

# Plans for Autumn 2020

## Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to the Christ the King family being back together again and welcoming all the children back to school in September.

As you will be aware the Government is expecting all children to return to school in September. Since the announcement was made, we have been working tirelessly to plan for the safe return of all year groups, taking account of the risks associated with such a return and of course keeping the safety of children, staff and families as our primary concern.

Our current plan is subject to CAST approval and assumes the local situation does not change, and there is no change to government guidance. If there is a change to the plan, we will alert you as soon possible – so please keep an eye on emails and texts in the weeks preceding our September return!

The first day back in school for all children (except pre-school children) will be Monday, 7th September 2020. Pre-school children will start on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

#### **Access to School**

We have staggered the start times for different year groups in order to manage the increased numbers of people accessing the school site next term. There will not be a one-way system as we have done this term, instead there will be access from both Durdells Avenue and Creasey Road for parents – this will alleviate parking pressure on Durdells Avenue. We do, however, request that adults accessing site at peak drop off and pick up times wear a mask – this is to protect both yourself and others. Children do not need to wear masks. We will review this after the first week and should the pathways become too congested then we may revert back to our one-way system. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 may be granted permission to walk to school if we are in receipt of a letter from their parent. This will also help to reduce the number of persons needing to access the site.

The children should come in through their assigned entrance door, and go straight in to their classroom. The transition videos are all posted on our website and the teachers clearly show the class entrances and doors to help you to identify the new rooms. The times for arrival at school are outlined below; children must be in class and ready to start by their designated time. Classroom doors will be closed promptly and any late children will need to enter the school via the office.

## **Staggered Start and Finish Times**

The changes to the timing of the school day and provision for children before and after school are temporary arrangements which will be reviewed regularly – we anticipate that they will be in place until at least October half term.

There will be some changes to the end of the day too. Older children will not be able to walk through school to meet their younger siblings. Older children, with permission, will walk straight off site; parents with more than one child will be asked to wait until the end of each child's session outside the classroom door in a socially distanced manner.

Early collections will not be allowed unless there are exceptional circumstances. Our end of day routine for changes in pickup must still be adhered to by informing the teacher / office staff who will collect your child and confirmation of a safe word.

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.

**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. If your Year 5 or Year 6 child has written permission to walk we will issue them with a Walker's Pass, they will be able to meet you further away from the school site – but they MUST have their pass with them. Please can all permission for Year 5 / 6 walkers be handed in to the office or class teacher on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

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.

## 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

KS1 children should continue to bring their book bag and a coat to school. KS2 children will bring a small back pack, their lunch and coat. They should not bring anything else to school with them. There will be no after school sports clubs in September – this will be reviewed at half term. Children will have their own set of equipment for use in class – they may 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. Your child can bring their back pack or book bag with them but they should not bring anything else to school. Each child should bring their own water bottle, which they will keep in their own place. All large equipment such as musical instruments or PE equipment will be wiped down after each usage.

## **Bubbles**

The children will be in class 'bubbles' of 30 for most of the day. At playtimes and lunchtimes, they will be in Year group bubbles of 60 while they are outside. Children may move into smaller bubbles for English and Maths groups, but they will only be with children from their own Year group bubble. Both Reception classes will operate as a bubble of 60, to enable them to share the outdoor learning area- this will be the arrangement for Year 1 as well. In order to keep the children safe, we will not be mixing bubbles from Year groups during the school day.

# **Social Distancing**

In order to prevent contact between bubbles, we will not be using the hall for assemblies or for lunches – this means that we will not be able to resume our hot meals service for the time being. However, you will be able to order packed lunches as usual through Chartwells. Again, we will keep this under regular review as we would like to be able to make this provision for children as soon as possible. Assemblies or liturgies will be in class bubbles and all whole school assemblies will be live streamed into the classes or videoed as we have done during lockdown.

Excess furniture has been removed from classrooms and corridors to maximise use of space – as such our environment looks different to our pre-lockdown norm. Desks all face the front of the classrooms and desks are positioned to enable access to hand washing facilities and the outdoors.

#### **Flow around School**

All corridors have been removed of excess furniture to allow movement of adults or children. They will continue to walk on the left and the stair cases will be allocated for up or down use only. Children will not be allowed to walk through the school unaccompanied by an adult. There will not be any movement on mass with the exception of emergency evacuation. Break times are staggered

to allow minimal movement of groups to outside areas or toilets. Toilets are monitored and cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day.

