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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to talk about the re opening of Christ Church CE Primary School for specified classes. In this letter I would like to explain how that process will look here at Christ Church.

We have missed you all so much! We are sure that all of the children are keen to come back and see their friends and teachers, but it is important that we do that as safely as possible. When we do open again, the way things happen in school and the groups pupils are in will look very different. We hope this letter explains how things will look. We are in no doubt that you will have many questions, and again we hope to answer some of them here.

You will receive a text regarding specific details of our reopening if your child is eligible. The text will include important information such as the start date for your child and where and when to drop off and pick up your child.

It is important you also read our new 'Home School Agreement' which sets out important safety requirements which both us at Christ Church and yourselves as families must follow. By sending your child in to school, we will consider this your agreement to those requirements.

A PHASED RETURN

The health and safety of everybody in the Christ Church family is our highest priority, so the senior leadership team have undertaken extensive risk assessments in line with government and local authority guidance. Following this process we feel that we are able to open safely for children in Year 1, Year 6 and Reception classes using a phased reopening. We will **not** be opening for the Nursery class at present. Classes will reopen in the following order:

- Year 1 – Monday 15th June
- Year 6 – Wednesday 17th June
- Reception – Monday 22nd June

The start dates for Year 6 and Reception are subject to constant review and may change if necessary. We will of course communicate any changes quickly and clearly to you.

The school will remain closed to pupils in Nursery, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. If your child is in one of those year groups, and you are a key worker or if your child is deemed vulnerable, they will be able to attend school within a separate group. Please contact the school office if this applies to you.

GROUPINGS



School of the Year



In order to adequately support as much social distancing as possible, your child will be placed into a new smaller class group. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee that your child will be working in the same classroom as they usually do, nor with the same member of staff, although the work the children will be completing, will be in line with current year group expectations.

Drop off and pick up times will be different for each group, and because their playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered, each set of children will never meet each other. These different times will mean that the children will be safer while they are in school.

Although we will endeavour to actively promote social distancing amongst the children, we cannot guarantee that pupils, especially those who are younger, will be able to maintain the 2 metre gap between themselves at all times. In Year 1 and 6 classes children will be seated 2 metres away from each other and movement during lessons will be kept to an absolute minimum.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL SITE, DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS

So that we manage the site safely, the school building itself, including the school office, will be closed to parents during this term. Any questions, or queries can either be dealt with electronically or via the phone.

You will receive a text explaining which entrance you will use to drop off and pick up your child. At drop off and pick up times, only one adult is allowed on site to support social distancing. Once on site, there will be clear instructions where to stand and wait to collect your child and a school leader will be there to answer any questions you may have. Once you have collected your child please leave site quickly, maintaining social distancing whilst doing so. Sadly, parents are not allowed to enter the school building during this time.

It is really important that you follow the pick up and drop off times set, as if you miss your slot, you may need to wait until the end of the normal school day to pick up your child.

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

At present we are scheduling early pick up times at lunchtime on a Friday so that the school can have a 'deep clean' at the end of the school week.

ADDITIONAL MEASURES IN SCHOOL

To ensure your child is safe within school, we have adopted these safety measures in addition to those mentioned in this letter:

- Regular hand washing
- Extra cleaning stations using alcohol based hand sanitiser
- Regular enhanced cleaning, including a weekly deeper clean
- Additional signage around school
- The closure of play equipment that may transmit infections
- Control of how staff and pupils move around site

WELLBEING

Pupil well-being at this difficult time will be an important part of the curriculum when pupils return. We realise that both lockdown and the changes to school life may have made pupils anxious and



we will spend a lot of time teaching elements of the PATHS curriculum, and in addition our Collective Worship rota has been adapted so that teachers can support pupils within their small groups spiritually.

DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO ATTEND?

A decision not to send your child in will not attract any penalty this term. We do however request that you inform us by emailing enquiry@christch.com whether you intend to send your child in when their year group re opens **by the following deadlines:**

- **Year 1 - Friday 12th June at 1.00pm**
- **Year 6 – Monday 15th June at 1.00pm**
- **Reception – Friday 19th June at 1.00pm**

Please ensure that you clearly state the child's name, class and a yes or no as to whether they will be coming back on their reopening dates.

If you choose not to send your child in, the Department for Education requests that you ring the school daily in order to keep us informed of your decision.

LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS

So that we can keep our risk assessments up to date, please can you ensure that we are kept up to date with any health conditions your child may have. Similarly, if someone in your household is shielding in line with government guidelines, please can you inform the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Due to the wider reopening of the school, the kitchen will now be in a position to provide lunches again. As a result, from Monday 15th June, the school will no longer be using the Edenred voucher system. Instead, arrangements will be made for eligible families to collect food from school. We will be in touch shortly with more information on how this will work.

You can see that there are many changes that we have had to make to keep everyone in the Christ Church family safe during this difficult time. We thank you for all your patience and for your support, and if you have any questions about anything in this letter please contact myself, or a member of the senior leadership team.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. N. Whitehouse.
Acting Head Teacher.



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