



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to finally welcoming all of our pupils (Year R to Year 6) back to school next week on Monday 7th September. Please reread our July letter which we sent out at the end of the Summer term as this holds much of what you need to know about starting back this month. It is important that you read the information carefully and adhere to the measures being put in place to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.

Please note the additional updates below:

Your child must stay at home if they have any of the following symptoms

- The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:
 - a new and persistent cough
 - a high temperature
 - a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- Anyone who develops symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days and arrange a test. Other members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days.
- Please make the school aware by telephoning the attendance office: 01202 574277
- Anyone developing these symptoms during the school day will be sent home.

Hand and Respiratory Hygiene

- We will continue to promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. There will be tissues and bins with lids in every classroom as well as visual and verbal reminders.
- Coronavirus is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. This can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser. Therefore, we will continue to practise increased handwashing throughout the school day.

Enhanced Cleaning Arrangements

- Surfaces and anything that is frequently touched (e.g. door handles) will be cleaned regularly by staff throughout the school day.
- Extra cleaning will take place during the school day to ensure frequent cleaning of any shared areas and our toilet facilities.
- Our cleaning staff will continue to clean the school thoroughly at the end of each day.

Engagement with NHS Test and Trace

- Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus can and should get a test.

- Tests can be booked online through the 'NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus' website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.
- Parents will need to be ready and willing to:
 1. Book a test if they or their child are displaying symptoms
 2. Provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
 3. Self-isolate for 10 days if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus.
- Please inform the school immediately of test results.

Please read the following Updates carefully:

Bubbles

Pupils will be in year group bubbles and year groups will not mix during the school day. Our system of staggered start and finish times is one measure to achieve this. Year groups will also have staggered play and lunch times and movement around school is limited to ensure that no two year groups mix.

Staggered Start and Finish Times

Please note the temporary changes to start and finish times as outlined in our previous letter.

Year Group	Doors Open	Start Time	Finish Time
Pre-School	-	9.00am	3.00pm
Reception	8.30am	8.40am	2.55pm
Year 1	8.40am	8.50am	3.05pm
Year 2	8.40am	8.50am	3.05pm
Year 3	8.50am	9.00am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.50am	9.00am	3.15pm
Year 5	8.30am	8.40am	3.00pm
Year 6	8.30am	8.40am	3.00pm

Reception children should be collected from their own outside area at **2.55pm** – the gate will be opened at **2.50pm** and you will be able to come in, observing social distancing to wait for your child.

Year 1 and Year 2 children should be collected from the KS1 playground. The playground will be opened at **3.00pm**. You should enter the playground and wait for your child in the appropriate area, observing social distancing. The children will leave school at 3.10pm. Once your child comes to you, you must leave the school site immediately. **Only one adult** should come to collect a child, you should not bring other children with you. If you have no option but to do that, the sibling must stay with you and cannot run around the playground or play on any of the equipment.

Year 3 and 4 children will leave school at 3.15pm. **Year 5 and 6** children will leave school at 3.00pm. The playground will be opened at 2.55pm. You should enter the playground and wait for your child

in the appropriate area, observing social distancing. Once your child comes to you, you must leave the school site immediately.

There should only be one adult dropping off or collecting a child from site. On arrival at the classrooms please note that there will be a 2m distance marker on the ground – no parent should cross this boundary. A short conversation will be possible with the staff member on the door from this distance, however, any confidential queries or longer conversations should be arranged via email or telephone.

Parents will need to drop their children off promptly. Please do not congregate around the entrances and observe the two metre social distancing rule whenever possible. No parent will be allowed into the school building – if you have any questions please telephone or email the school office.

Only named adults from within your support bubble should be collecting your child. Please update our records if this has changed - safe words will still apply.

Face Coverings

We do request that adults accessing site at peak drop off and pick up times wear a face covering – this is to protect both yourself and others. Children do not need to wear masks. This is because at peak times we cannot guarantee that all persons on our narrow pathways will be able to socially distance by 2m. There will not be a one-way system around school.

