

# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms'. I Peter 4:10

This bible verse is the basis for our school vision and all that we try to do in school. In our Collective Worship this half term pupils have learnt more about Simon Peter who wrote to the wider church teaching them how to live a life of faith and exhorting them to use the gifts God had given them to serve others. There is no doubt that the challenges of the pandemic are felt by all and we have needed to develop our gifts to serve others across the community. As we prepare for the reopening of school to all pupils, and the varied feelings and expectations that brings, I would like to thank parents, staff and pupils for their commitment to serving our school throughout this difficult time as we continue this endeavour to work together for our community.

We are thrilled to be planning for the return to school for **all pupils** on Monday, 8th March and delighted that the Government believes it is now safe to do so. We have had 250 pupils at school since the beginning of January and in line with infection rates in Ealing, we have seen the number of positive cases of Covid-19 at school decline over the last few weeks. This is really good news and there have been no positive cases recorded at all last week. We believe we are in a really strong position to safely reopen the school with our updated risk assessments for pupils, biweekly lateral flow testing for staff, and many staff with underlying health conditions now vaccinated.

### Covid-19 risk assessment

It remains extremely important that parents continue to inform the school if anyone in their household tests positive or shows symptoms of Covid-19. In both instances your child and household bubble should follow self-isolation guidance and not attend school. Close contacts of a student in school who tests positive will have to self-isolate and we are keen to minimise this as much as possible so we ask parents to please follow these guidelines carefully. Other key reminders that may be helpful:

- Face masks are not expected to be worn in primary schools however if children wish to wear a face
  mask they must be able to do so safely; this means they must refrain from touching their mask and
  face frequently and they must always sanitize their hands both before and after putting on and taking
  off their mask
- Children must wash or sanitize their hands on entry to school and regularly throughout the day
- Social distancing will remain in place
- Some year groups will continue to eat in their classrooms
- A one way system will remain in place
- Primary school settings will **not** be carrying out lateral flow testing on pupils however primary children and their families are now eligible for LFD's which can be booked through a local test site, by collecting a home test kit from a test site or ordering a home test kit online.

## **School Rules**

It will be important to re-establish our school rules and routines as we do at the beginning of every term and an extended period away from school. Rules and routines help ease anxieties by taking out uncertainty and re-establishing the familiarity of school life. You can support your child by asking them questions about our school rules and asking what that rule looks like inside school.

# Be Safe - what does it look like to Be Safe in school?

Pupils should respond with some of the following: washing hands, remaining in bubbles, following the one way system around school, lining up with spaces between friends, playing non-contact games outdoors, catch it bin it kill it, not sharing equipment, leaving bikes and scooters in the designated areas, not sharing food, telling an adult if something is unsafe, not coming to school with a temperature/ persistent cough, keeping equipment tidy...

## Be Kind - what does it look like to Be Kind at school?

Pupils should respond with some of the following: *smiling at others, saying nice words to friends and staff, saying thank you after a lesson, listening to adult instructions, enjoying others' games, taking turns with friends, offering to help....* 

### Be an Active Learner

Pupils should respond with some of the following: being energetic to learn (going to bed on time), correct uniform, sitting smartly at the desk, equipment ready, eyes on the teacher, listening ears, nodding to acknowledge the speaker, asking questions, seeking help if it is tricky, doing our best.....

# **Zones of Regulation**

Parents will be aware of the Zones of Regulation programme used in class to encourage children to express how they are feeling each day. This is used from Nursery upwards and helps children become attuned to their feelings and those of others from an early age. When children's emotions are listened to and understood, they are calmer. Just like adults, children will have a range of emotions around returning to school and their emotional capacity can only develop when their emotions are understood by a caring adult. Please do encourage them to express how they are feeling about their return to school and acknowledge that it is quite normal to be feeling worried or anxious after an extended time away from school.

# Staggered drop off and collection

To ensure the safety of pupils, staff and parents we will continue with our staggered drop off and collection arrangements. We politely ask that parents wear a face covering when they drop off and collect, remain with their child outside school until they are safely on site and refrain from gathering with others outside school. It is always easier if only one family member drops or collects to reduce the numbers of adults on site. A reminder of the drop off and collection times and the importance of keeping within these times to uphold our risk assessments.

| Time  | Nursery<br>Gate         | Grove Back<br>Gate | Grove Front<br>Gate | Broadway<br>Main Gate | Broadway<br>Church Yard<br>Gate |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Drop off: 8.30-8.45am<br>Collection: 3-3.15am | AM Nursery<br>Full Time | Year I             | Beech and Oak       | Year 6                | Year 4                          |
| Drop off: 8.45-9am<br>Collection 3.15-3.30pm  | Flexi I<br>Flexi 2      | Year 2             | Elm and Ash         | Year 5                | Year 3                          |

# Red Cards for Upper Key Stage 2

We will not be distributing red cards during the period of national lockdown to ensure pupils do not group together outside school. We are keen to encourage childrens' growing independence and transition to secondary school and hope we will be able to introduce red cards in the Summer term once the national lockdown has been lifted. Whilst schools are reopening the rest of the country remains in lockdown for the time being.

### **Curriculum/ Assessments**

As always, we will make adjustments to our curriculum as we learn more about each child's progress during the period of home learning. Teaching staff will continue to carry out ongoing formative assessments to support their understanding of individual learning needs. We ask that all pupils return their Green Home Learning book to school on Monday, 8th March as this will be a valuable source of evidence for teachers as they assess pupil progress as well as an opportunity to celebrate home learning.

## Uniform

We shall resume our <u>full school uniform</u> from Monday, 8th March. As usual, pupils may come to school in their PE kits on the days they have their PE lessons but hoodies or branded tracksuits are not permitted. PE days will remain the same as the Autumn term and are listed on the year group pages of our school website. Trainers are not permitted to be worn on non-PE days.

#### Clubs

Breakfast club will resume from Monday, 8th March from 8am on both sites. Parents should please book these sessions in advance via ParentPay as we are not able to accept ad hoc bookings due to staffing requirements. Wraparound childcare provided by SSUK can be booked in the usual way through the SSUK website <a href="https://www.ssukkids.com/">https://www.ssukkids.com/</a> and this service will be run in year group bubbles. We are very keen to resume our own extra-curricular activities for pupils as soon as possible and we are currently planning for our school clubs to start after Easter.

#### **School Meals**

Our lunch menu (November 2020) will resume from Monday, 8th March (week I) on both sites and can be found on our website <a href="here">here</a>.

# Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evenings will take place online again this term on Monday, 29th March and Tuesday, 30th March. Further details will be sent to parents nearer the time.

#### **Chromebooks**

We distributed over 200 chromebooks during the period of lockdown and now require these to be returned to school. All Broadway pupils should bring their chromebook and charger to school on Monday, 8th March where they will be collected in the playground before they go to the classrooms. Parents of pupils at the Grove Site who received a school chromebook should return these to the Broadway Site between 9-9.30am on Monday, 8th March.

Best wishes,

Mrs Tramoni