



# Christ Church Primary School



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Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## How Christ Church Plans To Reduce Restrictions Safely

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the vaccine roll out continues and numbers of infections fall, it looks like the Government roadmap out of lockdown will go ahead as planned. In line with this, we have planned how we will respond to reduced restrictions in school to ease us back towards some sort of normality.

I have provided the overview of our plans to reduce restrictions below, so you can see what is coming over the weeks ahead and support your child with changes; if you have any concerns please do contact the school office or your year group email for queries relating to specific classes. Of course, this map will be reviewed continuously alongside local rates of infection and any Government changes, so it may be subject to changes as needed.

Whilst this will feel like a huge relief to be working more socially, I know it may also bring some anxieties for families and for many of our children they will not remember or even know what a 'usual' school day looks like!

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| <b>Stage 3a – w/c 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b>+ 5 weeks after Easter break</b> |
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Children will return to working in groups rather than rows in class bubbles – staff will move tables & furnishings with classes on 14<sup>th</sup> so pupils know what to expect on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Soft furnishings will be reintroduced to classrooms and displays updated with fabrics etc allowed; corridors displays to return & reading benches reinstated  
 Children will access swimming on site  
 CC4C will return to open plan childcare in the canteen  
 Indoor clubs may be offered to year group bubbles and KS clubs can take place if outdoors with registers being taken  
 Staff can work in phases for meetings and staffroom numbers can be increased to phases; review of staff bubbles with gradual increase in working numbers and staff meetings will be outdoors or socially distanced in teaching phases

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| <b>Stage 3b – w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>AFTER HALF TERM</b> |
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Y6 will return to their 2 class bubbles, Y3 will move into their classrooms and vacate the hall  
 Intervention room to be used for small groups of Y5 or Y6 across classes (not both together) and a library set up over half term  
 The hall will be used for F2 & Y1 lunches with a distance gap between the 2 year groups; Y2 – Y6 in canteen – staggered times & seated on separate year group tables. Lunchtime outdoor playtimes can include 2 year groups overlapping  
 Trips and visits to places of interest can commence with COVID Risk Assessment  
 Team sports and competition in line with grass roots guidance commences including competitions with other schools  
 Indoor KS distanced staff meetings – must be distanced in large rooms : Infants in any classroom, KS2 in hall  
 SENCO to return to own office, AHTs in front office & overflow staff rooms will reduce

**8.45am Drop off – all pupils to be in school by 8.55am:**

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| Siblings and F2 / Y1 through grey gate     | Y2, Y3, Y4 at green gate     | Y5 & Y6 at driveway gate                         |
| <b>Collections – Infants 3.15pm finish</b> | <b>KS2 3.30pm finish</b>     | <b>Siblings – infant &amp; KS2 3.30pm finish</b> |
| F2 / Y1 grey gate 3.15pm                   | Y2 green gate 3.15pm         | Y5 & Y6 driveway gate 3.30pm                     |
| Y3 & Y4 green gate 3.30                    | Y5 & Y6 driveway gate 3.30pm | Siblings grey gate 3.30pm                        |



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## Stage 4a – w/c 21<sup>st</sup> June Government plans for restrictions to end

- Year groups will be able to use the hall for combined worship and activities
- Children may bring own equipment into school; pencil cases etc. if they choose, but will continue to wear PE kit on specified days and will not need to change clothing
- Parents will be invited to outdoor events in socially distanced year groups – CCPA year group fairs in forest school area
- Parents will be invited to wait for pupils on the astro at the end of the school day
- Keystages will be able to work together outdoors
- Begin year group assemblies / end of term celebrations etc
- Clergy worship in phase groups
- Year 6 leavers activities are planned to continue – party, church service, plays & sports
- Year groups will plan sports days

Please note especially the **change to drop off and collection times after half term**; this is moving towards our previous arrangements and then once we have moved past the 21<sup>st</sup> June we are hoping to invite our families back onto the premises so you can have more regular face to face contact with the teaching staff. Currently we have a rota of year group staff on the gates so families can speak directly with teachers, but if you would like a phone call or to speak after school please email the year group emails and our teaching team will arrange to see you.

**We do not yet know how the advice regarding facemasks will change so please continue to wear them upon arrival and leaving the school site until we hear otherwise.**

I know our staff are very excited to be able to work more socially so that children can learn more from interactions and they can gradually bring back resources into classrooms and make learning environments less sparse. We will of course continue to keep everything clean and well ventilated and welcome any feedback you may have.

I know a number of pupils have found handwashing dries their hands significantly; we have changed soaps again and provided every class with hand cream as well as staff reminding children to wash soap off and dry their hands thoroughly after washing. Again, the handwashing routines will remain in place until we are advised differently, but please let us know if your child is struggling and we will work with them to reduce dryness.

I can only thank-you all on behalf of the Christ Church team for all you have done to support school over the past year; we feel very blessed to work with you and your children have been such an inspiration in how they have coped with the many changes and challenges they have had to face. We look forward to being able to work with you more closely in person. Electronic communication has been super and I am extremely proud of how our staff have risen to the challenge of remote and blended learning as well as managing protective measures and working in isolation. However, human beings are social creatures; the day when hugs are safe and we can safely put an end restrictions will be such a happy one for or whole community; so we will watch, wait and pray all goes to plan!

Best Wishes,  
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