



Christ Church School News

27th November 2020

Advent begins next week and the excitement is beginning to build!

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children, will take place on 11th December. This will also be the day when all the children can enjoy a fabulous Christmas Dinner prepared by Mrs Greaves and Mrs Riley. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have the Christmas Dinner, they just need to ask on the day.

Usually on the last afternoon of the Christmas term we all look forward to the visiting pantomime ("Oh no we don't" "Oh yes we do" etc!) This year the tradition still stands, but it will be a virtual event. Similarly, we hope to be able to record our Nativity performance and stream this to parents and families during the last week of term – more details of this soon, along with information about our Christmas Service.

From the 1st December we will be putting a post box on each of the playgrounds on a Monday and a Friday for the children to post their Christmas cards. The cards from each box will then be bagged and kept safe for 72 hours before being distributed. Please make sure that your child posts the cards into the box – unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we can't allow children to hand them out personally.

Families may also be interested to know that SELFA are organising a 'Skipton Christmas Trail' throughout December and details can be found on the attached poster.

Finally, can I draw your attention to the Covid-19 update below. We have all worked together to keep our school community as safe as we possibly can. Please continue to follow all the guidance so that we can all enjoy Christmas. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cooper and all at Christ Church School

Covid-19 Update

A reminder that within our school community we have a number of vulnerable children and staff, therefore:

If any member of your household has Covid symptoms and / or is waiting for the results of a test, your child **MUST NOT** be in school. Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if you are waiting for the results of a test – your child may be asymptomatic and could still spread the virus.

Similarly, if your child is displaying ANY symptoms, please **DO NOT** send to school – stay at home and get a test. Please help to protect everyone in our school community.

A reminder that items from home, other than book bags etc, must not be brought into school. This also applies to 'potions and lotions'. Only those prescribed by a doctor may be brought to school and a form must be completed via the school office.

Also, a request for parents and carers of KS1 children (lower playground). Please ensure that you stand in line with your child in the morning. This close supervision helps to ensure a happy start to the day for all children.

We have been very grateful for the support of parents and families during the pandemic, as we all work together to keep everyone as safe as we can. Therefore, we ask that during this lockdown period, families refrain from mixing with another household, e.g. 'going for tea' unless it is as part of a childcare bubble. The information below has been copied for your information, from the government guidance document.

What a childcare bubble is

A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to a child or children aged 13 or under. They can provide the childcare in either or both of the homes from the 2 households. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered.

All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement.

The childcare can be provided where necessary in any location – public or private, indoors or outdoors.

You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare – that is, where the child's parent or regular carer is not present. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.

2. Meeting others safely

In general, you must not meet people socially. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your [support bubble](#) (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person. You should minimise time spent outside your home. When around other people, stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household - meaning the people you live with - or your support bubble. Where this is not possible, stay 1 metre apart with extra precautions (e.g. wearing a [face covering](#)).

You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble.

A [support bubble](#) is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households in that support bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight in each other's households, and visit outdoor public places together.

You can exercise or visit outdoor public places with:

- the people you live with
- your support bubble
- or, when on your own, 1 person from another household. Children under 5, as well as disabled people dependent on round-the-clock care are not counted towards the limit on two people meeting outside

There is further guidance on what exercise and other physical activity can continue during the period of national restrictions.

Outdoor public places include:

- neighbourhood streets, parks, beaches, and the countryside
- public gardens and grounds (whether or not you pay to enter them)
- allotments
- outdoor playgrounds

You cannot meet people in a private garden, unless you live with them or have formed a support bubble with them.

Thank you to parents and families for following the guidance regarding symptoms and testing. We know that it is a frustrating process but we appreciate your support in keeping school running as smoothly as possible.

Presents with symptoms

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Pupil or staff member presents with COVID-19 symptoms. (a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or a loss of taste / smell)	Individual sent home and advised to follow the guidance which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms	If test is negative, individual returns to school and households end self-isolation. If test is positive, move to 'confirmed case' scenario below.

Positive result

STAGE 1	STAGE 2
<p>If someone tests positive, they should follow the ‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection’ and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal.</p> <p>Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days</p>	<p>Those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious</p> <p><i>close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)</i></p> <p><i>proximity contacts – extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">School will contact the local health protection team.</p>