



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on the full opening of schools from 8 March 2021, some guidance has been published today and is very close to what I anticipated at the end of last term. However, the guidance indicates that further announcements to schools may be issued on Thursday. It is for this reason I will hold off sending out a full letter until the end of this week in case there is a change to today's published guidance.

However, it is clear to say that mandatory schooling for all pupils will resume on Monday 8 March. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school and returning to face-to-face teaching. Children, for the time being, will remain in year group bubbles and the school will continue with its strict COVID-secure measures. Please refer to the previously published letter for information about start times, etc., repeated below.

Summary of return to school on 8 March 2021

What time does the day begin?

- Registration closes at 9.00am for all pupils.

Timings Start of the day	Years 5 & 6	8.45am (gates open at 8.40-8.55am)
	Years 3 & 4	8.45am (gates open at 8.40-8.55am)
	Years 2, 1 & Foundation	8.50am (gates open at 8.50-8.55am)

What are the arrangements for dropping off?

- Children arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.55am. Our new system of children entering school on their own has had a noticeable impact on their independence. We therefore will continue with this.
- The children in Foundation and Year 1 will be left at the Berryfield entrance.
- The children in Years 2 – 6 can be dropped off at either entrance to the school.
- We ask the parents to wait outside the school and let the children come into school on their own.

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What time does school finish?

End of the day	Years 4 & 6	3.20pm	Collection from the designated areas Years 5 & 6 can be met from Sladesbrook gate. Thank you for keeping your social distancing when waiting to collect your child and for wearing a face covering. Please continue to maintain this.
	Year 5	3.15pm	
	Year 2 & 3	3.10pm	
	Year 1 & Foundation	3.00pm	

What are the arrangements for collection?

- Gates will open for parents to enter at 3.00pm.
- Both Berryfield and Sladesbrook can be used.
- Entry point from Berryfield is past the kitchen
- We ask that you wait in the designated area and follow the one-way system.
- Exit can be at both ends of the site. Sladesbrook or Berryfield via the music mobile/bungalow.
- We ask that face coverings continue to be worn on the school site.

What happens if I want to collect my child during the school day?

- Contact the school by phone or email. Arrangements will then be made for the pupil to come to the reception area where you will sign your child out.

What day will my child have PE?

- For term 4, children will wear school uniform apart from their PE days when they will come dressed in their PE kit.
 - Foundation – Friday
 - Year 1 – Thursday
 - Year 2 – Friday
 - Year 3 – Monday
 - Year 4 – Thursday
 - Year 5 – Wednesday
 - Year 6 – Tuesday

What will happen if there is a positive test in school?

- If there is a positive test in school, depending on the level and number of close contacts, the school may need to close a 'bubble'.
- A bubble is likely to be a whole year group. If there is the need to close a bubble you will be informed at the earliest opportunity.
- The school will be closed for these pupils and the children will switch to remote learning the day after closure.
- Work will be posted through Google Classroom.

Will Google Classroom continue?

- Yes, for the reason above.
- We are also reviewing the possibility that the platform may be used for home learning and homework in the future.

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What arrangements are in place to maintain COVID-secure measures?

The school will use the measures successfully introduced during Terms 1, 2 and 3 i.e.

- creating bubbles;
- limiting mixing of children;
- regular handwashing and sanitisation;
- staggered lunchtimes and breaktimes;
- twice weekly testing of all staff;
- extra cleaning during the day;
- designated play areas;
- designated toilet areas;
- designated areas for staff;
- regular checks on well-being;
- one-way system when moving around school;
- limiting visitors on site;
- using technology for meetings where possible.

What are the arrangements for Terms 5 and 6?

This will depend on any change to the guidance. If the measures taken already have worked then it may be that the school could return to some of its pre-lockdown practices. However, we need to remain mindful to continue to limit points of transmission. Some practice which we have in place now will continue i.e sanitizing stations, pupil independence on entry, staggered lunchtimes and break times, regular handwashing and maintaining current hygiene levels.

Will my child be able to have a school lunch?

- The kitchen continues to remain open.
- Foundation and KS1 (Years 1 & 2) pupils will be entitled to a hot meal.
- For Years 3 – 6 the service of hot meals will continue and payment is through Parent Pay.
- The menu is available on the website.
- For families in receipt of Free School Meals then the usual procedures remain in place with the likelihood that vouchers may be issued over the Easter break.

Will the curriculum be any different?

For the well-being of all children and staff, we want to create a sense of normality. This is what school is like. There will be topic launches and lands, there will be opportunities to re-engage pupils back into learning by setting a normal timetable. Emphasis will be given to well-being, core subjects of English and maths and the regular timetable of all other areas. For some children they may need additional support but we would intervene in the way we have always done through additional support during lesson time.

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Announcements were also made about before and after school provision. As the guidance clearly indicates that parents should limit their use of providers, in consultation with FUNdays Club, they will continue to operate before and after school. If you need to extend your provision beyond the school day then please contact them directly (christchurch@fundaysclub.co.uk) as we will not be running any school-based clubs during term 4.

Again, we look forward to welcoming everyone back very soon.

Thank you in advance for your patience and support.

Yours sincerely,

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

Neil Baker
Headteacher