



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Opening in September 2020

THIS DOCUMENT SUMMARISES OUR RETURN TO SCHOOL AND REPLACES THE ONE PUBLISHED IN JULY

As you will be aware, the government has published its new guidance for how children can return to school in September. Below is a summary of our response.

We will adhere to these guidelines by limiting the contact between pupils and adults and by ensuring the children remain in consistent year groups which will not mix. Social distancing will also be maintained where possible using our one-way system.

To limit contact we will also need to: stagger the start and stagger the end of the school day; limit the amount of 'free play'; and also stagger lunchtime. Limiting contact also applies not only to school, but to any adult on or around the school site, which therefore includes parents.

These are the new starting and finishing times:

Years 5 & 6	0830-1500 hrs
Years 3 & 4	0845-1515 hrs
Year 2	0900-1510 hrs
Foundation & Year 1	0900-1500 hrs

Children in **years 5 & 6** will be encouraged to independently use the Sladesbrook entrance . A member of staff will be available to welcome the children and the children will then line up on the playground. The Sladesbrook gate will be open at 0820 and close at 0835 and is only to be used by children.

Years 3 & 4 children will use the Berryfield entrance and Year 4 will line up alongside the kitchen hedge, Year 3 at the bungalow gate where they will be met by their teacher or learning support assistant (LSA).

Years 2, 1 and Foundation will also use the Berryfield entrance where they will able to line up on the car park and be greeted by their teacher or learning support assistant. Year 1 and Year 2 have asked that on the induction days only the children can bring a soft toy (maximum height 30cms) to accompany them.

Unfortunately, parents will have limited access to the school site. The school will not be able to use volunteers for the time being. The Berryfield car park will have an entrance and exit point. You can accompany your child as far as this point and they will then join their class's line. As a parent, you will not be able to wait until the class goes in. Once the children have been dropped off, we ask that you vacate the site quickly so as to allow other

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parents to come into the car park entrance. For pick up adults will be able to come onto the site using the newly created one-way system.

One of the consequences of a staggered start is the traffic around the school. Therefore we would encourage walking, cycling or scooting to school. If you need to use a car perhaps you could park a little further away and walk. Please be mindful of our local residents and not park in front of drives or park on unknown driveways. The school is working with the Town Council to introduce measures to combat illegal parking especially now that we know the Berryfield and Christchurch roads are used as a 'rat-run' to get to Bath Road. However, the excellent news is that after 12 years of lobbying, there is now a new crossing over the Bath Road.

In order to conform with the stringent hygiene guidance the school will operate a system where the children will wash their hands on arrival and regularly throughout the day. There are many sanitation points around the school and every class is equipped with the necessary hygiene equipment. Equipment used frequently will not be shared as the children will have their own learning packs. Children will not need to bring in their own pencil case and, in fact, will not need to bring in anything other than a water bottle, morning snack (KS2) and lunch box.

We recognise that some children have been away from school for a long time and will therefore need to be inducted back into school to help understand its new routines. The school is a different place to their pre-lockdown experience.

The school will: operate a one way system; have different break times; operate a new toilet regime; have children sitting at a desk and facing forward; give younger children access to continuous provision; have some staff wearing PPE; not be able to mix year groups however the children will be able to play together in their class and mix with their year group at lunchtime; and maintain the new hygiene and protection protocols.

For these reasons we have decided to have two induction days at the start of the new academic year. On these induction days we will still need the children to arrive at their designated times and at their designated areas.

School meals will be available from Thursday 3 September. Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be through the Universal Free School Meals scheme. Years 3 – 6 will need to be paid for through ParentPay (£2.20 per day).

Tuesday 1 September	INSET – closed to children. Staff will be setting up classrooms following the major building works which are due to be completed on 31 August.
Wednesday 2 September	INSET – school closed to children. Curriculum development and CPD for staff.
Thursday 3 September	Children with a surname A – K (inclusive) only return to school. (Year 3 A-M)
Friday 4 September	Children with a surname L – Z (inclusive) only return to school. (Year 3 N-Z)
Monday 7 September	All children return to school.

Medication in school

On the induction days this Thursday 3 September and Friday 4 September please drop your child off and make your way to the hall next to the school office to register any medication for your child i.e. inhalers, epi-pens or prescribed medication. Please remember to wear a face mask/covering whilst coming on site.

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We are really excited to welcome the children back and particularly looking forward to the school returning to its full complement of children, even though their experiences of returning will be different from when they left in March.

Therefore, to summarise:

- The children will return to full teaching hours from Monday 7 September 2020
- Induction day – surname A-K (inclusive) Thursday 3 September 2020 (Year 3 A-M)
- Induction day – surname L-Z (inclusive) Friday 4 September (Year 3 N-Z)
- FS have their own induction timetable
- New staggered starting and finishing times of the school day
- Different drop-off and collection points
- Limiting contact between pupils and adults
- Maintaining stringent hygiene measures
- Hot school meals will be available
- Wearing of face coverings for adults
- Please refer to the attached FAQs

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, most sincerely, for the support shown during this time. I hope that this information gives you the confidence that the school has a plan to recover from these unprecedented times and is prepared to adapt should the situation change.

With thanks again for your patience and support.

Yours sincerely,



Neil Baker
Headteacher