

Christ Church CofE Primary School



1st June 2020

Welcome to our Summer Term newsletter

As from the 1st June 2020, we are moving into this next phase of the virus pandemic and the government is lifting some restrictions and allowing some children to begin returning to school. In order for this to happen we are making considerable changes to our classrooms and routines in order to meet government guidelines. I am now in a position to share with you what these changes look like. These may change as guidance is updated and our continued risk assessments are adjusted to ensure we meet the needs of our children.

Key Worker Opening

The safety of our children is paramount and so as of the 1st June we are still only open for key worker and vulnerable children. If you feel that you may now need this service then please contact school and we will be able to assist you. We were expecting the definition of key workers to change on the 1st June 2020 but this hasn't yet happened.

Further opening to more pupils

Today we will send out a survey that must be complete by Tuesday at 4pm to ask if you are expecting to need the key worker provision. Due to restrictions on numbers I may need proof of employment. Once I have final numbers we will be able to look at getting back our year 6, Year 1 and reception children. This will be using the numbers that answered yes to starting on the start date in our most recent survey. At first, in order to meet government guidelines and settle the children back into a routine, this may, at first, be part time only. I am expecting this process to start from the 8th June for Year 6 and then the 15th June for Reception and Year 1. As the weeks progress and lockdown information changes we may then be able to start looking at a full time offer.

What will school look like?

The government has recommended a hierarchy of controls, these include:

- *minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that **those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges***
- ***cleaning hands more often than usual** - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered*
- *ensuring **good respiratory hygiene** by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach*
- ***cleaning frequently touched surfaces often** using standard products, such as detergents and bleach*
- ***minimising contact and mixing** by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times)*



Groups

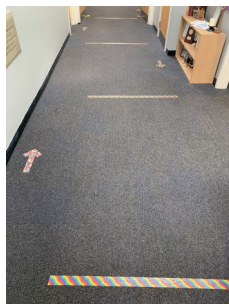
In order to maintain social distancing as much as possible we have carefully measured all of our classrooms and we can fit a maximum of 8 children per room. Children returning to school will be allocated a room and 2 key staff members that will stay with that group throughout the time they are in school. The children will not be able to mix with any other children or adults within school. Siblings will also be placed in the same group where possible to ensure we limit any possible exposure.

School Lunches

If your child is not attending school and you are in receipt of free school meals then you will continue to receive a voucher or collect a packed lunch as you have been doing. If your child is attending school and they are in receipt of free school meals then they will be given a packed lunch but not a voucher. If you are not free school meals and your child is attending school then the option to purchase a school packed lunch will be available or your child can bring in their own packed lunch. School lunches will be eaten in the classroom that the children have been allocated



On entry to the school site each group of children will be given their own area of the yard to stand in. Each area has been marked with 2 meter social distancing lines. The children will stand in the socially distanced line with 1 parent until their teacher comes out and calls them in 1 at a time.



We have created a system of moving around school so that groups of children will only pass each other in the corridor when absolutely necessary and even then we have social distancing measures in place. We have rainbow glitter tape so that it still looks nice around school!



Here is an example of what our reception classroom will look like. The soft furnishings have been moved along with most toys. The toys and books have then been sorted so that the children can have a few sets each day which will then be disinfected and swapped for the next day. The squares on the carpet are carpet seats so that the children are socially distanced when they are sitting down but they will be free to move around the classroom into the different areas. The set up of the classroom will evolve as guidance changes and in line with our school risk assessments.

I am hoping to be in a position to confirm re opening details in the next few days for those parents that indicated that they wanted their children to return to school on the start date. We will be in touch with them to give them further information this week. If anyone would like to discuss this further please just give me a ring.

Thank you for your continued patience with this ever changing situations.

Mrs Bradford