

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Dear Christ Church Families,

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school next week and have produced this booklet to help you feel prepared. Starting a new school year can be an exciting but daunting change for the children. We understand this and will do everything we can to make the transition as easy as possible.

The School Day Timings

Morning Drop Off

Please aim for the children to arrive from 8:40am, ready for school to start at 8:50am. Staff will be at both the Sladesbrook and Berryfield entrances to welcome everyone.

- Children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) should arrive at the Berryfield entrance, where they will be met by their teacher and will line up with their class. Parents/carers are able to leave once their child is in the line.
- Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) can be dropped off at either entrance to school and will walk independently to their classrooms.
- Parents/carers with any prescribed medication for their child will need to go to the School Office, at the Berryfield entrance, in order to complete the necessary forms.
- The school gates will be locked at 8:50am to secure the site. Children arriving after this time will need to go to the office to be signed in by a parent/carer.

Berryfield Entrance



Sladesbrook Entrance



Home Time

At the end of the school day, the gates at both entrances will open at 3pm for parents and carers to come on to site and collect the children. There is no longer a one-way system in place, or a requirement to wear a face mask when you are outside (unless you wish to do so).

Home times are as follows:

- 3:10pm: FS2 and Year 1
- 3:15pm: Years 2, 3 and 4
- 3:20pm: Years 5 and 6

Year 1

Year 1 Morning Drop Off



Year 1 will line up at the old entrance to school, nearest to their classroom.

Year 1 Home Time at 3:10pm



These gates will be unlocked at 3pm and parents/carers can wait for the children in the area around the grass.

Year 2

Year 2 Morning Drop Off



Year 2 will line up by the hedge by the kitchen entrance.

Year 2 Home Time 3:15pm



Year 2 parents/carers please wait in this area to collect the children at home time.

Morning Drop off for KS2: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Morning Drop off from 8:40am at either entrance



If the children come into school via the Berryfield entrance, we ask them to follow the path next to the kitchen as shown above.

Home Time for Lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4) at 3:15pm

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Above left: Year 3 are led out by the door on the left and Year 4 on the right (and mobile for 4ES).
Above right: Parents/carers please wait in this area of the playground to collect.

Home Time for Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) at 3:20pm

Year 5 Home time at 3:20pm



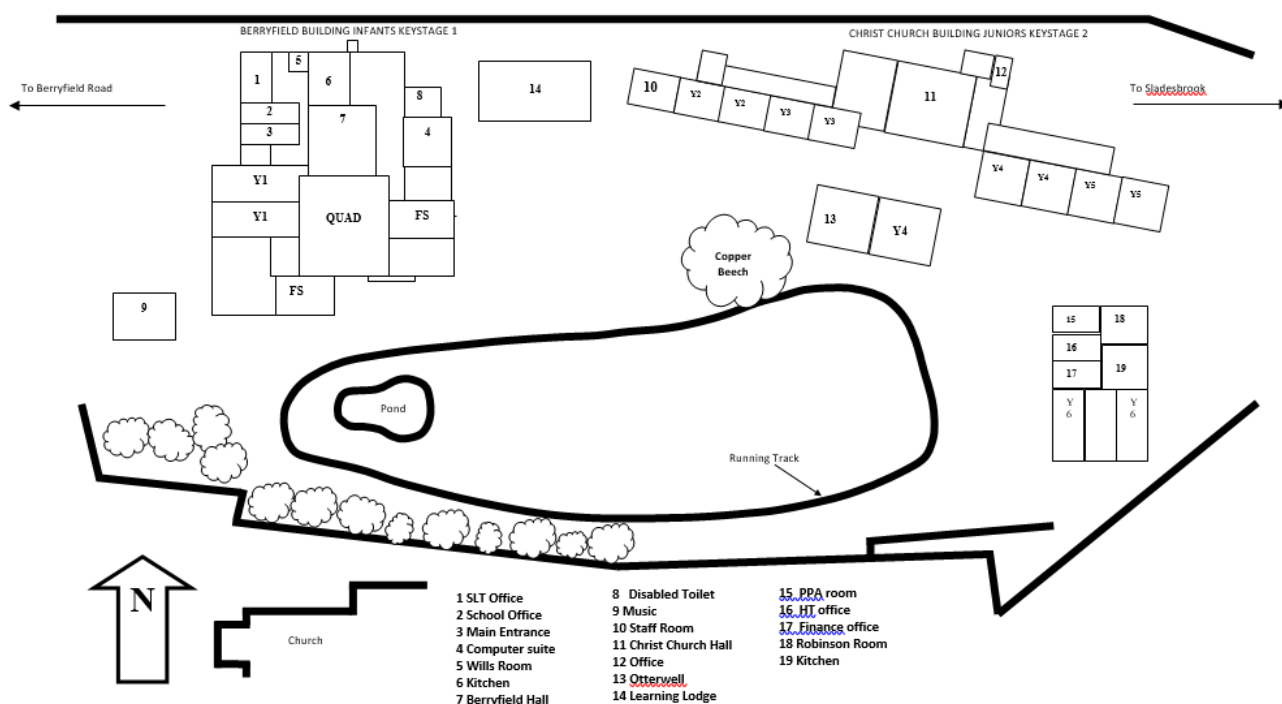
Year 5 will leave from the door by the tennis table.
Parents/carers, please wait in this area of the playground.

