



<p>Key Stage 1-4</p>	<p>Face masks/face coverings - Please can we ask parents to wear masks/face coverings (unless exempt) when dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the day. Please also maintain a distance of 1m+ from other adults and families.</p>
	<p>Children in Need – Key Stage 1-3 only. This year we will be celebrating the Children in Need appeal slightly differently. All classes will participate in the activities of the “Joe Wicks 24 hour PE Challenge”. This will start at 9.25am on Thursday, 12th November and will finish a day later at 9.25am on Friday 13th November. We are asking that all pupils wear their PE kits to school on Thursday, 12th November to take up this challenge. On Friday 13th November, during assembly, we will join Joe Wicks virtually, when he will be live on TV finishing the challenge. Pupils are invited to wear non-uniform or something spotty on Friday 13th November. If you would like to make a contribution, a recommended donation amount is £1.</p> <p>Key stage 4-5 only - We will be supporting the ‘Children in Need’ event on Friday 13th November. Pupils in key stage 4 are invited to come to school in non-uniform, preferably in something ‘spotty’, although this is optional. Students in key stage 5 are also encouraged to wear something ‘spotty’ on this day, to support this amazing charity. If you would like to make a contribution, a recommended donation amount is £1. We will be holding a Children in Need assembly for all key stage 4 pupils and key stage 5 students will have Children in Need themed activities during the day. If your child does not wish to wear non-uniform, then usual school uniform is permitted.</p>
	<p>Thank you for your continued support for this most worthwhile charity.</p>
	<p>Last day of term and non-school uniform day – Friday, 18th December - On this day learners are invited to wear non-uniform, which can be Christmas themed. Pupils should come in uniform if they do not wish to wear non-uniform.</p>
	<p>New school minibus – Sunshine – We have a new mini bus, partly paid for by a donation from the Variety Club – this will be used for key stage 1-3 pupils. The wearing of masks/face coverings for over 11s is now strongly encouraged on our school minibuses, to enable us to access community learning. We have purchased an Electrostatic Hygienization Technology system to clean our minibuses between uses.</p>
	<p>Weather – Now that the cold weather is upon us, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outdoor play. This would also include the days your child has PE. In addition to the new PE kit items, they may also wear base layers (white or black long sleeved tops or skins underneath their t-shirts), plain black or navy jogging bottoms (leggings or skins can also be worn underneath), a plain jumper or fleece in black or navy, water proof jackets and hats. This is keeping in line with the latest government advice that where possible PE lessons are to continue to take place outside.</p>
	<p>Life skills - Your son/daughter is taught life skills as a large part of their curriculum. Topics include things like our local community, health and hygiene, food and transport. Pupils will have regular opportunities to practice these skills in real life situations. Many of these aspects do cost money and rather than asking for contributions, each time a cooking activity occurs or pupils go offsite we ask for a donation of £15 per term. Where pupils go out and purchase meals/snacks or a trip requires entrance fees, due to the extra cost of these activities, a separate letter will come home asking for this money. Payment is £15 a term via the sQuid online payment system. You can make all three payments before the payment deadline dates. The dates for payment are due by: Monday, 11th January and Monday, 26th April 2021 Please log into your sQuid account under “Trips and Offers” and look for the booking category “Life Skills Payment for School Key Stage 1-4” and then look for “Life Skills payment for School KS 1-4 2020-2021”.</p>
	<p>Snacks – Your son/daughter is allowed a snack at break-time. Your child can either bring in a healthy snack, e.g. fruit or raisins. Please do not give your children any chocolate, crisps or nuts of any kind to bring into school. You can also purchase a slice of toast for Secondary children or bread and butter for Primary children at 50p a week via our sQuid online payment system. Please log into your sQuid account under “Trips and Offers” and look for the Booking Category: SNACKS 2020-2021 and then pick which week you require and pay.</p>
	<p>Teacher’s email addresses – Please see below the new class email addresses. Please email the class teacher if you need to contact them. (Emails will not be viewed during teaching hours.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Foote – C4.1@castledon.org Ms Wheeler – C4.2@castledon.org Mrs O’Brien – C4.3@castledon.org Mr Ing – C4.4@castledon.org Ms Lovick – LLClass@castledon.org Mrs K Johnson – KJClass@castledon.org Ms Jones – VJClass@castledon.org Ms Mansfield-Smith – HMClass@castledon.org Mrs DJohnson – DJClass@castledon.org Ms West – EWClass@castledon.org Mrs Wiggs – CWclass@castledon.org Mrs Murphy – CMclass@castledon.org Mrs Crowdy – TCclass@castledon.org Ms Carter – SCclass@Castledon.org
<p>Future</p>	<p>Children in Need – Friday, 13th November (non-uniform day, spots optional, £1 donation) Last day of term – 18 December – non-uniform day</p>

dates

Christmas break - Monday, 21 December 2020 – Friday, 1 January 2021

Inset day - 4 January (non-pupil day)

Half term – Monday, 15 – Friday, 19 February

Inset days - Monday, 22 – Tuesday, 23 February (non-pupil days – annual review meetings taking place)

Easter break – Monday, 29 – Friday, 9 April (returning Monday, 12 April)

Bank Holiday – Monday, 3 May

Half term – Monday, 31 May – Friday, 4 June (including bank holiday Monday)

Inset Day – Friday, 9 July (non-pupil day)

Last day of school – Wednesday, 21 July at 12o/c (except year 11 who leave on Friday, 28 May)

Please ensure that we have your up-to-date email address and contact numbers in case of emergencies. Please let the School Office know of any changes.