



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Re: Final Plans for Phased Re-opening of Christ the King from 1st June

As most of you will be aware, the Government's intentions are that all schools will offer a wider opening to pupils of Pre-school, Reception, Y1 and Y6 pupils on 1st June. This is in addition to the current offer for children of Key Workers, vulnerable pupils and pupils with EHCP.

Thank you for letting us know your intentions about returning to school. This has helped us formulate a plan and put procedures in place and get a sense of what normal will look like when we welcome back our children from 1st June. As stated in our previous letter, we will be ready to welcome the following year groups: pre-school, Year 1 and Year 6. We will also continue to welcome key workers' children and those who are classed as vulnerable. *Unfortunately, we are unable to offer places to Reception at this time.*

The safety of our whole school community is our priority. To mitigate the risk of coronavirus, a number of control measures have been put in place for coming into school, in line with current government guidelines, as follows:

Coming into school

- There will be a one-way system that will be in place during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up (it will not affect midday Pre-School arrangements). Senior staff will be on hand to support and explain this. You may enter School from Durdells Avenue and exit via Creasey Road. It will help if you could please park a distance from the entrances to avoid congestion. We encourage families to walk to school where they can. The one way system will be reviewed after the first week.
- The routes into the school will be clearly signposted and there will be signage to support you with keeping a 2 metre distance. **Please follow this at all times.**
- There will be 2m markers visible to guide social distancing. You will need to stand and wait 2m apart before moving forward at the classroom doors.
- Do not stay and talk to or socialise with other parents and do not congregate outside of the school gates, classrooms or any other designated drop-off or pick-up areas. We need to consider the safety of every member of our school community.
- Only one parent may accompany their child to school to reduce the amount of adults on site.

- If you arrive late for their start time at school and the gates are closed, we will ask that you wait outside the school office (at suitable social distance) and your child will have to enter the school through the office to their classrooms – PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE!
- Please ensure that your child is fit and well before you bring them to school each day. This supports us to ensure the school is kept as safe and as hygienic as possible. If you or your child displays any symptoms of COVID – 19, he/she/they and the family must get tested and follow government advice about isolation.

Pick-up and Drop-off Times

Staggered start and finish times are as follows:

Pre-school – 9.15 a.m. – 11.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Year 1 – 9.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Year 6 – 9.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Key Workers – 9.00 – 3.30 p.m.

It is imperative that you bring your child at the designated times to enable this control measure to be effective.

Information on class sizes

Bubbles (mini class groups) have been created following the government advice to create social distanced groups within school. Bubble sizes will not exceed 15 pupils to ensure social distancing can be maintained. The Bubbles won't mix. Your child's mini-class bubble will remain the same, with the same members of staff as much as possible. We have put a lot of thought into which children will be in each bubble, we will make sure that each child has at least one friend in the same group. We have worked closely with class teachers to ensure this is the case. Broadly, the composition of the bubbles is as follows:

Pre-school Team: Mrs White, Mrs McGrath, Mrs Spetch, Mrs Hill

There will be two Pre-school bubbles which will have children for either morning or afternoon sessions or both. Lunch club is available should a child be staying all day. They will use the current Pre-school room and the Year RGS classroom next door

Year 1 Team: Mrs Luford, Mrs Mellon, Mrs Mahon, Miss Leslie, Mrs Roberts

There will be four Year 1 bubbles. They will use the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms – all accessible from the KS1 playground.

Year 6 Team: Miss O'Sullivan, Mr Smith, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Evans

There will be four Year 6 bubbles. They will use two of the Y6 classrooms and two of the Y5 classrooms. All classrooms will be accessible from their fire exit doors or the KS2 playground.

Key workers

Keyworker bubbles will use the Year 3 and 4 classrooms and the Year RD classroom. The remaining support staff and teachers from Years R, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will supervise the planned home learning of these groups.

Bubble Allocations

Thank you to all parents who have informed us if their child is returning to school next week. You will receive an email with the Bubble details.

Teaching and Learning

The class teachers in Pre-School, Year 1 and Year 6 remain responsible for the learning and assessment needs of pupils in their classes. Where it may not be possible for your child to be in a bubble with their class teacher we will ensure as far as possible that they are with an adult that they are familiar with. The class teachers will plan and direct the learning needs across their year group bubbles.

