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Friday 27th August 2021

Returning to school – COVID-19 measures

Dear Parents / Carers,

Prior to the return to school next week we are writing to outline the schools COVID-19 measures.

There are some subtle changes in the measures in place. These changes have occurred as a result of self-evaluation and changes in national guidance.

As previous correspondence on these matters, we ask for your support in adhering to the schools' systems, it is in everyone's interests that the school remains open and is able to function as normally as possible.

Below is an overview of the measures in place

Arrival at school and collection at the end of the day



08:45-09:00

Enter via the key stage 2 playground.
Please do not arrive before 08:45.



Key stage 1 classes (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

15:15 (note change from last academic year)

Key stage 2 classes (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

15:20 (note change from last academic year)

***Please note. Children starting in our EYFS/Reception class please follow the times provided within the letter sent out prior to the summer break. These times will be different from the whole schools provided above.**



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Arriving at school (Start of the day)

- School gates (and classroom doors) open at 08:45 and close at 09:00. You should arrive between these times.
- Please do not arrive before 08:45 as this causes congestion at the school entrance.
- We will continue to have a one-way system at the start of the day.
- Face masks are optional when dropping off but will be required if you intend to speak to a member of school staff or enter the school.
- Children should enter their classroom straight away; adults should leave the site promptly.
- Parents should continue to be mindful of social distancing whilst on site.

Leaving school (End of the day)

- Face masks are optional when collecting but will be required if you intend to speak to a member of school staff or enter the school.
- Continue to be mindful of social distancing whilst on site.
- Collect your child from their classroom then promptly leave the site.
- Supervise your child at all times.

Additional points

- Playground equipment and apparatus should NOT be used at the start or end of the school day.
- Parents are expected to supervise their child / children. They should not be running around the playground, using equipment etc.
- Dogs should not be brought onto the site unless guide dogs etc.
- To continue to minimise numbers it would be appreciated if one adult only drops off / collects.

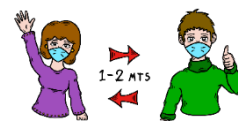
Face coverings



- When we return to school it is a personal decision whether you wear a face covering on site at drop off and collection. Should you wish to wear one, please continue to do so.
- **We will insist on face coverings if**
 - **you are speaking to a member of staff face to face.**
 - **you intend to enter the school building i.e. the school office.**

Social Distancing

- Please continue to be mindful of social distancing when on the school site. This is especially important when there are large numbers of adults, such as collection time, or when speaking to members of school staff.



Bringing items into school

- Children should only bring necessary / essential items into school.
- If it is not essential, it should not be brought onto the school site.

Bikes and Scooters

Children are able to come to school on their bike or scooter should they wish (and store it at school during the day)

Arrival at site

- Dismount at the school gate – i.e. please do not ride on the playground.
- Store in the bike shelter located on the Key Stage 2 playground



Leaving the site

- Bikes / scooters should be collected by the adult collecting the child
- Bikes / scooters should be wheeled off site once your child has been collected.

School Uniform

- **All children are expected to wear school uniform** (this includes appropriate footwear). The school uniform policy can be found - <http://www.christletonprimaryschool.co.uk/uploads/files/uniform-policychristleton-pr-712.pdf>
- Please also ensure that your child has a suitable coat as we are likely to experience some low temperatures over the coming weeks / months.

Sports Kit



- During the autumn term we are going to continue to allow the children to come into school in their PE kit on the day/s that they have PE.
- **On all other days' children should be in their full school uniform** - PE hoodies should only be worn on days when your child has PE.
- Your class teacher will inform you of the days your child is participating in PE and will require a PE kit.



Forest school clothing

- If your child's class has forest school, they should attend school in their forest school clothing. This clothing should comprise of a school jumper / hoodie and suitable trousers / shoes. Please also take into account the weather forecast.



School dinners

- The school will be serving hot meals as per the school lunch menu. This menu has been sent out in a separate email.
- The school meals will be charged at £2.45. (those children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 continue to receive free school meals as well as those children whose parents are entitled to FSM)

Hydration

- Hydration continues to be very important.
- Please ensure that your child has a named, filled water bottle each day.



Contacting School

We are still mindful of keeping visitors to the school to a minimum. We therefore request that whenever possible contact the school office via phone or email.



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****PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER****

Forgotten items / dropping something off

Should you need to drop something off for your child during the school day please

- Label the item with your child's name.
- Drop the item off in the outer office (your child's teacher will collect it during the day).



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Hettys wrap round care

- Hettys will provide before and after school care on site.
- This provision is OFSTED registered.
- The school has worked with Hettys to ensure that the rigorous procedures and measures in place are carried over into this provision i.e. hygiene standards, social distancing etc.

Home Learning

- With the changes in guidance we are hopeful that home learning will not be required this academic year. Nevertheless, we have plans in place should a local or national lockdown occur to ensure that learning continues.

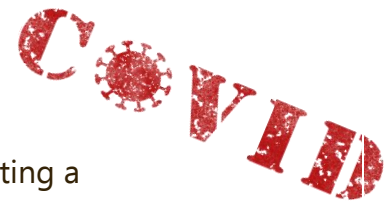


Illness

- It's the responsibility of parents to ensure their child is well enough to attend school each day
- If your child is ill and unable to attend, you should notify the school office by telephone (01244 455288).

Illness – COVID-19

- **No-one with any COVID-19 symptom should attend school for any reason.**
- The three main symptoms remain
 - A high temperature
 - A new continuous cough
 - A loss or change to your sense of smell or tasteChild exhibiting a COVID-19 symptom in school



If COVID-19 symptoms are observed in school, the child will be isolated immediately and parents will be asked to collect.

- It is expected that parents will **collect as soon as possible.**
- A **PCR test** should then be arranged.
- The child will not be able to return to school until a negative test outcome and they are well enough to do so. If they test positive they will be required to follow the guidance regarding self-isolation.
- If there is a positive test outcome the school should be informed.



Contacts of Positive Cases

The updated guidance for schools' states that NHS Test and Trace will identify close contacts of any positive case. Test and Trace will inform that you / your child has been identified as being in close contact with a positive case and advise to take a PCR test. As a school we would encourage any identified contact to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

The guidance advises that during this time contacts are not required to self-isolate and can continue to attend school as normal. This would obviously change should a positive result be returned.

You will no longer be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- They are fully vaccinated
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They are not able to be vaccinated for a medical reason.

Moving forward

The school will continue to review the local and national guidance adapting the measures in place when necessary. Any changes to ensure the safety of the school community will be quickly adopted and communicated with you.

We thank you in advance for continuing to support the school and for taking the time to read this information.

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell

