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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted that our school has been part of the **Children's University** for many years. We are proud to be involved in a programme that encourages, celebrates and rewards children for taking part in learning and activities beyond the classroom. We particularly enjoy celebrating our children's achievements when they graduate at the end of each year.

### **How does Children's University work?**

Children in **Year 1 to Year 6** have their own Children's University online account. You and your child can use this account to record the activities they take part in, track the number of hours they have completed and see the skills they are developing.

**A wide range of voluntary activities outside normal lesson time can count towards Children's University hours.** This includes:

- School after-school clubs
- Sports clubs
- Brownies, Cubs, Guides or Scouts
- Swimming lessons
- Music lessons
- Dance or drama
- Alton Castle
- Parliament
- Stanley Head
- Other clubs and activities outside school

### **Recording your child's hours – an important reminder**



Each club or activity has its own **Children's University stamp code**.

For **school clubs**, the school will provide the appropriate stamp code. The **stamp codes for this half term's school clubs are included with this letter**.

**Please remember that your child needs to log their hours using the correct stamp code for the specific club or activity every time they attend.** For example, if your child attends a school football club for four weeks, they should enter the football club's stamp code **on each occasion they attend**, recording the hours completed each time.

The code should therefore **not simply be entered once for the whole term**. Each attendance should be recorded separately so that your child's Children's University account accurately reflects the activities and hours they have completed.

For activities outside school, the club or organisation may already have a Children's University stamp code. If they do not, they can request one by contacting [cu@staffs.ac.uk](mailto:cu@staffs.ac.uk).

You can find out which clubs and organisations in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire already have Children's University stamp codes, as well as find out more about the programme, by visiting:

[www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk)

### **Your child's login details**

Children in **Years 2–6** will continue to use their current passwords to access their Children's University dashboard.

Children in **Year 1** will receive their login details separately.

To log in:

1. Visit [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk)
2. Click '**Log in**' in the top right-hand corner.
3. Select '**Log in as child**'.
4. Enter your child's login details.
5. Once logged in, you can change the password if required.

### **University of Staffordshire**

Our regional Children's University partner is **University of Staffordshire**. They regularly send newsletters highlighting local learning providers, activities and events taking place during the school holidays and throughout the year.

They can also be contacted if you have any questions about the Children's University programme. You can follow their Facebook page **@StaffsUniCU** to keep up to date with local events and activities.

We are really looking forward to seeing all the exciting activities our pupils take part in throughout the year and celebrating the learning, skills and experiences they gain along the way!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Statham

Head of School

#### Autumn 1 Children's University Stamp Codes

| Club                   | Stamp Code |
|------------------------|------------|
| Songbirds              | Red0932    |
| Lego                   | Yellow9221 |
| Multi Skills           | Purple3059 |
| Minnie Vinnies         | Green2212  |
| Netball                | Red2382    |
| Singing Stars          | Purple5234 |
| Board Games            | Green6743  |
| KS1 Dance (ABSOD)      | Yellow7770 |
| KS2 Dance              | Red4337    |
|                        |            |
|                        |            |
| Music lessons          |            |
|                        |            |
| Woodwind lessons       | Blue9465   |
| Violin / viola lessons | Blue6502   |
| Brass lessons          | Blue2590   |
|                        |            |
| Visits / Visitors      |            |
|                        |            |
| London – Parliament    | Blue0110   |
| Y6 Stanley Head        | Green7026  |
| Y5 Alton Castle        | Yellow2578 |
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