



Wednesday 23rd June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

A LETTER FOR PARENTS IN YEAR SIX

From Monday 29th June, we will be operating two Year Six classes to accommodate an increased number of Year Six pupils attending school.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported their children's return to school and have taken the time to discuss their thoughts with our senior leaders about the partial re-opening of our school.

From 29th June 2020 we will be operating 7 classes in total and 2 for Year Six. The classes will be:

- Group A – Nursery & Reception Class
- Group B – Reception Class
- Group C - Year 1
- Group D - Year 6
- Group E – Children of Key Workers who are not in Nursery, YR, Y1 and Y6
- **Group F – Year 6**
- Group G - Children of Key Workers who are not in Nursery, YR, Y1 and Y6

Please note that children may not be in their usual classroom or with their usual teacher.

For YEAR SIX: GROUP F

- **School starts at 9.15am**
- **School ends at 3.15pm on Monday to Thursday**
- **School ends at 1.15pm on Friday**
- **All breaks and lunchtime will be staggered to aid social distancing**
- **Parents must use the MAIN ENTRANCE for children straight in to the playground.**

Please read the guidance for parents for further information.

Attendance at School

As I stated in my previous letter, ***if you have made the decision not to send your child in to school at this stage then this is not a problem.*** No parent will be fined or criticised for their decision and we will continue to support each child with a programme of home learning.

We have made careful plans to accommodate the expected number of children, just one or two unexpected attendees may result in class sizes increasing above the recommended limit as set out by the Government. **Therefore, we will now not be able to admit any more children to school before September and these classes will remain in place until the end of this term with no additional changes.**

For those children who will be joining us for the first time on 29th June, our school will be a very different place. We have had to re-think our classroom layouts. Our classes have been stripped back to enable thorough cleaning procedures. Our children will be working in small groups of no more than 15, they will not be permitted to sit together or share resources and they will be expected to work individually, as far as possible, to implement social distancing measures.

The reason for such drastic measures are to control any risk of infection. However, I would like to be totally honest with all of you and to make it clear that, even with social distancing measures in place and major changes to our daily routines, I cannot 100% guarantee that our children will adhere to our Government guidelines for social distancing. We will try our very best, however, they are children. They will be excited about being back in school and seeing their friends and they will want to play together.

In preparation for your child's return to school it would be very helpful if you could discuss these changes with them and reassure them that this situation will not last forever. Once they are back in school we will continue to relay this message and to help our children settle.

Guidance for Parents

Along with this letter I have prepared guidance for parents and children returning to school. Please read this guidance carefully as there are several key pieces of information for you to digest including expectations regarding school uniform, communication, drop-off and collection routines. Please do not hesitate to contact us via email at admin@christchurchschool.cc should you have any questions.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your words of kindness and gratitude over the past two months. It has been greatly appreciated and has really kept us going in these difficult times.

I will continue to keep you updated as and when necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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