# Visitors

We will not be able to invite parents into the school building unless for a specific meeting and numbers will always be limited to one family group. Any parent meetings will generally take place in the After School Club and will be cleaned after each use. Parent teacher consultations will take place remotely in the Autumn term. Peripatetic teachers for music will teach pupils only from the same bubble groups at one time and all lessons will take place in the music or studio rooms which are large and well ventilated.

# **Breakfast and After School Club**

We plan to run after school and breakfast club in September – dependent upon CAST approval this August. As soon as the risk assessment has been approved we will let parents know. Applications for these clubs will be based on need and children of keyworkers will continue to take priority. Fees for breakfast club will remain unchanged. Fees for after school club will change from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020; there will be a £4.00 fee until 4.00pm, thereafter £2.00 per hour. Non-payment could result in the loss of the place. There will continue to be a £3.00 registration fee for each club per term. Places for these clubs will be confirmed on  $3^{rd} / 4^{th}$  September 2020.

**Breakfast Club:** The Junior pupils (Year 3 to Year 6) will be based in the school hall and will enter the club via the KS2 playground. The infants (Year R to Year 2) will be based in the studio and will enter the club via the KS1 playground. Only cereal and a drink will be available so we encourage families to provide a breakfast before arrival if your child is a fussy eater. The children can arrive from 8.00am onwards and must have a reserved place.

**After School Club:** The after school club will be managed along the same lines as breakfast club and the pickup will be as follows: Infant pupils (Year R to Year 2) will be picked up from the studio up until 4pm and Junior pupils (Year 3 to Year 6) will be picked up from the hall. Infant pupils remaining in ASC after 4pm will be picked up from the hall.

# Pupils in the breakfast and after school clubs will remain in year group bubbles in specifically designated areas in either the hall, studio or outdoors.

# **Hygiene Regimes**

All rooms are well ventilated; the use of air-conditioning is not allowed until further notice. Our team of cleaners will give all areas of the school a daily enhanced clean. We will also clean the desks before and after lunch, and will also be cleaning areas of high use such as door handles at regular points throughout the day. The children will be supervised while washing their hands and using the toilets, and they will be encouraged to wash their hands at regular points throughout the day. Please discuss with your child the importance of maintaining good hygiene – catching coughs or sneezes and hand washing. You may find the resources on this link helpful: https://e-bug.eu/

# What is you or your child is symptomatic of COVID-19?

It is absolutely essential that your child does not attend school if they, or any member of your household, is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19. If your child, or a member of your family becomes unwell, please contact us immediately so that we can take the necessary steps to alert those who may have come into contact with your child and ensure that the school site is appropriately cleaned.

#### What if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19

If we do have a confirmed case in school, parents will be expected to engage with the NHS Track and Trace service. Please ensure that all contact details are up to date, so that we can contact you promptly should your child become unwell. Please consider who your emergency contacts are and, if you feel that they are clinically vulnerable or at risk, you may wish to revise the list.

#### **Recovery Curriculum**

We will launch the Autumn term with a whole school theme 'Laudato Si and Me' which will prioritise pupil wellbeing and mental health. The children will have plenty of opportunity to reflect on their experiences since they last met. We are grateful to the Cornerstone Church who have awarded the school a grant from their fellowship fund to support pupil wellbeing. We have used this money to invest in Trick Box cards for KS2 pupils.

The staff are developing our provision to include a recovery curriculum to support pupils who have gaps in their learning as a result of lockdown

(<u>https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/recoverycurriculum/</u>). More information will follow next term.

#### **Active Travel**

The DfT has asked schools to strongly promote active travel, it is suggesting that people re-evaluate their travel to/from school habits in the light of the pandemic by making walking, cycling and scooting their new normal. BCP Council have a statutory duty to promote active travel whenever possible and there never has been a more important time to do this.

For journeys to school of two miles or less (and which are currently undertaken by public bus). It would be ideal if families could shift as many of these journeys to cycling and walking if possible.

#### Finally

It is still possible that this plan may change before the 7th September, dependent on government or local guidance. If this is the case, we will contact you via email and text message to alert you to any changes, so please ensure that we have your current email address and phone number.

I am sure that if we all work together, we can ensure that your child's return to school is happy and successful! We are really looking forward to having the children back in school and for us all to be together. I wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

Clare Tickel Headteacher

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