



10 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this latest letter, I am aware that the Secretary of State has changed the guidance for schools again. I am sure realise that we get to hear the announcements at the same time as everyone else and we will plan our response as soon as we can. We understand that the government will confirm its future expectations in the coming weeks through the DfE. Under the current guidance, Christ Church is operating at capacity. We have had to re-design and re-organise the school to accommodate the return of additional pupils. I will endeavour to keep you abreast of our plans over the remainder of the academic year. During your conversations with the school some of you have posed questions relating to the future plans in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore I have put together a number of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) in order to give you the confidence of the school's plans.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many of you who have sent in supportive emails especially around our online platform. As a school we appreciate the difficulties home learning presents which is why we will continue with Class Dojo and its associated links for all year groups.

### FAQs

The following are questions that many parents/carers would like to know the answers to at the moment:

**Will INSET still happen? When?**

The INSET day planned for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June will be postponed until Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (last day of term). Therefore, the last day of school for all pupils will be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**What will happen in September?**

The school is awaiting further guidance from the Government and will respond quickly and let you know of plans as soon as we are able. At the moment we don't know how classes will be organised, i.e. the number of pupils in at a time/will social distancing be in place etc. Unless the guidance changes drastically, we are planning a phased/staggered return from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September will be INSET Days). It may be that school will have to operate a part-time timetable for all its pupils.

**What will the curriculum look like in September? How will the curriculum be adjusted for next year?**

Once the school is aware of how we will return, the curriculum will be adjusted according to national guidance. We will use robust non-formal assessments to inform our planning and progression of units for the current cohorts. The school is preparing to deliver a blended curriculum if part-time attendance is necessary.

**Who will be my teacher? When will I find out?**

Children will find out who their new class teacher will be on what would have been taster day: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The proposed calendar for next year will also be issued.

**Will classes be mixed going into the next year?**

Classes will not be mixed when moving to their new year groups.

**Transition to my new year group?**

Once your child knows who their new teacher is, then we will endeavour to share work/activities on Class Dojo. This will enable your child/your child's teacher to find out a little bit about each other before they begin as a class. Teachers will have their usual handover meetings where they will be able to discuss your child with the next teacher.

**What will happen about transition to secondary?**

Y6 have been working on activities that will be made available to their secondary schools. Our Y6 teachers have also been in discussion with the Y7 transition teams. Y6s have been asked to submit questions they would like to be answered directly by their next schools. St Laurence have a special section on their website for children moving into Year 7 in September (<https://st-laurence.com/transition-from-year-6-to-7>). The school have answered many of their questions.

**My child is due to start school in September. What will the induction be like?**

The foundation team has already made contact with pre-schools and nurseries. An information package which would normally be presented during face to face meetings will be sent to those who require it.

**Key dates for FS September 2020:**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September will be INSET Days. There will be no children in school.



### Christ Church CE VC Primary School

3<sup>rd</sup> September we will hold a Parent Meeting at 2pm and again at 7pm which we hope you will be able to attend if social distancing allows. (It will be the same meeting so you only need to come once.)

Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> September will be our 'Induction Week'. You and your child will be invited to school for a one to one meeting with your child's teacher and a learning support assistant.

Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September the children will be phased in to school over the week. Details of how we will do this will follow at a later date.

Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September we aim for the children to attend full-time only if current guidance changes.

**My child's year current group is not a returning cohort. What provision will be in place for my children?**

Class Dojo will continue for all year groups. A teacher, who is not necessarily in your child's year group, will set work and monitor submissions via Class Dojo. The work will also be accessible for families who have not signed up to Class Dojo. Class teachers will continue to make phone calls to children who are learning at home.

**Will the school be moving towards video/live lessons?**

Along with other schools in the local area we will not be streaming or recording 'live' lessons. Video lessons are available on the Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize.

**Will other year groups be returning to school before the end of the current year?**

In the response to the most recent announcement, we will not be taking any additional year groups. At the moment, the school is running at capacity due to guidelines on social distancing.

**My child is in Y6, Y1 or FS2 but I didn't request a place. I would like my child to return for a short time before the end of the school year, is this possible?**

The school has accommodated all children whose parents accepted a place. For those children who now want a place they will be placed onto a waiting list and will be notified if a space becomes available.

**I am a key worker but I didn't request a place. I would like my child to return for a short time before the end of the school year, is this possible?**

We have worked incredibly hard to accommodate children whose key worker parent(s) requested a space. At the moment, we cannot fit any more children as we are at capacity due to guidance on social distancing. Children have been placed on a waiting and will be notified if a place becomes available as soon as possible.

**Will school be open for key workers during the summer?**

The school is having major building works carried out over the summer. We are in discussion with FUNdays who may be able to use part of the site but this will be subject to the Government's guidance related to child care providers. They have issued the following statement:

"FUNdays Club will be running a summer holiday club but it is a question of how bookings can be taken whilst ensuring safety by maintaining *social bubbles*. At this time, FUNdays Club will only be taking **whole summer** bookings. Public Health Wiltshire have agreed that this is safe. Weekly and daily bookings are not possible yet. As Government guidance is updated, different booking options might become considered safe. Please follow the link for more

information: <https://online.fundaysclub.co.uk/blogs/news>"

**PGL have cancelled the Year 6 residential – will it be rescheduled?**

No – we are not able to carry the booking over into next year and it is not feasible to rearrange the visit. Hopefully the children will be well-established in their next school.

If you have a FAQ you would like to be included in the next newsletter please email [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)

Again, thank you for your patience and support.

Yours sincerely,

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