



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to be making plans for all pupils to return to school in September and would like to give you advance notice of a number of changes that have had to be made to support our rigorous risk assessments and adherence to the Government guidance documents on the full opening of schools.

Attendance

School attendance in September will be compulsory for all pupils and we shall resume our usual routines for reporting pupil absence. If your child is absent from school please email the school office to let us know the reason for their absence. If you are anxious about your child returning to school we will be happy to work with you to support your child's return.

Bubbles

Children will be grouped together in their usual class groups - or bubbles - of 30. There will be very limited interaction at school between these bubbles. We have a one way system in operation on both sites which limits the interactions between bubbles throughout the day. The feedback from our Year 6 pupils has been very positive about these new routines - "*The one way system has been really good, it gives me reassurance that I am safe and it has reduced the traffic on the stairs.*" We have chosen to keep our bubbles to groups of 30, rather than year group bubbles, because we are trying to reduce the risks associated with an outbreak across the school and the educational impact of such an outbreak. We have **not** had a confirmed case of Covid-19 at Christ the Saviour but the current test and trace measures would require us to provide contacts for all pupils and staff in close proximity to the confirmed case and we are therefore trying to minimise these contacts as much as possible within our large school and to contain any outbreak.

Staggered drop off and collection

The Government guidelines have recommended that schools operate staggered days to reduce congestion whilst entering and leaving the school. We have provided a 15 minute window for parents who need to drop or collect their children on different sites to manage the travel between sites. Teachers will wait in the playground for their classes in the morning and children will be brought to the playground at the end of the day for collection from the appropriate gate. Please see the timetable below and we ask parents to do their best to meet these time slots. We will not operate a red card system for Year 5 or Year 6 pupils in the first half of the Autumn Term, all pupils should be dropped and collected from school by an adult.

Time	Grove Back Gate	Grove Front Gate	Broadway Main Gate	Broadway Church Yard Gate
Drop off: 8:30 - 8:45am Collection: 3:00-3:15pm	Year 1	Beech and Oak	Year 6	Year 4
Drop off: 8:45 - 9:00am Collection: 3:15-3:30pm	Year 2	Elm and Ash	Year 5	Year 3

Curriculum

We are delighted that children will return to a broad and balanced curriculum in September and many of their usual curriculum routines. Our wonderful specialist teaching staff for PE, Art, French and Music

will resume their teaching timetables and when classes use shared learning areas such as our Art or Music room, tables and equipment will be cleaned between each class use.

Lunch

As you can imagine our lunchtime arrangements have been a challenge with almost 500 children on both sites moving through the lunch hall! During our partial closure period pupils have been eating their lunches in the classrooms and despite our hesitation this has been warmly received by pupils who have enjoyed not queuing for their meals and teachers have often used this as an additional opportunity to read a story. Some classes will continue to eat their lunches in classrooms in September. We will be providing a hot packed lunch and we will email the Autumn Term Lunch Menu shortly. When children are eating in their classrooms, tables will be cleaned before lunch, children will wash their hands, and lunches will be delivered on a trolley to the classroom. This will also reduce the traffic around the school.

Transport

Schools have been asked to encourage parents to walk to school or use private vehicles. This does not match our usual advice to parents which is to use public transport to limit the traffic around the school. We are particularly concerned about the increased car usage around both sites and the limited parking and we ask parents to plan their travel to school carefully. We are in communication with Ealing's Safer Schools Team and sustainable travel about how we can support parents with safe parking options and we will be in touch if we have any positive information.

Uniform

Pupils should return to school in their full school uniform and ask parents to ensure that they have all uniform items including the appropriate footwear. To support you with this the PTA will be holding two second hand uniform sales at the Grove site on Wednesday 22nd July and Thursday 27 August from 11am-1pm.

We will be asking pupils in all year groups to come to school in their PE kits on the day their class has PE. Pupils should have a school branded house coloured t-shirt or sweatshirt and non-branded black tracksuit bottoms with plain black or white trainers. Hooded tops or branded sports wear will not be permitted. A PE timetable for each year group will be available on the Year group page of the school website over the Summer holiday.

Home Learning

We have received a wide range of responses from parents about the home learning provision. Some parents do not want any online resources as they wish to minimise their child's screen time and have preferred to access learning in their child's workbooks whilst others have asked for increased online resources or live lessons. Some families have thrived with home learning and others have found this more difficult. We know this is an area where we will not get consistent feedback as each child's needs are unique and all our families are facing different challenges and pressures. We have tried to offer home learning that has matched our curriculum, provided flexibility for families who have needed it and run parallel to the curriculum on offer to children at school. Our priority now is focussing on our recovery curriculum and closing the gaps in learning that the teachers identify when children return to school in September as well as focussing on our pupils' emotional wellbeing.

We have made a strategic decision to keep bubbles of 30 children so that if we have a Covid-19 outbreak in one class and the advice from the health protection team is for the whole class to self isolate we will be able to provide chromebooks to the full class (from Year 2 and above) and children will be able to access google classroom and other school resources in much the same way as we do at school and as we successfully trialled with all our Year 6 classes during lockdown.

Chromebooks

Our recovery curriculum is based on our current level of access to school chromebooks. All pupils in Year 6 have a school chromebook and other year groups have 30 chromebooks each. We are actively engaging with local businesses to see if we are able to secure funding to purchase more chromebooks

for the use at school. If parents know of any businesses who may be interested in funding chromebooks to the school please do let us know.

Breakfast Club

We know how important wrap around care is for many of our families and we have tried very hard to accommodate this service within the new guidance for schools. Breakfast clubs will operate on both sites from 8am - 8.45am each day and parents must book the session in advance via ParentPay. Children will be kept in year group bubbles for breakfast club and we will be offering a reduced breakfast service of fresh fruit and individually wrapped brioche and croissants. The cost of breakfast club will be £3 per session. This is to cover the increased staffing costs to support the running of this service. Breakfast club will start on Monday 7th September - there will be no breakfast club on the first two days of term.

After School Club

We have worked with SSUK to support their provision of after school childcare for families who need a longer school day. SSUK will comply with our school risk assessment and children will be separated into year group bubbles and when numbers may be low towards the end of the session physical distancing measures will be in place for children in different year groups.

Other After School Clubs

We will not be offering our wide range of clubs in the first half of the Autumn term. We will review the individual risk assessments for each of these clubs as well as the costs associated with running them and hope to resume these activities which enhance our provision at Christ the Saviour in due course.

Summer holiday free school meal vouchers

More Christ the Saviour families are becoming eligible for free school meals each week and our admin staff have been working hard to process these applications swiftly to enable families to access the vouchers over the summer holiday. We have loaded all the details for the summer vouchers and we are waiting for these to be processed. Whilst our offices will be closed for the summer the admin email will be checked once a week so if you have any queries regarding access to your vouchers please email the office and we will do what we can to help.

It has been lovely to see more families visiting the school and collecting their child's work at the end of what has been a very challenging term for everyone. Thank you for your encouraging words and the thanks you have given to our fantastic teaching team, many of whom have shown extraordinary levels of commitment to our school despite personal difficulties during this pandemic.

I wish you a very restful Summer and look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September!

Very best wishes,



Katie Tramoni
Headteacher