Year 6 Hometime at 3:20pm



Above right: Year 6 will leave their classrooms from this building. Parents/carers, please wait on the playground in this area. If you are happy for your child to walk home by themselves, please inform us by sending an e-mail to the office.

A Plan of school to help you find your way!



A Quick Checklist

Please do not forget...

- To wear School Uniform (and a warm waterproof coat or sun hat - weather dependent!)
- To make sure every school item is named
- A lunch box if your child is having sandwiches (no nuts please, due to allergies in school)
- For hot lunches please log on to Parent Pay to purchase (The Week 1 Menu applies)
- A water bottle and a healthy playtime snack (no nuts please)
- A smile!

The Latest COVID-19 Guidance for Schools

Mixing and 'Bubbles'

It is no longer recommended to keep children in consistent groups 'bubbles'. This means that we no longer have a one-way system in place, assemblies can resume, and we no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch.

Promoting Good Hand Hygiene and Hand Washing

Staff will continue to ensure that the children wash or sanitise their hands thoroughly and regularly on arrival, and throughout the day. The location of our sanitiser stations remains the same and we ask staff and visitors to thoroughly and regularly wash and sanitise their hands whilst in school too. We have posters displayed around school to remind everyone.



Promoting Respiratory Hygiene

We will continue to actively promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and have tissues and bins throughout the school.



NHS

Regular Cleaning

We will continue to clean the classrooms and equipment regularly, with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.



Face Coverings

Staff and visitors on site are no longer required to wear face coverings, unless they wish to do so. However, we will recommend that these are worn if we invite a large group of parents in for welcome meetings or class celebration assemblies, or if we see an increase in the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school.

Keeping Rooms Well Ventilated



When school is open we know how important it is to ensure that it is well ventilated. We will allow a fresh air flow, by keeping windows open (and doors where possible) but balancing this with the need to maintain a comfortable room temperature. The government has announced that all schools will receive a CO2 monitor from September, so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved. Letting fresh air into indoor spaces can help remove air that contains virus particles and is important in preventing the spread of Covid-19.



Collective Worship/Assemblies

We can now return to enjoying assemblies together. However, we are taking a gradual approach and will meet in key stages, rather than as a whole school for now. This means that we will be able to spread out and we will keep the windows open to allow air to ventilate the hall.

The Classrooms

The children are no longer required to sit in rows. This means that teachers can rearrange the classroom furniture so that it is best suited for the age and needs of the children, as well as the learning activity that is taking place.

Remote Learning

We will continue to provide remote education for the children who are unable to attend school due to COVID-19 (for example if they need to self-isolate, or if they have tested positive but are well enough to learn from home).

The Latest COVID-19 Public Health Advice

Please **do not** come to school, or send your child to school if they have symptoms or a positive test result, or if you are required to quarantine. The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **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

If anyone in our school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we are required to send them home and to follow public health advice.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

1. **Get a PCR test to check if you have COVID-19 on GOV.UK** as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test. [Check if people you live with need to self-isolate.](#)

Tracing Close Contacts and Isolation

All close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace; schools are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- They are fully vaccinated
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

Lateral Flow Tests

Staff will continue to undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests until the end of September, when the government will review this. Any staff testing positive will isolate in line with the stay at home guidance. Whilst self-isolating, they will then get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19.

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