



Covid in Cheshire East

This week, the Government announced that Cheshire East has been identified as a 'Enhanced Resource Area' to help combat the rapid rise of the Delta (Indian) variant across the borough. To find out more click here: <https://crowd.in/4LEoXo>



Residents in Nantwich, Crewe and Macclesfield have been asked to have a PCR test, even if they don't have symptoms. If you work or have family in those areas, we would strongly advise that you get a test and please share this information.

Those who have tested positive for the Delta variant have reported the main symptoms to be a headache, sore throat and runny nose so please be aware if you have any of these symptoms.

Please see the attached letter explaining the impact of this situation on events in school.



Staffing

You should have received an e-mail outlining our staffing structure for 2021/22. We are currently finalising where Teaching Assistants will be based and we will let you know over the next few weeks.

Amendment to Term Dates Due to Additional Bank Holiday

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee there will be an additional bank holiday in June 2022. The Department for Education have advised that if this takes place in half term, schools are to reduce the number of days in school accordingly. As we are on half term, we have chosen to apply the additional day to the end of the school year.

This means pupils will now break up on Wednesday 20th July 2022, with the staffing inset moving to Thursday 21st.

We are not currently aware of any elections in Cheshire in 2022 which would force the school to be used as a polling station, but if this changes and we are required to close, we will use that as the additional holiday and revert back to our original term dates, in order to ensure no loss of learning.

New Starter's Meeting

Regrettably, we have also had to cancel our meeting with New Starter parents on Wednesday 23rd June. A letter has been sent to parents outlining the new plan.



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Little Princess Trust

A big well done to Jasmine who, this week, has chosen to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust!



Reception's Seaside Day

Reception had a fantastic day on Wednesday, celebrating all things coastal!



Year 6 Leaver's Service

Unfortunately, following the PM's announcement on Monday, we have moved our Y6 Leavers' Service from Friday 16th July to Monday 19th July, in the hope that we will be able to have parents join us in church. We apologise for the inconvenience caused.



ANY DATE CHANGES HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED IN RED ON PAGE 4 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

Swimming Sessions for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y5 and Y6

We have had a number of very polite requests from children outside of Y3 and Y4 about using the pool. We have been working with Elite to come up with a plan and we have revised our risk assessments, so that all pupils will have a fun session in the pool.

Y5 and Y6 - Thursday 1st July

Reception, Y1 and Y2 - Friday 2nd July

An additional letter will be sent out and this should address any questions parents have.

As a result, Y3 and Y4's final day swimming will be on the 30th June.



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HOLMES CHAPEL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS

1st JULY 2021

SESSION 1
4 – 5.30pm

SESSION 2
6 – 7.30pm

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Term Dates

It has been brought to our attention that Holmes Chapel Comprehensive have changed their holiday dates for next year. Parents with pupils at the comprehensive may wish to check their calendars.



New Phone Number

From Thursday 3rd of June we will have a new phone number due to switching our broadband provider. Our new number will be **01270 918931**

There will be a recorded message on the old line for some time as a reminder.



On-Line Safety

National On-Line Safety have created a new guide for parents all about Fifa 2021. To download the guide click on the image below.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIFA 21

Age Restriction: PEGI 3 Suitable for all ages

Recurring Costs
FIFA's stamp card is that it includes not only the game but also other football-related games. Other costs include in-app purchases for extra content, and the game is released every year, with updated teams, players, kits and stats, plus gamifying 'tweaks' and extra features. Using FIFA's store usually means that you are likely to be paying the latest version, so the pressure to buy each annual update is likely to be considerable.

Online Chat
While the game of FIFA itself is suitable for children of all ages, it does not include any in-appropriate content. However, if you have an internet-connected version of the game, your child can play against other people online, which could result in them using bad language. It is a good idea to have a conversation with your child about the possibility of conversations that are inappropriate.

Possibility of Scams
Your child may receive an email or social media message on social media or a forum which appears to be a genuine FIFA promotion, but could be a scam. Following these links would take them to what may seem like a FIFA login page but is actually a phishing attempt to capture their login name and password. Scammers often use legitimate-looking graphics, such as the FIFA Developer logo.

