

Friday 10th September 2021

Parents'/Carers' Update – Start of Term

Dear Copperfield Families,

What a positive, calm, and purposeful return to school (or beginning school for many) the last few days has been – it has been great to hear from some of you how pleased you are, and how well your children have enjoyed the start of term, and their new classes – long may this continue.

There are a few updates for you, some information-sharing and some 'notice' of future events or activities to help with you planning your time around school-life.

School Lunches – please ensure you have paid for these, in advance, via Clubs on Arbor – if you need a log-in reminder, please contact Mrs. Richards (details on pgs. 2 or 3) and she will resend. A reminder that, in almost all cases, we are a cashless school.

Uniform – thank you to the superb effort so many of you made in ensuring your children look like they are part of the Copperfield Family – there is a sea of smiling faces dressed in purple every day! If you are missing items, or need to order, please do so as soon as possible – school uniform at Copperfield continues to be a key part of our children's school identity and the policy does need to be followed. If you need help with this, please ask.

After-School Clubs – staff are finalising the after-school clubs list in the next couple of days and then we shall share these with you – please look out for this letter as it is, as always, first come-first served, simply due to space, timings, and staff availability. There may even be some surprising new additions!

Breakfast Club – must be paid for and booked in advance – this is not negotiable. Staffing ratios, fire regulations and food allergies are absolutely crucial in us offering the very best provision. Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am and the gate will close just after 8.10am when food service ends. Please do not arrive after this time as you will not be able to enter. **NO children are to be left at any gates unsupervised at any time.**

After School 'Care Club' – as more of you are now working, and childcare arrangements can be difficult to manage, we would be willing to 'care' for your children after school - until you or childminders can arrive - for a small cost. For example, £2.00 per child (£5 for three or more) for 'care' until 3.45/4.00pm. This will just be for supervision, and safe handing over to the collecting adult. If you would be interested, please email the office, and let us know. We are unable to look after children after the gates close as staff all have work to complete or their own children to collect/take home. To be clear we are not in any position to be a 'free' childminding service but will always support your children if you are delayed, unwell, or have an accident. **Did you know that for as long as you're working and entitled to Universal Credit, you can continue to claim back up to 85% of your childcare costs.**

[How Universal Credit helps once you're working - Understanding Universal Credit](#)

LOOK OUT - please look out for information about this term's consultation evenings, home-school learning, the Governing Body, fundraising - including our first disco, and our first-ever FIREWORKS display, workshops to support your children's learning, and so on. Many exciting events are taking place this year!

Communicating with us - how to communicate with us is explained over the next two pages.

Finally, as many of you already know following Mrs. Warnock's prolonged illness, it is with much regret that she has taken the difficult decision and decided not to return to full-time music teaching at this time. She is spending her time recuperating and supporting her family. We are sure you will wish to join us in thanking her for her contribution to Copperfield over the last 5 years and in wishing her and her family all the best for their future endeavours.