

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a lovely summer. It has been wonderful to see pupils back in school this week looking so smart and ready to learn. We believe that a partnership between school and home is vital in providing pupils with the very best learning experiences so we are looking forward to working with you this year. Please always contact us if you have any queries or concerns – we are always happy to talk.

As you know, we are always busy at CMS! Here are some important pieces of information for the start of this academic year.

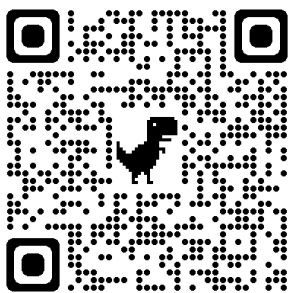
‘CMS 101’ Information Evening

We know that parents at CMS want to be involved and on-top-of their child’s education and during these first few months, there is a lot to get to grips with. For that reason, we would like to invite you to a parent information evening which will be the ‘beginner’s guide’ to our school – we call it ‘CMS101’.

CMS 101 is on Tuesday 17th September at 6pm. This will give you information about all of the basics including Arbor, behaviour points, online curriculum platforms, how we assess, accessing reports and booking for parents’ evenings.

At the beginning of this meeting, there will also be important information about the planned **residential**s for 2024-25. This meeting will be essential in making your decision about whether your child attends so, if you are interested in your child attending the residential, it is **important** that you attend at least the beginning of the ‘CMS 101’ evening.

Most importantly, the evening will be a chance to say hello, ask questions and put names to faces.



If you would like to attend, please visit <https://codsallms.schoolcloud.co.uk/> or use this QR code to take you to the school cloud booking system. You can sign in to this site by just filling in your details, making sure that you use the email address that you shared with school. If you need any help, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Heads of Year

The role of Head of Year is intended to give parents a clear line of communication, which, wherever possible, will remain the same throughout their time at CMS. Your child's Head of Year will be hoping to inspire them into going the extra mile, supporting them when needed, and will be communicating with you about the positives as well as dealing with concerns or behaviour issues.

The Heads of Year will all be familiar faces to the pupils:

Year 5 – Mrs Walton (e.brookes@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk)

Year 6 – Mrs Hilton (hhi@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk)

Year 7 – Miss Mayer (cm@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk)

Year 8 – Mrs Hydon (NHydon@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk)

Staffing changes

During this term, Mrs Tobin and Mrs Capewell will be leaving us temporarily as they take maternity leave. In their place, we are really pleased to welcome to our school. Mr Patel and Mrs Lockett who join us as Science teachers.

Updates to Arbor

We are pleased that nearly all parents are now using Arbor to keep updated on their child's school life.

The good news is that many parents are finding it much easier to update important information about their children by logging into Arbor. If you have not done so, **please log in and check the accuracy of your child's information and consents** and update where needed. It is important that you take time to make sure that medication, dietary needs and contact details are correct. Soon we will be introducing booking clubs, trips using Arbor, which will make it a real 'one-stop-shop' for parents. More information coming on that over the next half term.

Parking

Thank you for your support in keeping our car park safe by not driving onto site. We ask all parents **not to drive onto the school premises** between the times of 8.15-8.40am and 3.00-3.25pm unless a prior arrangement is made. If you do drive onto the carpark, please do not be offended if we ask you why.

Communication

We always try to keep parents updated and we will always ensure that key information is communicated directly to you by text or email. We also have an <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554573929336> where we share photos, information and celebrate our wonderful pupils. If you would like to see your child in photos on Facebook, it is important that the photo permissions are completed appropriately on Arbor.



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I would ask parents that if you have any queries or concerns, please contact us directly or check out our website instead. We are always happy to help and we cannot always do that if we do not know.

School Uniform

Please name EVERYTHING for your children so that we can get lost property back to them. Our uniform policy is here - <https://www.codsallmiddleschool.com/uniform> . As we asked in July, please adhere to these guidelines, especially concerning avoiding tube skirts and trainers.

Dates for your diary

As usual, there is lots going on this term. Here are some of the things we have lined up already:

Tuesday 10th September
Tuesday 17th September
W/b 30th September
Tuesday 1st October
Saturday 5th October

W/b 7th October – Mon to Thurs
W/b Monday 14th October
Friday 25th October
Monday 4th November
Tuesday 5th November
Friday 8th November
Wednesday 20th November
Monday 25th November

School Photographer
CMS101 – parent information evening
Readathon
Year 5 Laches Wood Team Building Day
School Open Morning with many pupils volunteering to represent their school
Grandparents' Lunches
Book Fair
School Closes at 3.15 for half term
School closed to pupils – Staff training
School reopens for Autumn Term 2
Interim Reports published
Parents' Evening
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Thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Yours sincerely

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