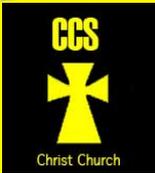




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WELCOME BACK!

1st September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the beginning of what we hope to be a more usual academic year! We have had a very busy summer holiday with building works and staff have worked hard to strip and then set up rooms, ready to greet your children on Thursday 2nd September. I know year groups have written to you regarding arrangements for your child's class, but please find some general school information to help your family settle back into school routines successfully.

Ongoing Building Work

We have had a new heating system installed over the summer holidays, which looks much tidier and will give more efficient, well-controlled temperatures to each room. We also have a long-term roofing project that will continue into the spring. This means that access to the car park is significantly restricted and gates will be closed at drop off and collection times for pupil safety. If you need to access the driveway or car park for any reason, please contact the office and they will make individual arrangements with you.

COVID19

Restrictions have been reduced in schools so that pupils are no longer in bubbles and classes will not be closed unless there is a local outbreak and Public Health advise it. Children can work and play in groups in their class and year group and will only be contacted to isolate by NHS Track and Trace if they are considered to be a particularly close contact of a positive case.

What will school look like?

We are taking a steady approach in school, as it is likely that when schools reopen we will see positive cases as families and pupils begin to mix again after the summer. We will gradually introduce mixing beyond year groups as the year progresses, but children will be able to have assemblies distanced in their age phases (KS1, LKS2 and UKS2) and activities in their year groups when larger spaces are available to them. We will be limiting large numbers of pupils in smaller spaces and staff will gradually mix more widely across the school.

Masks

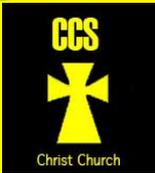
As you know, masks are no longer compulsory in England. We would appreciate any families who feel able to wear a mask supporting us to keep our school staff healthy and we will do the same for you. We will wear masks in time of close proximity so we can continue to minimise potential risks. We will also wear a mask if working very closely with a pupil (first aid or additional support for example) or in meetings where we cannot distance effectively.

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Symptoms and Testing

If a child or adult becomes unwell with symptoms in line with COVID19 they will be isolated and asked to access a PCR test, if the result is negative they can return to school. If the result is positive, they will need to isolate for 10 days. Household members who are pupils or double vaccinated adults will be asked to take a PCR test and will not need to isolate if the result is negative.

What can children bring to school?

Pupils will continue to attend wearing their PE kits on PE days and bring a change of clothes on Forest School days. They should bring their own water bottle and coat or sunhat according to the weather. Children in KS2 (years 3-6) may bring a pencil case to school if they choose, although equipment will always be provided in classrooms.

Start and End of Day arrangements

The school day begins at 8.45am for our "Ready to Learn" sessions. This is when children can come into their classroom and have a settling in activity to get them ready for their day. The time is often used to change reading books, check homework with teachers or complete some warm up tasks. Year group teams rotate so that someone from each year group will be by the gates to receive messages or speak with parents whilst other staff are leading Ready to Learn. **All pupils must be in school by 8.55am.** We will continue to have multiple access points as this eases congestion and makes the gates less busy.

Please check when and where your child should arrive to school:

F2 – via the grey gate and parents should drop their child off at the F2 outdoor play gate

Y1 – via the grey gate and through the hall

Y2 - via the green gate and through the main entrance

Y3 – up the driveway to the CC4C gate

Y4 – via the green gate – class 9 via their outside door and class 10 via the hall

Y5 - up the driveway to the CC4C gate

Y6 – via the green gate and into the annex building

Siblings can all use the gate allocated to the youngest child in the family for ease.

Collecting pupils:

Infant children finish school at 3.15pm and KS2 at 3.30pm. Teachers will bring their classes onto the astro playground for collection, Y3 and Y5 children will be dismissed from the top of the driveway. Parents should enter the site using the same gates in the afternoon as they do in the morning. To make it easier for families, younger children can remain in the building with class teaching assistants until 3.30pm and be collected with their older sibling.



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Lunches

Those children who choose a packed lunch should bring it in a sealed bag or container as it will be stored in their classroom until needed. **All infant pupils are provided with a free school meal as well as KS2 children who are entitled to free school meals.** If you think your child should be able to have a free meal, please get in touch with the school office and they will help you to check. **Other families in Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6 should pay for school lunches via parent pay each week.**

CC4C

Our wrap around breakfast and after school club will be available to families from 7am to the start of school and from the end of school until 6pm. Places must be booked in advance and must be paid for regularly to continue accessing the provision.

Toast Club

We will be relaunching toast club in the school hall from 8.15 – 8.45am daily. This requires a 50p contribution and enable families to have a safe early drop off for children. It doesn't need to be booked; children should be accompanied across the playground to the hall ramp entrance where they will be registered by a member of staff. At 8.45am, children are taken to their classes or older children will go themselves. We will send details about start dates for toast club by the end of this week and are aiming to open as soon as possible.

Staffing Update

- Mrs Sarah Dollard has joined our team as our new Business Manager and is completing a handover with Mrs Brisco over the next few weeks.
- Miss Rachael Curran is providing additional support to our catering team.
- We are also welcoming Miss Katie Lloyd who is a local artist and qualified teacher and will be providing specialist Art teaching on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Mr Longstaffe has changed his class teacher role and will be providing specialist Computing and Music teaching as well as cover when needed.
- We are continuing with Mr Donelan as our specialist Sports coach.

This level of expertise will help strengthen our teaching team and provide quality learning for our pupils.

Holiday Dates Reminder

Please ensure your child attends school every day unless unwell. Schools cannot authorise term time holidays and parents should contact the school office if their child is absent. Families can leave a message on the school telephone system or email the office if their child is unwell. A copy of the term dates is attached for your convenience and is also available on our website. Please note that we have an additional day allocated as a Bank Holiday as the Queen's Jubilee is during the Summer Half Term.

We are excited to begin a more normal year and give children the very best opportunities at Christ Church!

Yours Sincerely,

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