



Friday 10th September 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope that you and your families are well and that you enjoyed a good summer holiday.



A very warm welcome to our new Year R children and their parents/carers who have joined our Connor family. The Year R children have been settling in well this week and have been making friends whilst getting to know their EYFS setting.

A very warm welcome too for our new children and their parents/carers who have joined us as in year arrivals. It is wonderful to see how quickly you have settled in.

Covid Update

Earlier this week you will have received a letter from Vanessa Bragg, CEO of Aspire, detailing the current information regarding our Covid measures.

You will have seen in the press that due to the high rates of infection across the South West at the moment, Cornwall and Devon have been moved to an Enhanced Response Area (ERA) by central government. This means that authorities across the South West have more flexibility to introduce public health measures if considered necessary.

This response will last for five weeks initially and will be reviewed after four.
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/health-wellbeing-and-social-care/cornwall-designated-enhanced-response-area-to-help-tackle-rise-in-covid-cases/>

LFD Testing:

All school staff will be asked to continue with twice weekly Lateral Flow Device testing.

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Drop off/pick up procedures:

We politely ask that you continue to socially distance and **wear a mask at the gates and on site**, for the first five weeks. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Shine Assemblies

Due to the advice from Public Health England, for the next 5 weeks we will continue to hold Shine assemblies virtually via Teams for the children and staff in school. We will keep you updated regarding this situation.

PE

Reception and KS1 Classes will be able to change into PE kit at their desks.

Year Group	Day
EYFS	Friday morning
Year 1	Thursday morning
Year 2	Monday afternoon

For KS2 children, due to limited changing facilities and the current Covid situation, for the next 5 weeks we are offering the children the opportunity to come to school dressed in their PE kit on their allocated PE day.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	Year 4	Year 6	Year 5

If your child wears their PE kit to school, on their allocated PE day, it must be the Connor Downs PE Uniform, of Navy shorts, white t-shirt with logo and school jumper. If you would like your child/children to wear tracksuit bottoms over their shorts this is fine. Tracksuit bottoms should be navy or black in colour.

After School Clubs

Teachers are in the process of planning after school clubs to take place outside. More details to follow next week.

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Maintenance Work

I am delighted to share that over the summer holidays, the Key Stage 2 toilets have been completed refurbished with brand new fixtures and fittings. The children are delighted with the new facilities.

The front of the Key Stage 2 building has been repointed and the hall roof has been replaced.

Work of this nature ensures that our school environment is continually being updated and improved for the benefit of our children and staff.

Transfer to Secondary School



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The
deadline for
applications is
31 October
2021

Transfer to secondary school

September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: **School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY**

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on **0800 587 8191**



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2022**

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: **01872 324242** Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 31 October 2021

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2022. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Starting School – September 2022



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The deadline for applications is **15 January 2022**

Starting school September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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Applying for a **reception class** place for **September 2022**

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2 Submit your application by 15 January 2022

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If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 19 April 2022.** **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Tempest School Photographs

Tempest will be coming into school on Monday 27th September to take individual photographs. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, they are unable to offer family photographs, but will be able to accommodate sibling photographs for siblings attending Connor Downs Academy.



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Early Help Family Work Support and Guidance Sessions

Early Help Family Worker Support and Guidance Session

Do you have a child under the age of 13 years old?
Do you feel you may need some help?

Our friendly and understanding Family Workers are available to offer support and guidance to families.

Bookable sessions at Hayle Family Hub, Bodriggy Street, Hayle TR27 4ND between 10.00am to 3.00pm:

September

Monday 6th
Wednesday 8th

October

Monday 4th
Wednesday 13th

November

Monday 1st
Wednesday 10th

December

Monday 6th
Wednesday 8th



**To book a session, please call: 01736 759058 or
email: penwith.familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk**

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Term Dates – 2021/2022 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Monday 6th September 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Inset Day Monday 6th September (**School closed to pupils**)

Half Term – Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Last Day of Autumn Term – Friday 17th December 2021

Christmas Holidays – Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022

Inset Day – Friday 18th February 2022 (**School closed to pupils**)

Half Term – Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Last Day of Spring Term – Friday 8th April 2022

Easter Holidays – Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022

Summer Term

Monday 25th April 2022 to Tuesday 26th July 2022

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022

Inset Day – Friday 27th May 2022 (**School closed to pupils**)

Half Term – Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Day In Lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday – Monday 6th June 2022

Inset Day – Monday 25th July 2022 (**School closed to pupils**)

Inset Day – Tuesday 26th July 2022 (**School closed to pupils**)

Last Day of Summer Term – Friday 22nd July 2022

Attendance		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
Joint 1 st Place	Year 5	96.5 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year 3	96.5 %
3 rd Place	Year 2	96.4 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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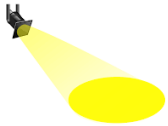
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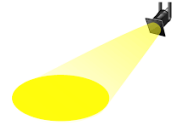
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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars
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Year R – Cohort

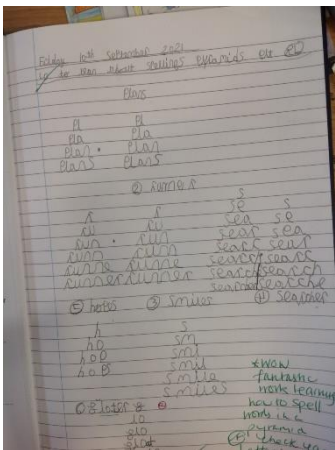
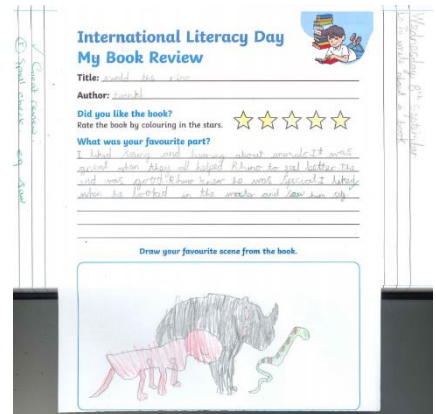
For settling in so well to your first week at Connor Downs Academy. Well done to all the children in Year R!

Year 1 – Lowen

Lowen is so kind to his friends and respectful of his new teachers. He has settled in really well to Year 1 and is showing increasing independence in remembering his backpack every play time. Well done Lowen, keep up the fantastic effort!

Year 2 – Charlie

For excellent reading aloud in class and the detail you have included in your writing. Well done Charlie!



Year 3 – Isla

For excellent work on spelling pyramids in English. Isla is a great role model, who is already showing her enthusiasm to answer questions in Year 3. Well done Isla – keep up the great work!

Year 4 – Lily-Mae

For an incredible start to Year 4. Lily-Mae has settled in so well and has shown what an amazing friend she is to all her peers.

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Year 5 – Sophia

For an amazing start to the year. Sophia has presented her work beautifully and shown great pride in her writing.

Year 6 – Elodie

For making a superb start to Year 6. Elodie listened well during our hockey lesson this week and did her very best. Well done Elodie!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School

