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Let us love one another,  
because love comes from  
God and knows God.  
*1 John 4:7*

Your heart will become  
wise. Your mind will delight  
in knowledge.  
*Proverbs 2:10*

I have come so that they  
may have life and have it to  
the full.  
*John 10:10*

Dear Parents

I hope that you are all keeping well during this unusual time. As promised, I am sending you this letter to provide you with the details and information you need for your child's possible return to school on Monday 1st June.

As you will know, the Government has published its recovery strategy which included DfE guidance on plans to re-open schools in a **phased** way from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

It has suggested a *phased* return to early year's settings, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in smaller class sizes. It has produced guidance which details the rationale for the year groups which have been prioritised, the latest science and how to manage the risk and rate of transmission of COVID19.

**Schools will only begin to re-open if the five key tests set by government justify the changes at the time.**

Protective measures that need to be implemented in order to manage the phased opening, have also been provided. The guidance states that every setting should:

- Carry out a risk assessment before opening
- Undertake increased cleaning
- Reduce 'pinch points' (such as parents dropping children off at the start and end of day)
- Utilise outdoor space.
- Implement smaller group and class sizes - the basic principle is that classes should be halved
- Testing will be available for pupils and their families

We have considered the information provided and have put together a plan to ensure that the safety guidelines are fully in place should confirmation be given for us to begin to re-open to children. We can only reopen to children if we are satisfied that it is safe to do so and with the support of all teachers.

We know that the safety of your children is paramount and we have put together questions that we are sure you will want to know the answers to. We are available should you need more clarification or detail. please phone the school office. The school day will be nothing like the usual experience, nor will it be what the children are expecting. We will aim to make it enjoyable as we understand that this is their final few weeks at Christ Church, but we are restricted in what we are able to offer.

## Useful Questions you may have

### How have you ensured effective infection protection and control?

- Where possible, we will minimize contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or someone in their household who does, does not attend school. **We ask all parents to send your child only if you are confident that s/he is well.**
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands more often than usual. There will be wash stations available in each classroom with soap and paper towels. Children will wash their hands on arrival and regularly during the school day.
- Children will be encouraged to use good respiratory hygiene- “catch it, bin it, kill it”. Each classroom will have a tissue bin, in addition to the normal bin which will be regularly emptied through the day.
- Signs will be displayed indicating safe practice.
- All chairs and tables will be named for individuals.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned regularly.
- Cleaning will take place at the end of each session and a deep clean on a Friday.
- We will minimize contact between children and staff as much as possible.

### Will I be fined if my child doesn't attend?

No. Attendance data is not being used in this way during this summer term.

### Will children need to wear PPE?

This is not recommended for children. In fact we have been told that children are **not** to wear face masks in school. Staff will wear protection when dealing with children requiring close, direct care.

### Will my child be in a class of 30?

No. The maximum group size is 15. Your child will be in the same group of children at all times and there will be no opportunities for the groups to meet. Start and finish times will be staggered. Break times will be staggered. Children will enter and leave the building through different entrances. The group will be taught by a teacher.

The children will have an allocated desk in the classroom and will not be encouraged to share spaces.

Different toilets are available for each group of 15 children and, to ensure there is no overcrowding, children will use them one at a time.

We have decided to separate the Y6 class by gender as there are 15 boys and 15 girls. The boys will be in one class and the girls in the other. Start and finish times will be as below.

**For the first week we will be working a part time timetable and will expect Y6 children to attend on MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY MORNINGS ONLY.** They will not require lunch during this first week.

### Is there a protocol for drop off and pick up times?

Yes. Where possible please walk or cycle to school. Only one parent can accompany children to school. There are allocated drop off and pick up points for each group of children and it is important that children arrive and are collected promptly. The boys group will be in the Y6 classroom and enter school via the playground entrance. The girls group will be in Y3 classroom and will enter school via the side gate next to the office entrance.

Parents must not gather at our entrance gates or enter the building (unless they have a pre-arranged appointment). The office will be closed to visitors, parents can make contact via telephone or email.

