

Christ Church C.E.(VC) Primary School



'Life in all its fullness'

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Dear families,

Throughout the COVID Pandemic, all our children, parents and staff have shown their dedication to our Church School values of *Hope, Wisdom, Friendship, Endurance and Koinonia* and I am immensely proud of everyone.

In preparation for the 8th March, when we can welcome all our children back to school, there will be some changes to the remote learning provision for next week (w/c 1st March).

All children will continue to have a live session with their teacher each morning, during which they will receive instructions about the independent learning tasks that they will be expected to complete that morning, for both English and maths. (Children in Classes 1 & 2 will join their phonics group each morning as usual prior to the whole class live session). The tasks and any resources needed will be available on the dB pages along with links to teaching videos as appropriate.

Collective Worship will take place each day at 1pm and at the end of this session, the expectations for the afternoon's independent tasks will be discussed with the children.

The children will continue to receive a daily dB email from their teachers, with the zoom links for the day, along with any further instructions.

Reducing the live teaching next week will provide staff with the necessary time to (for example):

- Identify changes that will be needed in our curriculum provision maps
- Identify gaps in learning and provision
- Plan the recovery curriculum
- Take part in health and safety, and risk assessment compliance briefings
- Ready the physical environment for a return to face to face teaching

I have included below the 'Return to School' information to allow families time to prepare and to ask any additional questions.

It is important to remember that we must continue to work within our risk assessment and be aware that plans and routines may have to change at quite short notice. In the event of a local outbreak, the PHE health protection team, or local authority, may advise us to temporarily close bubbles to help control transmission. This would involve a return to providing remote education.

From the 8th March we will again have 3 bubbles to allow us to manage staffing and curriculum delivery. Please note which bubble your child(ren) will be in as the bubbles have different arrangements and drop off / collection points.

Classes 1 & 2 = Bubble A

Class 3 = Bubble B

Classes 4 & 5 = Bubble C

What arrangements are in place for drop-off and collection?

The different bubbles will enter and leave from designated points situated across school. Please note that ALL bubbles will start school at 8.55am and finish at 3.20pm.

Bubble A

- **Entry / exit point:** Lower playground door.

Children should access the lower playground via the main entrance gate no earlier than 8.50am.

A member of staff will welcome the children into school at 8.55am and parents and carers will then leave via the double playground gate onto Craven Street (parents and carers are not allowed to enter the building - see below). Parents and carers must observe social distancing at all times.

Bubbles B & C

- **Entry / exit point:** Upper playground back door (up the steps)

Children should access the top playground via the double gates at the far end of the playground no earlier than 8.50am and wait in their designated areas. A member of staff will welcome the children into school at 8.55am, parents and carers are not allowed to enter the building (see below). When waiting to collect your child, please observe social distancing.

What if I have children in different bubbles?

Drop off – the oldest sibling should be taken to their drop off point first.

Collection – the younger sibling should be collected first.

Teachers will be aware of those families who are affected by this.

Will there be an early drop off service?

This service will be available but may have to be withdrawn if it impacts heavily on the safe arrival of the wider bubbles into school. **Please also note that this service is only available for children of parents and carers who need to leave their child in our care at an earlier drop off time, in order to arrive on time at their own place of work.**

Children in Bubble A should be brought to the main entrance gate. Children in Bubbles B & C should be brought to the upper playground via the double gates at the far end of the playground. Please do not arrive any earlier than 8.35am.

Will there be a Breakfast and After School Club?

We will be able to provide before school care from 8am each morning. Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide breakfast and this will be reflected in a reduced price of £2 per child per session. Children will be supervised in separate bubbles, in the hall.

We will be able to provide after school care but we will be unable to provide a snack. **After school care will run until 5.30pm and not 6pm.** Again, this will be reflected in a reduced price of £3 per child per session for collection by 4.30pm and £6 per child per session for collection by 5.30pm. Children will be supervised in separate bubbles, in the hall.

