

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It has been a joy to welcome more pupils back to school this week. We are now open to pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Six as well as children of key workers and vulnerable pupils. Today 170 pupils were in school with numbers expected to increase as more Year one pupils start next week. It has been quite an achievement to allocate resources, classrooms, playground space and staff to each 'bubble' of pupils but our wonderful staff have made the new systems as clear as possible and there has been lots of positive feedback from the children about their new routines.

We are keenly aware that the drop off and collection times do not suit all parents and we thank you for adhering to this as we navigate these new routines and the expectations around social distancing at these really busy times of the day. Unfortunately, with the current restrictions we are unable to offer extended hours to support parents' work schedules or childcare arrangements.

We are very keen to get more year groups back to school and await further information from the Government about whether this will be achievable before the Summer holiday. Staff are desperate to see those year groups who have now been at home for a sustained period of time. We will let you know as soon as we have more information on this.

School Attendance

Attendance at school is not compulsory for pupils in Reception, Year one and Year six and there will be no penalties or fines for parents who decide to keep their children at home - we will not be giving out our usual attendance awards this term! We have been asked to report our daily attendance figures to the Department for Education and this includes a significant breakdown in statistics such as numbers of children attending in each year group, those who are ill, those with a confirmed case of Covid-19, shielding for themselves or a family member, or in household isolation. To help us generate this anonymised information to the DfE we have been calling parents of pupils who are eligible to attend but are not at school to confirm their reasons. We will not need to call each week if you have now told us your child will not be attending school until September. If your child is eligible to attend school but chooses not to regularly attend on a particular day, for example on a Friday - this is absolutely fine - please just email the school to let us know to avoid the need for us to call you each week.

As the weather is improving please ensure you give your child any relevant hayfever medication or their own suncream in the morning before school. It is really important that all children bring a large named water bottle to school each day as our water fountains are not in use. Pupils are welcome to bring in a healthy snack to eat in the morning - please remember we are a nut free school.

Home Learning

We will continue to send the home learning resources each week, copies of which can be found on our school website along with additional learning resources. All staff are now working on site to ensure we have adequate supervision for eligible year groups and key worker pupils so please be mindful that your child's class teacher may be less accessible to support with home learning.

Foodbank

Thank you to our marvellous PTA who ran another successful and well attended Foodbank at the Broadway Site this week. We will continue to offer a Foodbank each fortnight this half term. The next Foodbank will be on Wednesday 17th June from 11am-1pm.

Thank you all for your ongoing support as we work through these new routines and expectations together.

With warm wishes,

Mrs Tramoni