



Newsletter October 23rd 2020

Dear Parents,

Another week is over and we are nearly at the end of the first week of Lockdown. The children have settled back into school and are happy to be back with their friends and teachers.

COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Ventilation is a key part of our control measures and this will not change as the weather gets cooler. We will ensure that every room has a flow of air as this helps mitigate the risk of spreading viruses indoors. Since the room temperatures are now cooler please ensure your child wears several layers – we suggest an under vest below their shirt and also an additional cardigan or fleece over their school jumper. This should be in addition to their outdoor coat, hat and gloves. We do not want children to feel uncomfortable and **extra clothing** with help to keep them motivated.

If your child or a member of your household becomes **symptomatic of COVID-19**, please follow the Government guidelines and apply for a test. Please inform the school that you are symptomatic and inform the school of the outcome of the test. If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, then you must follow the Government guidance on self-isolation to protect others in the community.

Control measures in school are frequently reviewed and all staff, parents and pupils must comply. I am sure that you have already read the much anticipated Government COVID-19 Update following last Thursday's announcements ([guidance](#)).

Clinically extremely vulnerable - children

- Children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education whilst the national restrictions (Lockdown) are in place. **Appropriate arrangements for remote education will be made.**
- Parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children should receive a letter shortly confirming this advice from an NHS specialist.
- Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education.

Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable are no longer identified as such. We encourage parents to speak to their GP or specialist clinician, as soon as possible, if they have not already done so, to understand whether your child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Clinically vulnerable staff and children

- Children who are **clinically vulnerable** or have **underlying health conditions** but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, should continue to attend school in line with current guidance.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Support in BCP for people with Covid is on the Council's website and there was also an online briefing on the disease in the area which is on you tube; <https://www.youtube.com/c/BCPCouncil>



Remote Learning at Christ the King School

Year 2 to Year 6: Please contact the school if you have difficulty accessing Google Classroom or IXL. Teachers have demonstrated how to log on and use these platforms during lesson time. It is essential that you practice using the online learning in case of school closures.

Since the majority of home learning is remote you must inform us if you have not got a device for your child to use or whether there are any technical issues. We need to work with you to resolve these so that your child can grow in confidence with online learning and accelerate their progress.

Next week there will be information coming home with support about how to email and contact each class teacher. Please be aware that it is our policy not to expect staff to answer emails outside normal working hours. Thank you for your kind understanding.

Staffing

Farewell and thank you to Carmel Bending who will be leaving Christ the King School at the end of next week. Mrs Bending has supported the Catholic Life of our school and has supported the learning of pupils in KS2, KS1 and in our Early Years classes since 2013. We wish Mrs Bending much love and happiness for the future.

TT Rockstars KS2 Competition



As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th. In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less. Thanks for your support.

RHE (Relationships and Health Education)

The parent portal should answer any query you have regarding our RHE programme – if you haven't had a chance to watch the parents video please do so. The programme is integrated within our SMSC (spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education).

We have already started teaching the Life to The Full programme, but at this point we are not actively teaching the content related to the consultation questionnaire. We will keep you informed as to when these decisions have been finalised. We urge you to log on and if you have any further queries please contact us on christtheking@ctkcps.com Thank you.

Visit: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

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Children in Need

Odd Socks Day – next Friday 13th November we invite pupils to wear odd socks to school as part of their uniform with a voluntary contribution of £1.00

This year we want to use the money to support the children 'in need' within our own community and the School Council will be looking at ways with our pastoral team and Mr Smith how to best to get the support where it is most needed.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies are available up until Friday 13th November 2020.

Individual Pupil Photos

The individual pupil photos are still going ahead on Monday 9th November – all children need to come to school in main school uniform this day (bring PE shoes in a named bag). Please ensure pupils arrive at school on time as we will have a tight schedule with enhanced cleaning between each group. Due to the time restrictions there will be No sibling photos this year. Parents can order photos online or through the office staff.

Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations will be going ahead in December. Please log on and book your child a flu vaccine as they will not be able to be immunised without this.

Parents Evenings

Pupil Progress and target information have been sent home today via bookbags. If you require an electronic version, please let the teacher know – please return the slip to indicate to the class teacher whether you would like to discuss any of the targets – this is optional.

Drop Off / Pick Ups

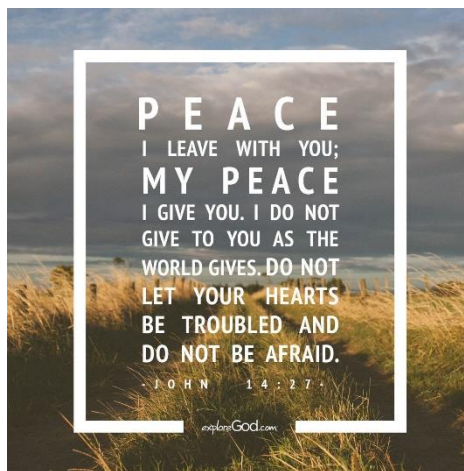
Thank you to all parents who continue to drop children off on time and collect on time. Being routinely late is not acceptable and disadvantages your child. We will support and help families to foster good routines where needed.

Only one adult per family is allowed on site to drop off or pick up pupils – this includes NO older siblings as we are actively trying to reduce the number of persons on site and ensure these routines are fluid.

Please ensure that the flow of foot traffic on the back and front school pathways is not hindered by stopping to talk on pathways to friends or other parents – foot traffic should flow at all time and must be **single file** – walking **on the left** please.

EYFS Open Day

Due to lockdown our open day will be postponed until later in the school year. A virtual tour and presentation for new starters will be posted on our website on 14th November.



Remembrance

Traditionally November is the month we remember our loved ones who have gone before us.

As Catholics, we begin the month with two important feast days: All Saints Day and All Souls Day. On All Saints Day we remember the women and men who have shown us the way to live holy lives; we try to follow their example. We particularly remember those Saints who don't have a Feast Day of their own throughout the year.

On All Souls Day we remember all Christians, known and unknown to us, who have died in the past, especially those close to us. We remember that Jesus promised us Eternal Life and that death is not the end. We look forward to the day when we are all united in the Heavenly Kingdom as one family.

QUOTES FOR “ALL SAINTS” FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Saints are the simple, the humble who make room for God, who know how to weep for others and for their own errors, those who stay meek, who fight for justice, who are merciful toward all, who guard purity of heart, who always work for peace and remain in joy, not in hate, and, even when suffering, respond to evil with good”.

“The feast of All Saints, then, is not celebrated only in honour of those who have reached the goal and attained to heaven. It is also for the many simple and hidden people whom we may know, and who, through everyday holiness, help God to carry the world forward”.



Let Us Pray

We give thanks for:

- the Saints who lived holy lives and gave us wonderfully examples to follow.
- everyone who is doing their bit to support their neighbours as we go back into lockdown.
- our friends and family.
- the chance to have had some time off last week.

We pray for those in our community:

- all those suffering because of COVID-19, especially those known to us.
- all of our families – that their homes may be filled with peace, hope, love and friendship for all those receiving medical treatment, whether its corona virus related or not.
- Fr Chacko and all local clergy that they continue to inspire and support us in faith, hope and love.

And finally, have a good weekend and enjoy time with your loved ones.

Best wishes to you all.

Clare Tickel

Headteacher

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