This provision will be reviewed at the end of term.

We ask that parents and carers / carers only book when necessary due to work commitments, seek alternative forms of child care wherever possible and have a 'plan B' in readiness for a short notice closure. Where parents are using external childcare providers please limit the use of multiple out-of-school settings providers, and t only use one out-of-school setting in addition to school as far as possible. Please also check providers have put in place their own protective measures and follow this link for further advice

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Bookings for before and after school care will be available next week. A notification will be sent via ParentMail.

Can my child arrive and leave school independently?

Yes. Unaccompanied children should follow the Government guidance on social distancing when travelling to and from school <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#travel-safely-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

On arrival they should follow the instructions for their bubble, as above. Parents and carers must provide written permission for their child to travel to and from school unaccompanied and this should be sent either via email to headteacher@christchurch.n-yorks.sch.uk or with the child on their first day back. **If we do not have written permission, the parent will be expected to collect.** Children in Bubble C who are leaving independently will leave 'at the front of the line' at 3.20pm.

Please note that:

- Children should not bring bicycles to school as all available outside space, including the bike storage area, has been allocated to different bubbles.
- If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school it will be kept in an open tray on the class teacher's desk but will not be locked away. Your child will need to clean the phone with anti-bacterial wipe before placing it in the tray.

Are parents and carers allowed in school?

Parents and carers should not enter the building unless there is an urgent or medical need to do so. In this case they should come to the main door and follow instructions given by staff. For all other matters, please communicate via email or telephone.

Will school meals be available? Can my child bring a packed lunch?

School meals will be available as usual. The cost for a meal is £2.50. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a 'Universal Infant Free School Meal'.

Packed lunches can be brought to school in a separate lunch bag / box. All children, apart from those in Class 4, will store their lunches in a designated space in the classroom. Class 4 children will store their lunches on the lunch box trolley as usual.

What are the arrangements for playtime and lunchtime?

All children in school will have an allocated play space for their bubble. Children will go outside for breaks and maintain social distancing as far as possible. Playtime equipment will be minimal and based on ease of cleaning. Lunch will be eaten in bubbles in the school hall and will be supervised by staff and MSAs.

Does my child need to wear school uniform / bring their PE kit?

Yes. Children should wear their uniform and bring a warm, waterproof coat to school each day. Children in Classes 1 & 2 will be told which days they are doing PE and will wear their PE kit instead of their uniform on those days – this will reduce the need for close contact between children and staff. All other children should bring their PE kits in a **small drawstring bag** and leave in school.

Does my child need to bring their school bag?

Yes. School book bags, or bags of a similar design and size will be allowed, but please do not send your child with a rucksack. Children must not bring their own pencil cases / equipment or personal possessions other than their lunch (& school) bag, coat, hat & gloves and PE kit where required.

What happens if my child takes regular medication in school?

On the first day of your child's return to school, the usual medication should be brought in by the parent or carer. Please come to the main door and a staff member will advise.

Please note that the children will be asked to wash their hands regularly. Unfortunately, whilst this may cause dryness and some irritation, children should not bring hand cream into school unless it has been prescribed.

Can my child wear a face covering in school?

The current government advice is that primary children do not need to wear face coverings.

What happens if a child feels unwell at school or has symptoms?

We ask that all parents and carers ensure that their child is well before sending them to school. In addition, it is really important that families follow the Government guidance regarding testing and isolation and that parents and carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to book a test if they or their child display symptoms. Parents and carers must also understand that they will need to be ready and willing to provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test & Trace and that they keep school informed of any tests / confirmed cases.

The questions and answers above are intended to provide all the information that is needed for your child to return to school, but please do email me directly on headteacher@christchurch.n-yorks.sch.uk if you have any other questions.

This is an exciting time for us all – it will be fabulous to have everyone back in school. Until then, I hope that this information will help you and your child to prepare.

I hope you and your families are safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Diane Cooper
Headteacher