

Dear Parents and Carers



I am delighted to be able to share with you our initial plans for the wider reopening of Christchurch Infant School on the 8th of March for all of our children and as mentioned last week, we are looking forward to seeing them all. In line with the current government advice, we will be reopening the school following several additional safeguarding measures to help make the return as safe as it can be.

We do appreciate that with so many returning there will be a mix of relief and anxiety as we enter this next stage of a whole school reopening. After so many weeks at home, it will be crucial that we prioritise our children's well-being, as well as their education, with all parties working together so that we can successfully achieve this.

Many of the protocols and procedures that were implemented in September will remain the same so that children quickly return to a routine that they are familiar with and used to.

School Organisation

Whilst a large majority of the school day will be spent in class, playtime will be mixed within a single year group as Public Health England have assured us that transmission of Covid-19 is significantly less outside between children. There will be some limited mixing of children for specific teaching interventions and at the beginning and end of these activities everyone will be expected to wash their hands and surfaces will be regularly cleaned.

We will operate a staggered start and finish - this is to reduce contact between parents to control social distancing expectations.

EYFS timings starting on March 8th

Class	Gate for parents to use	Start time	Finish Time
Dolphins	Addiscombe Road – gate next to front entrance	8:40 – 8:50am	2:50pm
Seahorses	Clarendon Road gate	8:55 – 9:05am	3:05pm
Turtles	Addiscombe Road – gate next to front entrance	8:55 – 9:05am	3:05pm
Starfish	Clarendon Road gate	8:40 – 8:50am	2:50pm

Year 1

Access to the school via the gate in the Junior School Car Park on **Clarendon Road**.

Class	Start time	Finish Time
Foxes	8:40 – 8:50am	2:50pm
Squirrels	8:55 – 9:05am	3:05pm
Hedgehogs	8:40 – 8:50am	2:50pm
Rabbits	8:55 – 9:05am	3:05pm

Year 2

Access to the school via the gate near Year 2 on **Portfield Road**

Class	Start time	Finish Time
Kingfishers	8:55 – 9:05am	3:05pm
Nightingales	8:40 – 8:50am	2:50pm
Woodpeckers	8:55 – 9:05am	3:05pm
Kestrels	8:40 – 8:50am	2:50pm

Staggering entrance/collection will ensure that the adults on site can distance appropriately. We understand that this will be difficult for some families of multiple children.

Parents are to be encouraged to walk to school where possible **and only one parent will be permitted on the school grounds**. If children cycle or scoot to school, then they are to use the storage area to lock their bike/scooter securely.

Parents must not congregate at the 'drop-off' point, they must instead arrive on time and then depart. For the time being, we ask adults to continue wearing face coverings within the school grounds.

Parents must arrive on time for entry to school, they must not arrive early or late. In the instance that parents have children in more than one year group, parents may wait with their children whilst strictly following social distancing from other parents and children. Parents will be asked to drop off and leave, rather than remain on school grounds. If you have a child in EYFS, it would be best for you to drop them off first.

Again at the end of the day, parents must not arrive early or late. They must collect their children on time so that teachers can release children safely. The playground will be open for parents to briefly wait in before their children are released to them. Whilst parents are waiting, social distancing must be adhered to.

Adults and children are to wash their hands/use hand sanitiser on the following occasions:

- Entry to school
- Before/after break times
- Before lunch
- When they change rooms
- Before leaving school
- Anytime that they visit the toilet or cough/sneeze into their hands.

Hand sanitiser pumps are stationed in each classroom as well as appropriate points around the building.

Where children are struggling to wash independently, they may receive support assuming the adult supporting is also washing their hands.

Measures elsewhere

There will be no whole-school events where children and adults are required to congregate.

The hall will continue to be the staffroom; however strict social distancing will continue to be in place.

Children will be allowed to go to the toilet, as they would do in a normal school day, however we will be very aware of how many other children are also using the toilet and ensure that children wash their hands afterwards. Toilets are cleaned regularly.

Uniform

Children will be expected to wear clean school uniform or PE kit if it is a PE day.

We are all really looking forward to welcoming the children back from the 8th March and thank you all in advance for your support, help and patience with implementing the next steps of our reopening.

Kindest regards

Mr Baxter