



Useful information for 2020-2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you all into our Christ Church School family! We have enjoyed meeting with you all and we hope that the induction process this term has been valuable for your children and yourselves. We are always happy to hear any comments and feedback so if you do wish to comment feel free to email induction@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk

There is such a lot of new information when your child starts school so we hope this reminder will be useful for you to refer to throughout the year.

Communication

We know that talking to us about your child's needs is really important and we always want to have those discussions with you. With our current situation, it is best to either send a quick email via admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk or call the office with a message and we will get back to you via phone or email as soon as we can. We love to hear what amazing things the children are doing at home and it is important for you to be able to share observations of your children with us. This year we will be using an online platform called class dojo to enable you to share activities and milestones. This will also be used should we have to switch to online learning at any point. More details to follow!

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 items such as 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 in the boxes 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. Also ***please give your child a separate re-sealable drink for lunchtime if they are packed lunches.***

Illness

Please follow the school procedures for illness, particularly involving symptoms of Covid 19.

If your child is un-well please telephone the school office on 01225 863444 and press 1 or email absence@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk by 9.a.m. If your child has suffered any sickness or diarrhoea then they must not return to school until 48 hours after the final occurrence.

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. Your child may also be wearing a 'head bump' sticker.

School Meals

Every child is entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meals. If your family is in receipt of any benefits please let the office know as your child may also be entitled to a meal under the Free School Meals.

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! Water bottles also need a clear label.

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. These can stay on their pegs for the term so that we can make the most of our lovely grounds and woods

Release Time

Each week, the class teachers will be released from the classroom to carry out planning, preparation and assessment tasks. Mrs Robinson will have release time on a Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Morling will have her time on a Friday morning. On these days, the children will be taught by familiar teachers; Otters: Mrs Screen and Mr Kiely and Hedgehogs: Miss Waylen and Mrs Screen.

PE at school

Foundation's PE day will be on a Friday. Please send your child to school on Fridays wearing their PE kits including a sweatshirt. They will stay in their kit all day and it is up to you whether they come in shorts or jogging bottoms. Please don't forget a coat on these days too. **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. Mr Kiely will be taking Otters for PE and Mrs Robinson will be teaching Hedgehog class.

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 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!

Parent/Carer Consultations

In the current circumstances, we will be unable to hold our first parent/carers consultations in October. We will however contact you by phone towards the end of the term to discuss how your child has settled and answer any questions you may have. Please ensure that the school office has up to date numbers for you. We will leave a message if we are unable to reach you and you can phone the office or email to rearrange a call at a convenient time. Please be aware that we may call using our own phones and therefore the incoming number will be blocked.

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