



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you all into our Christ Church School family! We have an open door policy and are keen to develop good working relationships with you all. We are always available to answer any questions you may have, please be aware that mornings can be really busy and you can always speak to us at the end of the day too.

Foundation Stage Morning Routine

When you arrive we will have put out the water trolley and a clipboard for messages about who will be collecting that day. Before you come in to the cloakroom please support your child to:

- Place their bottle on their class water trolley. Please **support** your child to do this independently.
- Change their sharing book. (More detail on this below)

Hedgehogs will enter through the brown doors, Otters through the brown doors on the Quad.

As you enter the cloakroom area, please help your child to do the following:

- Hang coats on their pegs and if your child has a lunch box, please ask them to put it by their peg.
- Say hello or good morning to adults in the team and each other!
- Choose a lunch sign to display on the self-registration photo boards. For packed lunch, there is one sign, "I am packed lunch!" For school dinners there are 3 choices: a 'main' option (red), a 'jacket potato' option (blue) and a 'vegetarian' option (yellow). You will have received a menu but in advance but we also display one in each classroom above the lunch registration photo boards.
- Put book bags away in their named drawer and then find something or someone to play with. Please settle your child at an activity, or with an adult if necessary, before leaving them.
- You should have signed up for a staggered start time on your home or school visit. Mr. Baker has permitted a staggered entry time until **18th September**. From then on, please ensure your child arrives promptly by the school start time - **8.40am**. We complete the register at 8.50am - please can we ask you to ensure that your child is settled in their classroom by this time. Please note we have to close the register at 8.50 so if you arrive after this time your child will be marked late and you will have to go to the office with them to sign them in.
- We hope that the children will become increasingly independent with their morning routine as the weeks progress.

Wednesday Afternoons

On a Wednesday afternoon, the class teachers will be released from the classroom to carry out planning, preparation and assessment tasks. On this day, the children are in for a real treat! They will be taught by familiar teachers; Mrs Screen and Mrs Jones. They are excited to be leading our Music and R.E curriculum with the Foundation children.

Allergies

There are children within Foundation and throughout the school who have **severe nut allergies**. Please help us keep these children safe. **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.** Please do not send in any nuts or food items that contain nuts into school with your child – please be especially mindful regarding checking

snacks eg: cereal bars etc... The children have been told that they must not share their food at school and we hope you will support us with this important message at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

Drinks

Water bottles that are placed on the trolley must contain **JUST WATER**. We recognise the many benefits of being well hydrated and will encourage all children to drink regularly throughout the school day. In order to help us monitor all children's water consumption, we encourage clear bottles.

Also ***please give your child a separate re-sealable drink for lunchtime if they are packed lunches.*** The children are not allowed into the classrooms at lunchtime and therefore cannot use their water bottles that are on the trolleys. At lunchtimes, water fountains are available for all children when they are on the playground and water is provided in the dinner hall for children having school dinners.

Book Bags

We will use your child's book bag as one of the ways we will communicate with you. Many letters and other information will be placed in your child's drawer for them to take home to you in their book bag. Please can we ask you to **CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG DAILY** and also support your child to ensure they are putting correspondence into their book bag. It is also advisable to check your child's drawer on a regular basis! **The children will be given a book to share at home, this book is for you to share with your child and not for them to read aloud to you.** This book can be changed on a regular basis, if your child is enjoying the story then feel free to keep it for several days, children often love to hear stories more than once. **Your child will be given a suitable reading book and reading record after the Reading and Phonics Workshop on Thursday 4th October at 7p.m.**

Head Bump Notes

If your child bumps their head while at school, this will be noted in the medical book and dealt with appropriately. A note will also be sent home via your child's book bag to inform you of the incident. Another reason why it is so important to check your child's book bag on a daily basis. Your child may also be wearing a 'head bump' sticker.

Pushchair Reminder

Please leave pushchairs outside. The cloakroom is a very busy area in the mornings and unfortunately there is not enough room for pushchairs as well. We appreciate this is hard with younger siblings and would like to thank you for accommodating this request.

Labels.....Please!

Please continue to ensure that **EVERY** item of clothing coming to school is clearly named with your child's **FULL NAME** (NOT just initials please). It is likely that many of the children will have the same make and size of school shoes – ***please name shoes too.*** On any one day, there are more than 400 green school jumpers on the school site. It will be very difficult for us to support your child with taking care of their belongings if they are not clearly named. Also, please can you ensure that if your child has ***a lunchbox it is clearly named on the outside,*** so we can quickly find the rightful owner! Any lost property from Foundation without a name on will be placed in the school's lost property area.

Coats

Please can you ensure your child has an appropriate coat and footwear for the weather, e.g. in wet weather, please send them in a water proof coat and shoes/boots. At Christ Church we believe in the benefits of fresh air and time to run around so ***even if the weather is a little damp and drizzly we will still go outside to play!*** Welly walks will be taking place throughout the week, so please ensure that your child has labelled wellies and waterproofs in school every day.

PE at school

Please ensure that your child has their named PE kit in school every day. Your child is very welcome to leave their PE kit in school all term – we will ensure it is sent home for washing at the end of each term. As mentioned in our welcome meetings, **trainers will be needed from term 1.** Long hair must be tied up and earrings must be taken out or covered over for PE sessions.

Spare Clothing

We are aware that you have provided your child with a spare pair of underwear in case of a toilet accident at school. However, we do also have spare clothing in Foundation. If your child has a toilet accident in school and comes home in Foundation spare clothing, please could you wash and return them as soon as possible. Incidentally we are always running out of socks, underwear and trousers - especially later on in the year. If you are having a clear out and have any that you would be able to donate to our collection we would be extremely grateful!

Pre-School Reports

Thank you to all parents who have already kindly shared pre-school reports with us. We are happy to receive any others. Please let us know if you would like them returned afterwards. (Some settings sent us copies in Term 6, if you are unsure if we have your child's transition report then please ask your child's class teacher.)

Birthdays and Toys

As a whole school rule, we ask for birthday invitations to be handed out outside of the classroom please. This is to prevent any children becoming upset if they have not received an invitation. The children are welcome to bring in their favourite card or toy to show their friends on their birthday. This is the only time toys are allowed in from home as it is a very special occasion! Unfortunately we are unable to hand out cakes / sweets to the class on these occasions.

FOCCS – Friends of Christ Church School

Each year group needs at least 2 parents/carers from each class to be the named class contacts, but equally there can be more per class. We are still looking for parent contacts for this year so please let us know if you are interested (it can be a group arrangement). The class contacts also help to co-ordinate the cake sale but this certainly doesn't mean you have to do everything.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We will be holding parent/carer consultations in October. These meetings are to discuss how your child is settling into school and we will be offering a selection of days and times. The week before the parent/carer meetings, we will put up 'sign up sheets' – you are invited to sign up so you can choose a day and time that is convenient. These meetings are an important time for us to have a 'grown-up' chat so we **encourage you to attend without your child**. It may suit you to follow the lead from many other Christ Church parents who often sign up for close appointments with friends and take turns to play with the children outside.

Cake Days

Each Friday in the Berryfield Hall we hold a cake day. Each year group takes it in turn to set up, sell and bake cakes for the cake sell, with profits going to their year group. Our first cake sale is 19th October 2018 please, please support us by donating treats to sell and by popping in to buy a cake after school with your child.

We are really looking forward to sharing our news and your child's successes with you over the coming weeks and months.

Many thanks
Mrs Morling and Mrs Robinson