is our families who have a valid permit and/or use the Resource Provision as we have just five dedicated parking bays. Where possible, I want to limit the number of vehicles turning into the entrance from Remer Street. The site team, along with myself, will be out on-site challenging parents/carers who use this area without authorisation.

Congestion on Remer Street and the Taylor Wimpey estate

Please could I ask, where possible, for parents/carers to walk to school, drop older children further away from the school entrances for them to walk the final stages by themselves and for those who must travel by car to park responsibly away from the congested areas.

Pelican Crossing

As I am sure you are aware, I regularly monitor the traffic outside of school along Remer Street and Acer Avenue. I have to say the vast majority of parents and carers abide by the traffic signals and navigate the inevitable congestion well. However, there are a minority of parents and carers who continue to cross the road without the use of the pelican crossing. It is difficult for adults here at school to instil the safety aspects of this whilst children continue to see adults not using the crossing. **Could I please ask for your co-operation in using the pelican crossing when escorting your child/ren to and from school.**



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I have been informed by our local councillor Hazel Faddes that following resurfacing scheduled to begin on the 7th August that the Zig Zag lines in front of school will be extended and the existing to be repainted to make them more prominent.

Class Changeover Days

A further communication will be sent out towards the end of June detailing the transition information. This year our new reception starters will visit on two half days, Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd July, and our whole school change-over day will be on Thursday 3rd July.

Kind regards
Carl Leech
Principal