In-Game Purchases
FIFA offers an array of in-game purchases. These include team packs (your child's favourite team), player packs (your child's favourite players), and packs containing random players. Some purchases can be made free in-game currency, others require real money – which can become expensive. There have been reports of parents spending large sums of money on their children's in-game spending.

Addictive Gameplay
Your child could end up playing FIFA for long periods of time. Make sure that your child's gaming is not interfering with their schoolwork or other activities. FIFA's addictive gameplay is designed to keep your child engaged with the game, which can be a good thing, but it can also be a problem if your child is spending too much time playing.

Over-Competitiveness
FIFA has occasionally been criticised for encouraging over-competitiveness. This can be a problem for some children, as they may become frustrated if they lose a game. It is important to encourage your child to play for fun and to enjoy the game.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- Set out Your Strategy**
As a parent, it's worth considering that your child's time spent with FIFA should be a reward for good behaviour, not a privilege. If you are going to allow your child to play FIFA, you should set out a strategy for how long they can play for each day, and how often they can play. You should also consider how you will monitor their play, and how you will deal with any problems that arise.
- Give Abuse the Red Card**
The facility to chat to other players online is a feature of FIFA, and it is a feature that you should be aware of. If your child is playing FIFA, you should be aware of the possibility of online abuse. If you notice any signs of online abuse, you should take action immediately. You should also consider how you will deal with any problems that arise.
- Defend against Scammers**
Teach your child to stay clear of emails, social media messages, and forum posts that appear to be from FIFA. If your child receives any such messages, you should advise them to delete them. You should also consider how you will deal with any problems that arise.
- Control In-Game Spending**
To prevent real money in FIFA, a player's account should be set up with a credit card or PayPal account. It is important to ensure that your child's account is not linked to the game. You should also consider how you will deal with any problems that arise.
- Avoid 'Extra Time'**
Decide on a time limit for your child's gaming. You should also consider how you will deal with any problems that arise.
- Encourage a 'Half-Time' Break**
Monitoring in-game chat is often a task that you should be aware of. You should also consider how you will deal with any problems that arise.

Meet Our Expert
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Patron of Reading

A big thank you to Mrs Winward for organising this wonderful competition and for her generous donation of prizes. All children should now have received their certificates. Book reviews can be added at any time, please just email them to school.

PATRON OF READING

Book Review Competition

Well done and thank you to everyone who completed a book review as part of our new competition. We received almost 70 recorded and written reviews and the children loved receiving their certificates and a little treat today.

The book reviews are being uploaded to the school website (link below) and we would encourage children and parents to take a look for ideas and inspiration!

<http://www.breretonprimaryschool.org.uk/page/our-reading-reviews/105365>



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Dates

Monday 14 th – Friday 25 th June	School assessment period
Tuesday 22 nd -Friday 25 th June	Sandbach High transition days CANCELLED
Wednesday 23 rd June	New Starter Meeting 6:30pm CANCELLED
Wednesday 23 rd and Thursday 24 th June	Sandbach School transition days CANCELLED
Thursday 24 th June	Holmes Chapel Comprehensive transition day
Wednesday 30 th June	Year 3 and Y4 swimming sessions first
Thursday 1 st July	Year 5 and Year 6 swimming sessions
Friday 2 nd July	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 swimming sessions
Thursday 1 st July	Holmes Chapel Comprehensive Y5 Open Evening Bookings can be made via https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hccs1978
Saturday 3 rd July	Sandbach High School Open Morning
Tuesday 6th July	Reception and Y6 consultations
Wednesday 7 th July	Y1 and Y2 consultations
Thursday 8 th July	Y3 and Y4 consultations
Thursday 8 th July	Holmes Chapel Comprehensive transition day CANCELLED
Thursday 8 th July	Sandbach School Open Evening 4-7pm
Friday 9 th July	Y5 consultations
Friday 9 th July	Class Photos
Friday 16 th July	Sports Day
Monday 19 th July	Move up day
Monday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm
Tuesday 20 th July	Last day of term
Wednesday 21 st July	New Starter visits



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