

10th November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you are all safe and well. I am writing to update you on recent developments that have taken place this academic year.

We have had such a positive and busy start to the school year, that it is hard to believe that our new pupils have only been here for half a term! School is once again a happy, positive environment and I have been so impressed with how everyone has settled into their lessons and general life of CMS.

I would also like to thank our existing pupils for helping us make such a positive start. I am always so proud of how our children conduct themselves, and it is so pleasing to see so many of them helping our new pupils (and staff!) around school.

Covid update

As the colder weather approaches, we all remain on high alert and continue to maintain our efforts to reduce the risk of infection in school. Thank you to those parents of KS3 pupils who continue to administer Lateral Flow Tests. This, along with maintaining high standards of hygiene throughout the school community, is helping us to keep the number of cases to a very low level.

We are operating as normally as possible. However, we have maintained segregation of year groups during breaks and lunchtimes and are prepared to re-introduce previous measures ("bubbles" etc) should cases rise.

If you or anyone in your family does display symptoms, please continue to follow the guidance and err on the side of caution before sending your child in.

We do have some cases among our staff. Where colleagues are absent (*and of course if they are well enough*) we will do our best to continue to provide "live" lessons in the classroom. However, please bear with us if your child does not have the full complement of lessons taught by their usual teachers.

Could I also ask that you continue to limit your "in person" visits to school reception? All queries can be dealt with via email to the appropriate member of staff, or if it is a general query please email: office@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk or phone reception on 01902 843177.

School life

It is always a delight to walk the school, visit classrooms and see, almost without exception, children fully engaged in their learning and keen and eager to show off their work. This does not happen without the highest quality teaching provision but also requires us to work together to ensure our pupils approach school with the right attitude.

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I am conscious of the key role you are all playing in ensuring our school continues to be so successful. We are endeavouring to ensure our provision continues to be as “normal” as possible, and that includes our extra-curricular clubs and activities. This has long been a strength of our school and the wide range of both sporting and non-sporting activities are proving to be very popular with children across the different year groups. If they are not already doing so, please encourage your child to participate in some of our different activities, they can be so beneficial to their happiness and wellbeing.

School Leadership

Many of you are aware that my role as Headteacher of Codsall Middle School also includes the responsibility of CEO of Codsall Multi Academy Trust. Since the beginning of the pandemic, our work with our Trust partner schools (Birches and St Nicholas) has developed at a pace. The benefits of us working closely together and sharing staff, resources and expertise have become very apparent for all pupils across our schools.

It is extremely important for us to further develop these existing relationships, as well as investigate the potential for working with other school partnerships and external organisations. This will enable both our staff and pupils to continue to flourish, as we benefit from the additional opportunities and resources this wider collaboration will bring. We also need to ensure we prioritise securing additional revenue sources that will be of direct benefit to the educational provision of all children in our care.

To this end, the CMAT Directors and I have agreed that I now need to devote the majority of my time to my wider role as CEO. As a consequence, I will now be focussed on working at Trust level to secure those benefits for the pupils in all our schools.

In order to facilitate this change, and ensure our school continues to succeed and develop, Mrs Reade has been promoted to the role of Head of School. She will now be responsible for the leadership and management of CMS on a day to day basis, and replaces me as your contact for any issues that require raising at the most senior school level (*ie for any issues that you would have ordinarily been in contact with me*). All other staff will continue to work in their current roles.

Mrs Reade is already “in post” and can be contacted on: headofschool@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk

I am delighted that she has been promoted to this role. Our school could not be in better hands. Mrs Reade is steeped in CMS tradition (having worked here in a number of different roles since 1992!), and as such is determined to ensure our wonderful school continues to go from strength to strength.

I am sure she will be writing to you in the very near future to outline her ideas for our continuing success and development.

I hope you all stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely



P J Bowers
Headteacher/CEO