#### Will the classes be cleaned regularly?

Each class room will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of the day in preparation for the morning. Bins for tissues will be emptied regularly. There will be no school on Fridays so that the classroom can be deep cleaned in preparation for Monday.

#### Will there be shared areas in use?

No shared areas will be in use. The hall will remain unoccupied. Children will have worship in their own classroom. When the children return for longer sessions, lunch will be eaten outside, whenever possible.

#### How do I prepare my child to come to school?

Please talk to your child before they arrive about social distancing and the requirement that they keep a safe distance from one another at all times. This includes when they meet each other, no hugging, running up close to one another etc. This is going to be very difficult for them to do, but they will be reminded at all times the importance of this for theirs and others safety.

#### What will my child need to bring?

After the first week, your child will need a **packed lunch** and their own **drinks container**. S/he will need a **pencil case** with their own named equipment to use.

#### Will my child need a school lunch?

After the first week, your child will need a packed lunch. It will be possible to order a school packed lunch if you would prefer. Please telephone the office to book a week in advance. Payment payable on Parent Pay

#### Will my child need to wear school uniform?

Yes. The Y6 can wear a hoodie instead of the school jumper. They can also wear black or white trainers if they wish. (no florescent or bright colours).

We are very fortunate to have fantastic outdoor spaces and wherever possible we will be using the outdoors to learn. Please ensure that your child has a coat/jacket if necessary, and sun cream/sun cap if the weather is hot.

#### What happens if my child wants to be in a different group?

Unfortunately there is no flexibility with groupings as the priority is safety.

#### What happens if a child becomes unwell whilst at school?

Children who are unwell will be moved to a room whilst they are waiting to be collected. They will be advised to self-isolate for 7 days. If they develop symptoms of COVID19, household members should isolate for 14 days. There will be access to testing for all children and families if symptoms are displayed, via 111.

If there is a confirmed case of coronavirus the class group will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

#### Can my child be an Independent traveller?

Yes, if they have a permission form completed by you, this will continue to be valid but please ensure that your child returns home at the expected time each day. If you have not completed a form and would like your child to be an independent traveller, please ensure you contact Mrs Molina in the school office.

#### What if my child is not going to be in school as expected?

Please email the office by 9am if your child is unable to come in to school, as we will be phoning parents to check children are safe if they do not arrive at school, if expected.

Is it compulsory for my child to attend school?

Attending school is compulsory. However at this time this is a choice for you as parents to make depending on personal circumstances. You decide whether you feel it is safe for your child to be in school and individual circumstances will dictate whether you send or do not send your child. My understanding is that attendance figures will not be collected and so parents will not be fined should you decide to keep your child at home.

We will make the environment as safe as we can but it is impossible for us to guarantee that your child will not be exposed to the virus. We cannot ensure that all children socially distance, especially the younger children, but we have been advised by the government and their scientists that should all the safety procedures be in place the risk to children is lower.

This is a very unique time and whilst we will be very pleased to see your children back in school, we are also mindful that many of you will prefer to keep your children at home.

If I don't send my child to school will there still be Home learning provided?

Unfortunately the teacher cannot be expected to teach and plan for two classes- home and school. Therefore there will be no daily personalised learning for home but the staff will signpost children to pre-prepared lessons via Google classroom at the beginning of each week.

What days will my child attend school?

Your child will attend 4 days a week, with Friday closed for cleaning and staff planning.

What if my child is late?

Please ensure your child is on time every day as the gates will be locked and they will be **unable** to join the class if not here on time. There are other classes with different start times and it is important to ensure that groups remain separate at all times.

**MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ONLY.**

**First week 1-4<sup>th</sup> June**

Y6	Class	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance/exit point
Boys	Y6 Classroom SH	9am	12pm	Through KS2 playground
Girls	Y3 Classroom MG	9.30am	12.30pm	Through gate next to the Office entrance

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**Second week onward 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Y6	Class	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance/exit point
Boys	Y6 Classroom SH	9am	2.30pm	Through KS2 playground
Girls	Y3 Classroom	9.30am	3pm	Through gate next

	MG			to the Office entrance
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