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Dear Parent/Carer,

As always, I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. This letter is aimed to provide you with some recent news with reference to our Year Group and Pupil Support structure as well as updating you on some other things. I intend to send out a brief video blog prior to the weekend and, also communicate some of our Christmas/December arrangements early next week. Usually at this stage we would be looking forward to many CHS seasonal and traditional events to mark the time of year and as we have done so often recently, we are trying to adapt to do as much as we possibly can whilst respecting all current guidance and expectations.

Year Group Structure & Pupil Support

Following some recent news, I have shared across the community, where there is change, there are always opportunities. With reference to that, congratulations to the following members of staff who have recently been appointed to the following posts:

Mrs. Henderson (Acting DHT), Mrs. Harvey (Acting DHT), Miss. Bell (Acting PT Pupil Support, S1), Dr. Malcolm (Acting PT Pupil Support, S6) and Mrs. Norris (Acting PT School Data & Digital Learning).

Additionally, one of our DHTs, Mr. Kane has recently been appointed to a seconded post within NLC Education and Families Central team to further support curriculum and a range of other aspects at system level. Initially his secondment will be for one year and he will therefore be leaving Chryston High School on a temporary basis. Mr. Kane will be with us until the end of this term and will take up his new post after the Christmas holidays, in January. Although our school community will undoubtedly miss him dearly, we congratulate him and wish him every success in his new role.

The table below over the page sets out our updated Year Group & Pupil Support structure.



INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE

Accredited
Until 2021



| Year Group | Year Head | Principal Teacher of Pupil Support |
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| S1 | Mrs. Mullen | Miss. Bell (Acting PT Pupil Support) |
| S2 | Mrs. Harvey (and Mr. Kane until the end of this term) | Mrs. Perriss |
| S3 | Mrs. Henderson (Acting DHT) | Mrs. McTavish |
| S4 | Mr. Jopling (Acting DHT) | Mrs. McNeill (0.8 FTE) and Mrs. Wakefield (Acting PT Pupil Support, 0.2 FTE) |
| S5 | Mr. Mitchell | Mrs. Carragher |
| S6 | Mrs. Harvey (and Mr. Kane until the end of this term) | Dr. Malcolm (Acting PT Pupil Support) |

I hope you find this helpful. Please remember that if you are contacting the school to discuss anything with us, contact your child's Principal Teacher of Pupil Support in the first instance as they are the teachers who in most cases will know your child best.

2021 Assessment Fortnight

Well-done to all young people who have engaged in assessments so far this week. Our programme started on Tuesday and will continue until Tuesday 14th December. Our young people are reminded that although we always ask for them to be as well prepared as they possibly can be for assessments and that they give the very best account of themselves in everything they do (as always) we ask for your support in helping them to manage their emotions around these. Assessment fortnight provides one assessment opportunity as part of a suite of assessments throughout the year and remember that we still have 4-5 months remaining of courses at the other side of the Christmas holidays. Young people will not be judged only on one assessment in December, but these assessments should be used to provide each of them with guidance and further information about their current progress, areas of strength and next steps.

Keeping our Community Safe

Thank you again for your ongoing support in continuing to navigate through regular context changes with reference to Scottish Government (SG) guidance for schools. No doubt, you will be keeping abreast of all updates through the media. Although we would dearly love to welcome parents/families and community members back to our school building (particularly so at this time of the year) we are still required to adhere to guidance set out by SG and NLC. Thank you to all parents/carers of all senior phase pupils who have now had the opportunity to engage in online parent-teacher appointments. That has accounted for 50% of the school population and it will likely be required of us to continue to use that platform for other year groups as the school session progresses. With a few technical exceptions, these online events have been very smooth and successful, thank you for your patience and assistance with that. We will soon be communicating a link so that we can gather views and feedback from parents/carers and staff involved in that.

Furthermore, we again ask for your support in ensuring that your child provides their own face-covering and that they wear it in the building, except when eating or drinking (exemptions apply). That they sanitise their hands regularly, particularly on entry and exit to the building/each classroom. That they enter the building through their year group specific entrance morning, interval and lunchtime and that they home/self-test

routinely (LFT). With one of our core values being respect, we thank each member of our community for continuing to respect themselves and all others, always.

I look forward to communicating with you again in the very near future.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonny Mitchell', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Jonny Mitchell
Head Teacher