



Christ Church Primary SW9

A school for everyone

A MEMBER OF THE  SW9 PARTNERSHIP

Newsletter

Friday 3rd September 2021

WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are refreshed for the new term. It has been wonderful to welcome all our children, parents and carers back into school this term. You will be aware of the changes in guidelines with regards to Covid safety measures and we will continue to keep our school community safe with additional health and hygiene measures. However, we also look forward to a variety of events and festivals so please read the key dates carefully and join in - all are welcome! Please see next week's newsletter for all our term dates.

The term is also packed with exciting and challenging learning, trips, visitors, competitions and, of course, time in our incredible outdoors. Please attend your class welcome meeting to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about the year ahead. We look forward to another year of working with our whole school community to ensure all our children flourish.

Kind regards

Ms Phillips



WELCOME MEETINGS

We look forward to seeing you at your welcome meeting.
Please wait in the playground at 8.55am,
or come to the office for 2.55pm,
and you will be shown to your children's new classroom.

Monday 6th September: 9.00am **Sycamore** (Year Six)

Monday 6th September: 3.00pm **Mulberry** (Year Two)

Tuesday 7th September: 9.00am **Acacia** (Year One)

Wednesday 8th September: 9.00am **Willow** (Year Three)

Thursday 9th September: 9.00am **Elm** (Year Four)

Friday 10th September: 9.00am **Cedar** (Year Five)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and we ask for parent support in ensuring that all pupils wear the correct uniform.

This includes:

- Shoes should be sensible, plain black school shoes only; no trainers or soft canvas footwear.
- Plain stud earrings are acceptable but should be removed for PE for safety reasons. No other jewellery should be worn.
- Nail varnish and lip gloss are not permitted.
- School Uniform for PE: white t-shirt (school logo), Blue shorts or blue jogging bottoms or blue leggings (in the cold weather), black trainers

Thank you to all our parents for making sure that the children are in full school uniform. Parents of children who have been found wearing incorrect items of uniform will be informed by the class teacher.

If you need further information on our school uniform please see our website: <https://christchurchschool.cc/school-uniform/>

VALUE - LOVE

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded the first achievement award of the new school year. They all impressed their class teachers on the first day by demonstrating our school values and showing a real enthusiasm for learning.

Acacia - Sofi
Mulberry - Aida
Willow - Adam
Elm - Idris
Cedar - Theo
Sycamore - Malick



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school activities are available from next week for Reception, KS1 and KS2.

You can book for Breakfast club (8.00am - 8.45am), Six O'clock Club (3.30pm—6.00pm) and after school activity club (3.30pm - 4.30pm) on Parentpay.

Activity clubs cost £4.00 per week per activity, £24.00 for the term.

	KS1/EYFS	KS2
Monday	Art	Football
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Basketball
Wednesday	Football	Choir
Thursday	Spanish	Gymnastics
Friday	Lego	Multiskills

Welcome to Christ Church SW9

We are pleased to welcome Mr Collins and Ms Sue, who work across our SW9 Partnership Leadership Team to our fantastic team.



Mr Collins



Ms Sue

Mr Collins is a Psychotherapist and Well-being Lead. He works with families and children to promote well-being, to develop positive relationships to help children who struggle socially or emotionally.

Ms Sue is Parent Partnership Leader. She supports parents and families with concerns such as housing, immigration and benefits.

This term, we are also delighted to welcome back Ms Jekal, Reception, and Ms Heemskerk, Year Five.



Ms Jekal



Ms Heemskerk

Ms Jekal was the Reception teacher at our partner school, St. Andrew's, and Ms Heemskerk worked with Ms Ragusa in Year Three last year.

PUNCTUALITY

Attending school every day, on time is crucial; punctuality will always be incredibly important for children's learning and well-being. Good punctuality ensures that students take full advantage of all the educational, social, emotional and extra-curricular opportunities that are on offer.

Children need to start school on time; it gives them stability, security and self-confidence. It is also vital for achievement and attainment as lateness can result in children missing essential learning and an unsettled start to the day. Good punctuality is habit forming and arriving on time from an early age helps prepare children for their future in learning and life.

Please ensure that your children arrive at school on time to start learning: The main gate opens at 8.45am and children must be at school by 8.55am.



HM Government



Taking your child to primary school: what you need to know



School is the best place for your child to be.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, children are now able to enjoy more freedom in their education.

Being at school keeps children's education on track, so they can achieve their full potential, while also benefitting their mental and physical health and wellbeing.

We are doing everything we can to ensure your child can continue to attend school.

What COVID-19 measures will change at my child's school?

School will feel different for your child as COVID-19 measures are relaxed.

- Bubbles and staggered start and finish times are no longer advised
- Children can again have breaktimes and lunch together and take part in practical lessons and sports with other classes and year groups
- Face coverings are no longer required for staff or visitors
- Schools are advised to continue with regular handwashing, cleaning regimes, and to keep spaces well ventilated
- If your child is identified as a close contact they will not need to self-isolate
- Schools will have plans in place on what to do if anyone at school tests positive for COVID-19, or if additional measures are needed to be reintroduced for a limited period

Should my child attend school?

Yes, attendance is mandatory. Public Health England and the Government's Chief Medical & Scientific Officers agree that there is a very low risk and rate of severe illness in children from COVID-19.

The benefit of attending school continues to significantly outweigh the COVID-19 health risk to children. If you have concerns, you should discuss these with your school and local authority so that your child is able to continue attending school.

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home.

You should arrange for them to get a **PCR test** and tell your child's school the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better.

If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has been identified as a close contact, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test.

They will not have to self-isolate, unless they have a positive PCR test result.

Will my child be vaccinated?

Children at primary school are not being offered the vaccine. Only young people aged 16 to 17 have currently been offered the vaccine, as well as children aged 12 to 15 with specific underlying health conditions or who live with others at increased risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 are now also eligible for the vaccine. All school staff have now been offered the vaccine.

If my child was previously considered as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), should they attend school?

Yes. All children who were considered as CEV should have returned to school following the end of shielding measures on 1 April 2021.

Further guidance will be given to parents of children who were previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable where necessary.

Will my child be required to continue any remote learning?

If your child is isolating due to a positive PCR test, schools will continue to implement high-quality remote education so that children can learn from home if they are well enough.

How will my child catch up on any lost learning?

There is lots of support available to help your child catch up on any lost learning over the course of the pandemic or to boost their wellbeing.

To find out more about what's on offer and who's eligible, visit: <https://educationcatchup.campaign.gov.uk/> or speak to your child's school.

For further information and guidance:

- To find out more about what to expect when pupils return to school in September, visit: gov.uk/backtoschool
- How to order a rapid COVID-19 test for asymptomatic testing: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>
- How to report your rapid COVID-19 test results: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or call 119 (free from mobile or landline)
- How to order a PCR test if you or your child has COVID-19 symptoms: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>