



### Dear Parents & Carers,

I am sure that over the last 2 years you have seen a change in our school. On a daily basis now we see really great lessons, children engaged in learning and the school community going from strength to strength. We feel that the positive steps forward are contributing to the great reputation in the community and opportunities that are being offered to our students.

Mr Portsmouth wrote to you last week to give feedback regarding the recent survey we undertook with parents and the things we intend to review as a result of your views. One aspect that we know we need to work on is sharing information more regularly and celebrating our successes.

Alex O'Donnell, Executive Head

### Cleeve Park Presents.....



Taking you back to the prohibition era, New York. A city full of mobsters, showgirls and dreamers. Rival gangster bosses Fat Sam and Dandy Dan are at loggerheads. The custard pies are flying and Dandy Dan's gang has gotten the upper hand since obtaining the new-fangled "splurge" gun. Now, Fat Sam and his bumbling buffoons are in real trouble!

Our students are working hard to bring you an unforgettable show this summer! Packed with outstanding choreography and favourites including *My Name is Tallulah*, *You Give a Little Love* and *Fat Sam's Grand Slam!*

We look forward to welcoming you to the Auditorium this summer, keep your eyes peeled for our performance dates and ticket sales.

### Online Uniform Shop

Cleeve Park School will be partnering with the online platform [Uniformd.co.uk](http://Uniformd.co.uk).

The goal is to allow parents to donate their pre-loved/ outgrown uniform pieces that will in turn be resold to our community at extremely low prices.

This will serve a dual purpose in the current cost of living crisis. Helping families uniform their children at highly reduced rates and raising much needed funds.



### Cleeve Park and Cleeve Meadow Schools Careers Expo - Wednesday 15th March 2023

Cleeve Park and Cleeve Meadow Schools are delighted to be holding our Careers Expo that on Wednesday 15th March 2023 from 7pm – 9pm. In previous years we held a joint careers event with Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar school but this year we will be hosting a dedicated event for our students across all year groups - all are welcome!

We are expecting over 65 representatives from a range of universities, apprenticeship providers and employers. Career Expos are vital to support our students with their next steps and to raise their aspirations so they are able to:

- **Make links with industries/universities/colleges**
- **Learn about which subject to study & what qualifications would benefit specific career choices**
- **Engage in the wider world**
- **Explore information about the local labour market**

### LGBTQ+ celebration of diversity at Cleeve Park School

To celebrate the launch of Bexley's LGBTQ+ history month celebrations, we were invited to attend an exciting gathering at the Civic offices this morning. Our students met the Mayor, Councillors and members of the Bexley LGBTQ+ working party.

We watched the raising of the progress flag outside the Civic Office and we were proud to see the creative artwork that our LGBTQ+ club produced on display in the Civic office chamber. Ollie from Yr13 bravely made a speech to all the dignitaries and invited guests telling them about our weekly club and celebrating how proud we are of our supportive LGBTQ+ community in school.



## Key Dates

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half Term

1<sup>st</sup> March - Year 9 Options Clinic

14<sup>th</sup> March - Year 8 Parents Evening (Online)

15<sup>th</sup> March - Careers Expo

28<sup>th</sup> March - Year 7 Parents Evening (Online)

31<sup>st</sup> March - INSET Day

3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Break

# Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

## Other illnesses

Follow this advice if your child does not have coronavirus symptoms or they had a test and it was negative (they do not have coronavirus).

### Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

### Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

### Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist.

Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

If they have mild symptoms and they feel well enough, they can still go to school.

### Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

### Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

### Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

### Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

### Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

### Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

### Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome, because once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

If you suspect your child has slapped cheek syndrome, take them to see a GP and let their school know if they're diagnosed with it.

### Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

### Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

### Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).