



3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

## Christ the King News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that all of our pupils and families have managed to enjoy the summer break. As we would expect in this country, we have had a mixed bag of weather but as they say 'there is no such thing as the wrong weather, just the wrong clothing!'

### **Thank You**

The teachers, TAs and office staff would like to thank parents and pupils for the generous presents last term. A smile and a quiet word of thanks is enough to encourage us all in our vocation to serve our community. Thank you.

### **New this Term**

This term we are starting a new well-being programme called THRIVE, which aims to support pupils at all levels, including the most vulnerable.

### **September Arrangements**

We will continue to have staggered start and finish times this term. An error went out in the summer newsletter regarding finishing times. Please note the following:

Year Group	Doors Open	Start Time	Finish Time
Pre-School	8.40am	8.45am	3.15pm
Year R	8.45am	8.55am	3.10pm
KS1	8.40am	8.50am	3.05pm
KS2	8.30am	8.40am	3.00pm

All pupils should attend school on the first day in normal school uniform – the class teachers will let you know via email or Class Dojo / Tapestry which days they will need to attend school in PE uniform.

### **Uniform**

**Uniform matters** and at Christ the King School we pride ourselves on high standards of presentation. All pupils should wear the correct school uniform including a jumper or cardigan with the school logo.

**Hair styles** should be suitable for school – NO SHAVED cuts please. Shoes should be black - slip on shoes for girls are NOT allowed as they inhibit safe playtime play.

**PE uniform** expectations are equally important and school logo PE T-shirt is advised. Navy shorts, sweatshirt top and jogging bottoms should all be plain navy with no logos. Leggings are not permitted. Please come to school in PE uniform on PE days.

### **COVID-19 Guidance for Autumn 2021 from Public Health Dorset**

We continue to follow the DfE COVID-19 advice for schools and will maintain our hygiene and ventilation control measures. Masks are optional in communal areas and will no longer be worn by staff within classrooms. Masks are now optional for all adults on site, but may be requested for visitors meetings indoors. Children are no longer segregated within bubbles and clubs and trips will resume this term.

Families are advised to use **LFD tests** this weekend prior to the return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September - **Do not return to school if you or a member of your household has symptoms of Covid-19: A new continuous cough, a high temperature, loss of taste or smell.**

### **Summer Home Learning**

I hope that all pupils have managed to spend some time practising their basic skills in reading and maths. Teachers can monitor access to IXL and note the progress made over the summer. For some children this will mean that they start the term with confidence. Miss O’Sullivan, our English Leader, is looking forward to finding out which pupils took part in the reading challenge this summer. Thank you and well done to all pupils who have tried to do a little home learning this summer!

### **Transition videos**

All class transition videos are on the website on the classes page.

### **Staffing Update**

We are fortunate to have such a stable and caring staff at Christ the King School. This term we welcome Mrs Bernadette Heathcock as senior administrator, Mrs Natasha McCabe and Mrs Nicoll Gosling as support staff / TAs.

### **Applying for a place at Christ the King School**

BCP still manage our admissions, however we still urge families to complete our school application forms which are available from our office or online. This year our new parents’ presentation for Reception 2022 will be held in October and will be recorded and posted on our website. To find out more about our school and ethos please follow the link below and share with family and friends: <https://youtu.be/33ZmKW4ipS4>

### **Let Us Pray**

**We give thanks for:**

- The summer break and the chance to relax and unwind with family and friends.
- The safe return home of all of our pupils and staff following their travels this summer.

- The successful roll out of the UK vaccination programme this year.

**We pray for:**

- A happy and safe academic year 2021-2022 with many smiles and many achievements to celebrate.
- Pupils and staff who left CTK in July that they all enjoy their new adventures and schools.
- Continued protection for all in our community from Coronavirus.
- Pupils and staff joining CTK this summer, especially our new Reception children and those joining us from St Catherine's Catholic School in Wimborne.
- The continued health and support of our clergy, especially Fr Chacko.

**And finally,** I look forward to seeing you all next week. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel  
Headteacher

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*hope*  
*love*

