



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID Update

I am writing to respond to some requests asking about our response to a recent local outbreak. As you may be aware Winsley School had to close last week because of a large number of cases in the school. Many of these cases were asymptomatic. However, this news has raised again our awareness of how contagious this virus is.

As a school we will still maintain our stringent COVID secure practice across the school despite the Prime Minister relaxing some of the measures.

We also ask that if your child should have **any** of the following symptoms, they are tested:

- 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.

It is not necessary to have more than one of the symptoms to be contagious.

When on site, we ask that everyone continues to wear a face covering and leave the site quickly. Now that we are forecast some sunshine I know that there will be a desire to enjoy the grounds and equipment. However, for the moment I ask for you to vacate the site as soon as you have collected your child.

Whilst I have your attention please could I remind you that the school times will change after the half term.

Term 6 – start and finish of the school day

From Monday 7 June the school will return to its pre-lockdown timings for the start and finish of the school day. We will still expect the children to come into school independently.

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The gates will open for all pupils at the same time and we would ask that you stagger your arrival time so as not to overcrowd the gateways. Once through the gates the children will make their way to their classrooms in the same way they do at present.

- The Sladesbrook entrance will be for years 2 – 6
- The Berryfield entrance will be for Foundation to year 6
- Both gates will open at 08:35 and close at 08:50
- Registration will be at 08:50 and registers will close at 09:00. Any arrival after this time will be classified as late and is therefore an unauthorised absence.

The times for the end of the day will be:

- Foundation/Year 1 15:10
- Years 2/3/4 15:15
- Years 5/6 15:20

I thank you in advance for your support and hope that we can all stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,



Neil Baker
Headteacher