

26th February 2021

'Let your light shine.'

Everyone back to school

I can't tell you how excited our staff are to have ALL of our children back in school once again. We believe that school is the best place for your child and that social interaction is desperately needed for healthy development and good mental health. Your child will always learn best when they are happy, calm and settled.

Attendance

The government have announced that it will be mandatory for all children to attend school from the 8th March, unless they are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and have a shielding letter from the Doctor.

Staff are **only** required to provide **home learning** for children who are self-isolating as a result of a positive test for COVID-19, or who have a letter from the NHS advising them to shield and not to attend school. All other children are expected to return to full-time attendance.

Face coverings

Face coverings need to be worn by everyone aged 12 years and over, at drop off and pick up times. The school lane can become overcrowded and so this precaution will help reduce the risk of transmission between children, staff and parents at the school gate.

In addition, we need to insist that you:

- Do not send pupils in if they have **any** symptoms or concerns about their health or if they have had contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19
- Let us know as soon as possible if you have any information regarding symptoms of COVID, (first day)
- Only 1 person (**who is wearing a mask**) to drop off and pick up and wherever possible please do not bring younger siblings at drop off times
- Adhere strictly to drop off and collection times to avoid overcrowding so that we reduce the numbers in the school lane
- Maintain **stringent** social 2m+ distancing from those around you and whilst queueing
- Please try not to mix with parents from any other bubble whilst waiting
- Please drop and disperse quickly. Do not loiter and chat outside the school grounds
- Please explain to your children that we will be ensuring 1+ m distance in class and within the playground

Children will need to:

- Attend school every day
- Line up on the green markings in the school lane whilst waiting

- Follow strict hygiene practices and wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day, following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' procedures for coughs and sneezes
- Adhere to social distancing, where possible
- Wear school uniform, with long hair tied up
- Wear PE kits to school on PE days
- Be dropped off and collected, at the following times:

Drop off and pick up times

Year Group	Gate	Drop off	Pick up
Y1	Back	08:45	3:10pm
Y2	Back	08:50	3:15pm
Y3	<i>Front</i>	08:50	3:15pm
Y4	<i>Front</i>	08:45	3:10pm
Y5	<i>Front</i>	08:40	3:05pm
Y6	<i>Front</i>	08:35	3:00pm

Please strictly adhere to timings to prevent a build-up of human traffic in the school lane.

Q. What about siblings? My children have different drop off and pick up times?

Drop off – both/all siblings can be dropped off at the earliest time. The oldest sibling will take their younger siblings to their classes first before going to registration.

Pick up – both/all siblings can be picked up at the earliest time. The older siblings will wait in the playground outside their younger sibling's class, and all can walk together to the oldest sibling's gate.

Communication

Due to COVID-19, we are still unable to have parents and carers on site, so communication will need to continue through the ClassDojo app, phone or email for the time being. We would like every parent or carer to use the ClassDojo app to liaise with their child's teacher so if you need a new log in code, please phone or email the school office.

Breakfast Club

Spaces **MUST** be booked in advance by emailing or phoning the school office during school hours. The fees are £2 per day.

Having a drink (water only) helps you think

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school because our drinking fountains are all switched off. We are a healthy school and so **only water is allowed**, not squash. You can buy a water bottle [here](#).

PE KITS

On the days when your child has PE they should come to school wearing their PE kit and can wear it all day. As stated in our uniform policy, the PE kit for all year groups is:

- plain white T-shirt
- plain black shorts (or plain black jogging bottoms in cold weather)
- Black daps for Key Stage 1 and trainers for Key Stage 2
- School jumper

Christ Church CE VA Primary School



Headteacher: Emma Bray

Deputy Headteacher: Rachael Clarke

Senior Teachers: Aaron Rogers & Emily Walker

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PE lessons will be held on the following days:

Year Group	Day	Taught by
Reception	Fri am	Mrs Johnstone
Year 1	Tues am	Mrs Biddle
Year 2	Wed pm	Mrs Coomber
Year 3	Mon pm	Mr Bazell
Year 4	Wed am	Mr Bazell
Year 5	Thurs pm	Mr Bazell
Year 6	Tues pm	Mr Bazell

School uniform

On days when your child is not wearing their PE kit, they should be wearing **full school uniform**, including all long hair being tied back. Trainers are not allowed to be worn unless it is a PE day.

You can read about our **school uniform** in our prospectus [here](#).

After school clubs

Some after school clubs will resume after the Easter holidays; more details to follow.

Help is here

We understand that your situation may have changed during lockdown. Members of your family may have lost their jobs, suffered loss or been faced with relationship difficulties or other problems. If you are worried about issues which could impact you or your child, you are welcome to phone or email the school, and speak with our learning mentor, Mrs Bagnall, who can help. We are here for you.

INSET DAYS

7th June 2021

2nd September 2021

3rd September 2021

22nd October 2021

3rd January 2022 (an additional INSET day is yet to be confirmed)

There is light at the end of the tunnel. Keep on, keeping on.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Bray

