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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to write to you about the re-opening of Christ Church CE Primary School from Thursday 3rd September. In this letter I would like to explain how that process will look. The government has now made attendance for pupils compulsory in September, meaning it is no longer optional whether pupils attend each day. Each class will have different start and end times, so that the movement of people around site is closely managed. In order to facilitate a deep clean, Christ Church will be temporarily closing at lunchtime on a Friday. You will receive a text regarding specific details of our reopening for your child. The text will include important information such as where and when to drop off and pick up your child. If arrangements are changed by the government that impact on the timing of the school re-opening, we shall contact you as soon possible so that you are kept up to date.

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. In September, the way things happen in school 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.

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.

GROUPINGS

Your child will be with their usual class and will be in their new classroom with their new teacher. The day will be structured differently for each class so that contact with other year groups is limited as far as possible. 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 Years 2 to 6, children will be seated in rows in line as required by government guidance.

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.



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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?

The requirement for pupils to attend is now statutory. If your child is absent, please follow the usual school procedures and contact us each day your child is absent.

LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS

So that we can keep our risk assessments up to date, please can you ensure that we are updated 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.

LUNCHES

Due to the wider reopening of the school, the kitchen will now be in a position to provide lunches again. In the short term, during the autumn term, we will be providing pupils who normally have a



school meal with a packed lunch. Using this approach will help keep classes apart and make being in school safer for pupils.

In addition, please can you send your child into school with their own water bottle, with their name on it. By asking children to do this we can ensure that pupils do not share cups, therefore making break and lunchtimes safer.

UNIFORM

With the new term beginning you may be interested in purchasing a school jumper from our office. Ms Kassim will be doing this weekly from 9am-10am each Wednesday morning. Please phone the school office in order to book an appointment. In order to ensure safety, pupils will not be able to try on a jumper and returns will not be accepted. The school office can only accept cash payments.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The last day of term for pupils is Thursday 16th July and school reopens for them on Thursday 3rd September. During the summer holidays you may want your child to take part in a summer activity. There are a range of activities taking place in the area. We will text you with further information on summer activities, which you will be able to see on our website.

SEPTEMBER STAFFING

Please see below a table of classes and their teachers next year. This term we are unfortunately saying goodbye to Mrs Hudson, who is moving on to work at another school. After many years at Christ Church, her expertise has helped build an outstanding EYFS department. We wish her well for the future.

Class	Teacher
Year 6	Mrs Glypti
Year 5	Mr Reeson
Year 4	Mrs Asam/Miss Holmes
Year 3	Miss Kailey/Miss Peplow
Year 2	Ms. Galka
Year 1	Mrs Khan
Reception	Miss Gardner/Miss Peplow
Nursery	Mrs Tween

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.
Head Teacher



School of the Year

