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Dear Parent/Carer,

As always, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. As we approach the September weekend, I thought that it would be helpful to update you on relevant school business. First and foremost, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone in our school community for your strength, support and resilience over the first phase of the 2021-22 school session, particularly our young people who have been a daily source of inspiration to me and many others, I am sure.

### **Roles, Routines & Responsibilities**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October we are expecting to be engaged in an in-depth Rights Respecting School Silver Award accreditation process. Through the work of many, led by Miss. Bell, we are confident that this will be entirely successful and that we will soon become a Silver Rights Respecting School. Our continuous focus on celebrating diversity, tolerance and the rights of the child has presented us with the required evidence and data to allow us to work towards that. With this in mind, and absolutely in line with our school values (***Integrity, Compassion, Ambition, Respect and Equity***) I have recently been reminding our school community of some key basic standards including the importance of timekeeping and punctuality, positive and respectful attitudes, responsibility for keeping our community clean, safe and tidy and generally giving the best account of ourselves at all times. Thank you in advance for your continued support with these.

Additionally, as communicated throughout the last two weeks (including the HT Video Blog 17/9/21) we are delighted to be in position to safely re-open our PE changing rooms again on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** following the September weekend. In accordance with Education Scotland and NLC guidelines this can indeed be the case again. The majority of schools (NLC and other local authorities) have already done so without any apparent increased risk of COVID19 transmission, and therefore, we are very much looking forward to young people reporting to school each day again in their high standards of dress in relation to our school uniform policy:

- Chryston High School blazer (worn at all times in transition around the building/school grounds)
- Black (formal) school shoes
- Black formal school trousers, black skirt, or if S6 the CHS Tartan skirt
- White formal school shirt/blouse
- Chryston High School Tie (appropriate to year group)
- Black/dark coloured jacket/coat during winter months/inclement weather

(denim, leather or similar garments of clothing are not part of our school uniform policy).

The Senior Leadership Team will be highly active over the coming weeks in encouraging and congratulating our young people in regard to their CHS uniform standards from next Tuesday morning. It may be the case that we may require to



engage in some supportive discussions with some young people as we realise that there has been a huge amount of change for them to contend with over recent times. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter. Any young person/parent/family member requiring further support/information should arrange to contact their child's Principal Teacher of Pupil Support in the first instance.

## **CHS Improvement Plan 2021-22**

We have confirmed our school improvement plan for 2021-22. We will now ensure that a summary of that is made available to all young people and families through the usual means (school website etc) prior to the October break for your information. A copy of the full document can be arranged by contacting the school office. Thanks to those young people, parents and partners who have supported the process to be able to identify our priorities.

Our school improvement plan for the session is in line with the Scottish Government National Improvement Framework and NLC Education & Families priorities. Chryston High School improvement priorities are:

### **1. Raising Attainment & Achievement**

*To provide further equity and support for all young people by learning from our current school recovery period to continuously improving learning & teaching and assessment to raise attainment and achievement of all young people (with a particular focus on literacy & numeracy).*

### **2. Improving our Curriculum**

*Further embed equity (with a continued focus on digital pedagogy) across all stages of the curriculum (particularly the BGE), which appropriately engages, supports, and challenges all young people and delivers high quality learning experiences and outcomes for all.*

### **3. Improving Health & Well-being (particularly mental well-being)**

*Further improve and fully support young people's health and well-being (particularly mental well-being), reflecting on what we have learned throughout school closure and the ongoing recovery phase.*

### **4. Leadership & Empowerment (Staff & Young People)**

*Leadership resulting in improved wider achievement, employability skills and positive destinations (post school) of all young people.*

## **Other Updates/Business**

### ***Parent Council***

Following our first Parent Council meeting of the session and subsequently our AGM last night (22.9.21), our official Parent Council post holders for session 2021-22 are as follows:

Chair	Morven Strange
Vice	Roy Boyd
Secretary	Yvonne Sloan
Treasurer	Avril Hemphill

Thank you to the CHS Parent Council for the ongoing support they give to our school community. The next PC meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – all members of our parent forum (all parents/carers) welcome to attend.

### **Future Fridays**

Approximately 100 young people have been attending CHS Future Friday activities over recent weeks. Mr. Devine has recently been appointed Acting PT Future Fridays and is working hard to evolve our programme and offerings and how to sign up for these. He will communicate more about that in due course.

### **Contacting CHS**

We have ongoing challenges in regard to school phone lines. This is an external issue which is being addressed. In the meantime, and until further notice, the best number to contact us on is:

**01236 794898**

Please also remember that our enquiries email address updated at the beginning of the term:

[enquiries-at-chrystonhigh@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-chrystonhigh@northlan.org.uk)

The above number and email address is always the best way to contact us in the first instance for support/general enquiries.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

<b>September Weekend</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September (school re-opens at 8.55am on Tues 29<sup>th</sup> September)</b>
<b>S4,5,6 Tracking 1</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>October Break</b>	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October (school re-opens on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> October)</b>
<b>*S5/6 Parents Evening</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November (date, system and arrangements to be confirmed)</b>

I wish you well for the September weekend and I look forward to communicating with you again in due course.

Best wishes,



Mr. Mitchell