For children in Reception, Years 2, 3, 4 and 5, their year group teachers will continue to plan home learning, as they have been doing since schools partially closed on 20th March.

Testing

The government have stated that once schools open to more children, all children who are attending should have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus. We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of a positive test.

Other control measures

- There won't be as many children in school – Years R, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will see a phased return to school at a later date.
- Children returning to school will be in a 'bubble' group of no more than 15 children (8 in EYFS)
- Bubble groups will not mix.
- Classrooms have been set up to enable social distancing - desks are separated at least 2m apart. Classrooms will look different as furniture has been moved or removed to maximise the space for social distancing.
- Chartwells (school caterer) will provide packed lunches only and pupils will be socially distanced at lunchtime. Children will have their lunch within their bubble classroom and will not mix with other bubble groups.
- Lunch times and break times will be staggered to support social distancing.
- Pupils will be required to wash/sanitise their hands at least every two hours, including before they enter the classroom, after toileting, before break, after break, before lunch, after lunch as well as before the end of the day. Children will be expected to wash their hands for 20seconds each time – the staff will guide the younger children.

- Children will not share stationary – they will have their own set of resources in their table tray. They may bring in a pencil case from home if they wish, but school stationery will be provided. Equipment will not be shared.
- Where larger equipment or PE equipment needs to be shared it will be wiped clean with an antibac spray or wipe after each user.
- There will be a rigorous cleaning regime throughout the day. All classrooms will be provided with their own disinfectant, cloths, wipes and hand sanitiser. Frequently touched surfaces, e.g. tables, backs of chairs, door handles and banisters will be wiped clean on a regular basis throughout the day.
- The cleaning team will carry out enhanced cleaning of all rooms after school each day.
- Signage around school will remind pupils and adults to carry out good hand hygiene, to stand 2m distances apart and to use good respiratory hygiene.
- If a child sneezes they will have access to tissues and follow the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' routine.
- Only one pupil will be able to use the toilets at a time.
- There is a one way system for all staff and children inside the school building.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated.
- The outdoor environment will be used as much as possible for learning as well as breaks – children must bring in a named hat and wear sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen before your child comes to school. They may bring in sunscreen to reapply during the day so long as it is labelled.

Uniform Expectations

It is important that your child wears sports shoes/comfortable shoes as we will be making the most of the outdoor space. Please do NOT send them in with slip-on shoes or laces unless they are able to tie them independently (velcro is absolutely fine – tying laces will mean staff will struggle to socially distance).

The government advice is to change clothes daily. Children in Year 1 and Year 6 should, as far as possible, wear school uniform items/colours, i.e. red polo top with jumper or cardigan, school skirt/trousers or PE shorts/plain jogging bottoms. Children will not change into PE uniform – their daily attire should be suitable for classroom or outdoors activities. If KS2 children opt to wear ties, they will need to place them in their belongings tray when doing PE and it must be washed each evening after use.

Key worker children are not required to wear uniform but clothing must be practical.

Transition

Due to the prolonged and sudden absence from school for most children, transition back into school will need to be sensitively managed. Whilst we cannot be physically close to the children, there will be plenty of reassurance and we will allow time to settle the children back into learning and support them emotionally. We will certainly take our time to talk about their experiences and worries, both positive and negative.

Attendance

Attendance registers will be taken for all children who attend school as this forms part of our safeguarding protocols. Children must not attend school if they or a family member is symptomatic of Coronavirus – you must be tested and report back to the school whether the test is positive or not.

You may decide, of course, not to send your child into school, even if they are in one of the year groups now being invited back into school, i.e. pre-school, Year 1 and Year 6. We will continue to send some home learning. You will not be fined for non-attendance if you choose not to send your child into school.

Breakfast and After School Club

We will currently not be providing a breakfast or after school club as this would mean socially mixing bubbles.

Thank you for your continued support during these exceptionally challenging times. We hope the points above answer some of your questions. Please be patient when you come into school next week – we will be working hard and trying our best to meet everyone's needs but it is bound to be a challenge!

Kind regards,

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