



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I wanted to write to you following the national update of COVID-19 regarding school closures and how we at Christ Church are responding to this.

Before I go any further, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support and patience over this critical time. Your understanding of us having to respond to the changing landscape is much appreciated.

The government has asked that children are kept at home wherever possible and asked that we remain open for those children who absolutely need to attend. We will remain open for those children who are classified as vulnerable and where the child's parents have been identified as a key worker. This type of provision is different to the typical school day as it is about care – keeping children safe and allowing workers to go to work and care for the sick or keep the critical infrastructure in place.

A couple of housekeeping/admin issues:

If your child has milk through Cool Milk please ensure you cancel the direct debit.

From Monday the Sladesbrook entrance and side gate will be closed. All entry or exit from the school will be through the main entrance on Berryfield Road.

The office will remain open between 8.00am and 12.00 noon. Please use admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk to make contact with the school. If you have an emergency or safeguarding concern each Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy DSL will have a temporary mobile number. In case of emergency please call:

Neil Baker, Headteacher & DSL on 07745781956

Helen Rutt, iDeputy Headteacher & DDSL on 07851962327

For families who are in receipt of Free School Meals we will contact you later with details of vouchers. If in the meantime you wish to talk to us about food then please call our Child and Family Support Worker, Abigail Smith, on her temporary number 07561611879.



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At the end of the day today you will receive a copy of your child's Record of Achievement. The envelope also includes system logons. For those children who need to stay at home we have put together learning packs and these are available on our website (www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk) under the class pages.

Those who requested a paper copy in time will have received that today. If your child is not in school today you will be able to come into school during the mornings next week between 8.00am-12.00 noon to collect them.

In this difficult time, we know the current situation is going to change. If you feel you need any support from school then please contact us. You can email admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk phone 01225 863444 between 8.00-12.00 and use the emergency numbers at any other time.

This unprecedented time its difficulties and challenges but it has also brought out the good and caring nature of Christ Church Primary community. We value this community spirit so highly. We will need to continue with this until some sense of normality resumes.

We will keep in contact with you through our website. In the meantime, please continue to take care of yourselves and your families.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Baker', written in a cursive style.

Neil Baker
Headteacher