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"This is a school not a baby sitting service!"



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I was recently in a school in a neighbouring local authority. I was bemused when I observed a number of parents who were obviously on the 'naughty step' and were being spoken to by the head teacher. He was gently reminding them that their children attended a school and that it was a school of learning, not a baby sitting service. I smiled to myself and reflected on how different the parents are at Chad Vale. Below I have listed the many aspects that parents constantly show their child's teacher; that they recognise that Chad Vale is an outstanding school for learning and socialisation. Although of course if any parent now falls below this exceptional standard another head has modelled how I should approach them

(though of course we would never have a 'naughty step' we would have a 'rule breaker step').

- ◆ Come to school on time with their child prepared for learning
- ◆ Collect their child on time
- ◆ Attend parents evening or make a separate appointment
- ◆ Read to their child every day
- ◆ Encourage them with their homework or have spoken to their child's teacher that their child's after school itinerary is already full
- ◆ Attend assembly whenever possible
- ◆ Praise and encourage their child in every aspect of school work
- ◆ Support their child's teacher particularly if there is poor behaviour in school
- ◆ Share with the school any problems that may be happening in their child's life that could affect their happiness.

HOT Afternoons

Next week sees the start of an exciting new initiative at Chad Vale– our 'Higher Order Thinking' Afternoons (HOT Afternoon)! Based on our extremely successful 'Day A Week School' model for gifted and talented pupils, each Wednesday afternoon, children from Years 3-6 will be split across the classrooms and experience the challenging, open-ended, problem solving and creative style of learning that works so well here at Chad Vale. 'Stretching minds and challenging thinking' is the motto for Day a Week School and we strongly believe that our new HOT afternoons will enhance the Chad Vale learning experience for all KS2 pupils. Make sure you follow us on Twitter for live updates each Wednesday! For more information, please see your child's class teacher.

Changed Arrangements for entering and leaving the school Premises.

On Monday evening at the full governing body meeting parent governors shared with the governing body concerns many parents had about the arrangements for entering the school via the studio. They felt the arrangements were unsatisfactory. Whilst they understood the reasons as to why this was happening they felt that a change was needed. After discussion the governors agreed.

From today, where possible, exit and entry into the school will be via the outside classroom doors. Three classes have not got an outside door that leads directly into their classroom and they will use the entrances and exits named below.

Years 5 will use the door at the far end of the long corridor.

Years 3 and 4 will use the main entrance and parents will collect them from the outside shelter by the office area.

If older children are escorting their younger brothers or sisters to the reception class then of course these children can enter school through the reception class and then into their classrooms.

Parents who come into the classroom by the outside doors must leave by the same door.

In inclement weather parents and children may well need to have an umbrella and a waterproof coat to keep them dry. In snowy or icy weather parents will need to have suitable footwear for the conditions.

The school and teachers take responsibility for your child 10 minutes before the start of school (8:45) and 10 minutes after school (3:40). Before and after these times you are responsible for your child. No parent should be 'dropping off' their child at the bottom of the drive or the playground. They should stay with their child and see that they are safely entering their classroom before leaving the premises. The exception to this may be a year 6 child who has written permission from a parent to access school independently.

If you are concerned about any of these arrangements please contact your parent governor or Chair of Governors via e mail:

governors@chadvale.bham.sch.uk

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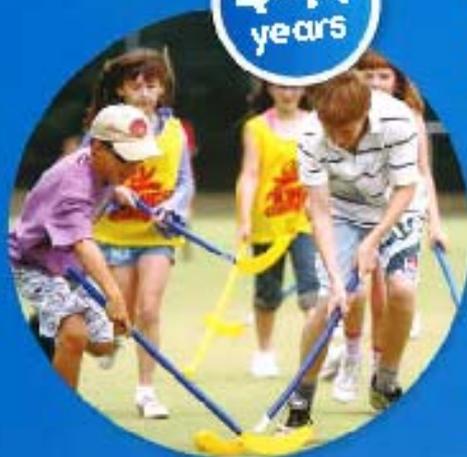
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