



Christ Church CE VC Primary School
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Dear parents and carers,

As you will be aware, the government has published its guidance for how children can return to school in September. Below is a detailed and long letter outlining our response. The government guidance is based on a twin strategy of limiting contact between pupils and implementing stringent hygiene measures.

As a school, we will adhere to these guidelines by limiting the contact between pupils and adults and by ensuring the children remain in consistent groups which will not mix. Social distancing will also be maintained.

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 and shorten lunchtime. With all this in mind the length of the taught hours needs to remain in line with legislation. Limiting contact also applies not only to school, but to any adult on or around the school site, which therefore includes parents.

I have worked through many models of staggering the beginning and finish of the school day and feel that the model below will have the lesser impact on parents. I apologise in advance if the timings are difficult for some but, hopefully, this arrangement is not forever. However, the staggered start and finish times will need to continue until the national guidance on social distancing, and how schools are expected to operate, changes.

The new starting and finishing times have been arranged in conjunction with FUNDays Club. FUNDays Club will continue to operate either side of the new school day. Please contact them directly if you need a space for your child(ren).

Years 5 & 6	0830-1430 hrs)
Years 3 & 4	0845-1450 hrs)Lunchtime will be staggered and only last 30 minutes
FS, Years 1 & 2	0900-1440 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 driveway. The Sladesbrook gate will be open at 0820 and close at 0835 and is only to be used by children. Vehicles will not be allowed to move when the children are either entering or leaving the site. Year 6 and Year 5PB will have their classrooms in the new Year 6 building. Year 5 TP will be in the end classroom of the Christ Church building.

Years 3 & 4 children will use the Berryfield entrance and will line up alongside the kitchen hedge where they will be met by their teacher or learning support assistant (LSA). Year 3, being a large cohort, will have 3LHLM split across 2 classrooms with a full time equivalent LSA. The class will be split alphabetically. Year 3SGCS will move into the hall which will be their temporary classroom. Year 4s will be in the current Year 4 classrooms.

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Years 2, 1 and Foundation will also use the Berryfield entrance where they will be able to line up on the car park and be greeted by their teacher or learning support assistant. The children will use the same classrooms allocated to the year groups this year.

Pick up will be at the same points. A member of staff will bring the children to the designated sites.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow parents on to the school site. The school will not be able to use volunteers for the time being. Staff will bring the children to and from their classrooms. 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 parents to come into the car park.

One of the consequences of a staggered start is the traffic around the school. Berryfield car park will be closed to vehicles which means staff will also have to park on the street. 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.

In order to conform with the stringent hygiene guidance the school will operate the same systems currently used in school to support the children of key workers. 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 and lunch box. PE equipment will only be used when cleaning is possible and there will also be regular sterilising of the desks and cleaning of the toilets throughout the day. Internally, the school will operate a one way system which has proved very successful for those children in school at the moment. This one way system will continue.

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 but the way the school is currently successfully operating has been used to formulate our procedures for September.

The school will: operate a one way system; have different break times; operate a new toilet regime; have children sitting at a set desk and facing forward; see some staff wearing PPE; limit free play; not be able to mix groups however the children will be able to play together in their class and mix with their year group at lunchtime whilst trying to maintain social distancing where possible; ensure children remain only in their current class groups; 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 so that the children can be shown the new way in smaller and more manageable groups, similar to the success of our induction for the opening on 1 June. Once the children have understood the new rules our recent experience tells us that they adapt very quickly but they need to be carefully introduced to the new normal.

We will still need the children to arrive at their designated times and at their designated areas.

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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.

In case of illness:

Below are the signs and symptoms of Coronavirus:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The school will use its medical room to support any child who is taken ill during the day. The member of staff who will be with the child will wear full PPE. As the parents, you will be contacted and asked to collect your child. The guidance requests that the child is tested. In the meantime, the school will report the case to Public Health England. The school may need to close the class until the results are known.

Please do not send your child into school if they have any symptoms or are generally unwell.

The school has also put into place a strategy for the academic year where it can plan so that the children can catch-up and recover from the time they have been out of school.

Term 1

This will see a recovery-based curriculum where the emphasis will be on: well-being; returning to school routines and the core subject areas of English and mathematics taking priority. The other foundation subjects will be balanced over the year with some subjects having more allocated times at different times of the year. The balance of subject areas will be over terms 1 to 4. Class Dojo will continue during the year in order to support the curriculum. The guidance also makes it clear that the school needs to be ready to move to an online curriculum with immediate effect if necessary.

Terms 2 and 3

The children will follow a catch-up curriculum with the core subjects taking priority. Curriculum time will allow for some concepts missed to be taught or re-visited.

Term 4

This will see the return of the standard curriculum.

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Term 5 and Term 6

The government have also announced that the national testing for 2021 will still go ahead. For us this will mean:

- Year 1 standard phonics testing
- Year 2 (end of KS1) SATs
- Year 4 multiplication tables test
- Year 6 (end of KS2) SATs

The social distancing measures we have in place are to limit transmission points. However, the risks that we all face are also dependent on how we behave as a community. It is important that we all adhere to current guidance on social distancing outside school.

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.

Before the end of the academic year I will issue another FAQ letter. If you would like to raise a question on the return to school then please contact admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk using the subject 'Return FAQ' and indicate that you would like the issue raised as a general FAQ. If you need an immediate answer please indicate as such in your email.

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
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

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,



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