



Monks Coppenhall Academy & Nursery

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Parents/Carers,

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 660 children on roll. This now means we are the largest primary academy in Cheshire East.

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. It is worth stating that no Academy, whatever size, has adequate parking for their community. The vast majority of parents/carer either walk or park off-site. **Access to the Academy car park and the car park for the Family Hub is restricted** to a permit system. Permits will only be granted for specific reasons and by exception as spaces are extremely limited. One of these would be for blue badge holders, however, this is only for the blue badge holders themselves and not other family members.

Where possible, I want to limit the number of vehicles entering the drive in the first place due to the number of children that cross our entrance. Please note that no vehicles, including taxis, are permitted to drop off in the 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.



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Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs will begin the week beginning the 8th September. There is a nominal charge of £1 per club. The money that is raised will go directly to support the individual club e.g. Art club will be able to purchase additional art materials and will not use the curriculum art supplies.

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 is not universally popular but as I am sure you are aware that schools and academies are struggling financially and we are no different. This change has allowed us to keep our existing provision 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.

We have lots more information to share but we will do this via our weekly school newsletter so do look out for these each Friday.

Kind regards

Carl Leech
Principal