



School Opening on Thursday 2nd September 2021

Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Thursday 2nd September. In light of the ongoing pandemic and the rise in cases over the last few weeks we have made the decision to continue with a large number of the routine's that were in place before the summer holidays.

If government advice changes, we may need to adapt them further and will endeavour to let you know of any changes in a timely fashion.

Classes will no longer be split into bubbles but split break-times and lunchtimes will remain.

The staggered start and finish times in place before the holidays will remain in place.

These are as follows:

- **Nursery**: 9.00am-3.00pm – enter via Early Years playground
- **Reception**: 9.00am-3.00pm - enter via Early Years playground
- **Year 1**: 8.55am-3.00pm – enter via the children's entrance
- **Year 2**: 8.55am-3.05pm – enter via classroom door
- **Year 3**: 8.50am-3.10pm – enter via classroom door
- **Year 4**: 8.50am-3.10pm – enter via classroom door
- **Year 5**: 8.45am-3.15pm – enter via the children's entrance
- **Year 6**: 8.45am-3.15pm – enter via the children's entrance

To make life easier for parents and carers we are asking you to drop younger siblings off at the same time as your eldest children. For e.g. if you have a child in Y5 and Y3 both children can enter school at 8.45am.

Arrangements for the start and end of the school day

- We encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school if possible and avoid public transport where possible.
- Pupils/families will enter the school via William Street and leave via our Manor Street exit. This will create a one-way system to avoid potential bottlenecks on our playground.
- In the morning, KS2 children will need to be dropped off at the school gate in the morning and will be supervised as they walk to class by members of staff. Children in EYs and KS1 can be dropped off at the gate or escorted to the classroom by one parent.
- At the end of the day, all pupils will need to be picked up from:
 - Nursery – by the gate onto EYs playground
 - Reception - by the gate onto EYs playground

- Year 1 – children’s entrance (if it’s later than 3.10pm the Year 2 classroom)
 - Year 2 – outside classroom door
 - Year 3 – outside classroom door
 - Year 4 – outside classroom door
 - Year 5 – children’s entrance
 - Year 6 – children’s entrance
- They will then leave the premises following the one way system. Year 6 children will be allowed to walk home on their own as long as we have written permission from a parent.



Pupils will enter via the double gates on the playground on William Street



Pupils will exit via the gate on the playground on Manor Street

- Please do not arrive at school before your child's starting time or collecting time as we do not want families congregating on the playground. Parents will be expected to keep a 2m distance from other families and leave the site immediately after collecting their child.
- As soon as children have been left or collected, please leave the school site via the Manor Street entrance.
- Please stand behind the barrier on the playground when waiting to collect your child at the end of the day.
- **Please keep a 2 metre distance from all other parents and children when on the site. Only ONE adult should enter the school grounds to drop off and collect children per family.**
- All communication with school needs to be made via text, dojo, email or telephone. If we do not have an email address contact for you, could you please text, dojo or email this to adminteam@christchurchfenton.co.uk

Arrangements for break-times and lunch-times

- Lunch and break times will be on a rota basis for each group of children.
- Toast will be on sale at break-time every day but this will need paying for using ParentPay.
- Please provide your child with a full water bottle each day that they will need to take home and bring back each day. Cups will not be available in school.
- No games, balls or toys can be brought into school from home.
- Dinner money **MUST** be paid weekly every Monday using ParentPay.

How you can help us minimise the spread of infection

- Ensure that you are following government guidance, <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> especially around socially distancing and good infection control practices. If you cannot follow this guidance, please do not send your child to school as this would be an additional risk for children and staff in school. If we have evidence that these guidelines have not been followed your child will not be allowed in school.
- If your child or a member of the family has any covid-19 symptoms **DO NOT** send them to school. You should arrange for them to be tested and then inform us of the result. Please make sure you inform us of the need for any family member to have a test. More information regarding symptoms and actions can be found on the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>). It is **essential** that if you think your child or a member of your family may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact the school on 01782 234834 **at the earliest opportunity.**

Other Important Information

- We will be expecting all children to be wearing full school uniform - **NO TRAINERS**
- Our classroom windows and doors will be open to provide ventilation so please make sure your child has warm school uniform clothing on.

- The wearing of facemasks by children in school will not be allowed as stated in the latest government guidance.
- Children will be provided with an individual pack of resources in a zip folder which will be kept on their desk to use throughout the day – children will not need their own pencil cases.
- Children will be provided with a reading book and asked to bring it into school each day.
- Notify us as soon as possible of any medical needs that your child has which could make them vulnerable to an infection.
- We will maintain strict hygiene routines including handwashing, sanitising and more regular cleaning around school.
- Please make sure that we have at least two different telephone numbers for your child so we can contact you in an emergency and let us know if contact details have changed.

As you will appreciate, our plans may change as we continually review our risk assessment and receive further guidance. We will endeavour to keep you updated on any changes. I hope that these arrangements provide you with some of the information you need to support your child's return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Scattergood