Staff welcoming you onto site will maintain 2m distance from all adults at all times – please respect this. They will not wear a face covering as we intend to welcome the children with a smile and need to be able to direct parent queries should they arise.

Plymouth CAST, our Trust supports the elective use of face coverings in First, Primary and Secondary schools, following a discussion with headteacher. The wearing of face coverings in primary schools should be rare and the exception to the rule once individual requests have been discussed with the headteacher, including the exploration of existing control measures and government advice. **The priority for reducing the risk of contracting COVID-19 remains social distancing, bubbles, hand and respiratory hygiene and enhanced cleaning regimes.**

Parents are encouraged to visit www.gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help you plan for your children's return to school. Leaflets for parents can be downloaded [here](#). Public Health England has published a [communications resource hub](#). Static and animated [social media content](#), [posters](#), [digital screens](#) and [adaptable assets](#) have also been published.

Breakfast and After School Club (BASC)

Pupils in BASC will remain in year group bubbles both before and after school. Due to the high demand for places we will initially only be able to run after school care until 4.15pm. We will review this situation in line with our risk assessment and look at ways that we can safely extend provision. Breakfast and after school club will use the hall and studio rooms this term until further notice as they provide additional space and enable us to separate groups more easily.

Other Clubs

There will be no after school sports clubs in September – this will be reviewed at half term.

Uniform

When the children come back to school they should be in full uniform, including school shoes, which they must be able to do up themselves. They can wear summer uniform until October half term. It is really important that the children come back smart and ready to restart their learning. Please do not send PE bags into school – on the day when your child has PE, they should come into school wearing their school PE kit which they will then wear for the whole day. If it is cold, your child can wear navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy sweatshirt. We will let you know your child's PE day in the first week of term and will send reminders about kit via Marvellous Me!

Equipment

Children should bring in an empty pencil case, clearly marked with their name. We will give them the pencils etc that we want them to use, as this will enable us to ensure that children are not sharing resources.

Home Learning

The majority of home learning this year will be online – online learning will enable pupils and staff to have a smooth transition into remote learning should there be the need for a local lockdown in the future. Teachers will audit IT home provision in the first few weeks to ensure maximum access for all families - please update the school on your circumstances for IT provision.

Typical Questions

- ***Do I have to send my child back to school?***

School attendance is mandatory from the beginning of the Autumn Term, so your child needs to return to school. If you and your child are feeling anxious about this, please contact your child's year leader.

- ***If I need to keep my child of school because we need to self-isolate, will online work still be set?***

Yes, in addition, the school is required to have a remote learning plan in place by the end of September should we go into a local lockdown.

- ***Do we still need to wash uniform daily?***

No, this recommendation has been removed from the guidance.

- ***Will there be any changes to the behaviour policy?***

There is an addendum to our behaviour policy which can be viewed on the website.

- ***Am I allowed to come in to school to speak to my child's teacher?***

Visitors must be limited to school, so this will only be possible if a meeting has been scheduled. Parents are not able to come to school without a prior appointment.

- ***I have been away on holiday; do we have to quarantine?***

Current UK coronavirus regulations mean that you must isolate for 14 days when you arrive back in the UK from any country not listed in the 'travel corridor.'

- ***What should my child bring to School?***

Children will bring in the minimum provisions to school.

1. Small bag - school book bag for EYFS and KS1 / small bag/back pack for KS2
2. Coat
3. Water bottle
4. Fruit snack
5. Reading glasses with case if not worn all the time
6. Asthma inhalers if needed to be in school (pick up a medical form if previously not completed)
7. Teachers will give children reading books, a reading record, and a Home Learning Book.

They should not bring anything else to school with them. Children are NOT to bring any toys to school.

Please note that the children will not be using lockers in KS2 so bags must be small enough to hang on their chair or under their desk. Large back packs will not be allowed. All items should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Should you have any further questions, please direct them to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support during these exceptionally challenging times. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school next week and continuing our partnership with you.

Kindest regards,

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