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“Children don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

Monday 13th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nursery in September 2020

Christ Church School and Nursery will be open for all children from Monday 7th September 2020 and the UK Government’s expectation is that it will then be safe for all children to attend.

Safety is our No.1 priority

We want to keep everyone safe – children, their families, nursery and school staff, and the wider community. But, to keep children and adults safe, we will need to be strict about reducing social mixing in school and reminding everyone about social distancing. All schools will have to make some very big changes to the way children, parents and staff do things from now on.

Attached to this letter is our risk assessment for your information about the measures we will put in place to keep your children safe.

Timings

In Nursery, children will either attend the morning session, the afternoon session or all day. Due to the need to stagger starts across the school these timings are different than usual.

Sessions	Drop-off time	Collection time
Morning only (3 hours)	8.15am	11.15am
Afternoon only (3 hours)	12.45pm	3.45pm
All day (7½ hours)	8.15am	3.45pm

In the morning, children will need to line up with **one** parent/adult on the yellow 2-metre social distancing dots on the pavement outside the small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre. The staff will collect children at the gate and will then walk them to their classroom.

Collection and drop-off times will need to be **punctual**. If your child will be late, please phone the school office and they will arrange a time for you to drop your child at the main gate.

Children will be brought back to their gate at home time, one class at a time; parents should wait on the pavement.

Parents

No parents will be allowed past the school gates onto the school site. (This is the Government’s advice.) Should you wish to discuss something with your child’s class teacher or other member of staff please phone or email the school to arrange a convenient time. Due to the staggered drop-off and collection times staff will not be able to engage in long conversations at the gate. Parents who are unwell should not drop off or collect children.

Parents should also not gather at the school gates or on the grass at Tower View. Social distancing 2 metres apart will be expected at all times.

Food and Drink

Every child needs to bring their own water bottle every day.

There will be no hot dinners at lunchtime. Children requiring a school lunch will be provided with a cold, packed lunch at a cost of £2.40 per day.

No baby bottles, sippy cups or dummies in Nursery please!

Clothing

Children should wear appropriate clothing for outdoor play to each session; this will need to be kept clean with regular washing. Please remember ...

- **We love messy/sensory play in Nursery.** We learn and have fun playing with playdough, paint, glue and mud. We won't always get messy, but old clothes are definitely a good idea!
- **To send in a spare coat for muddy, messy stuff.** Please send in an extra (old) coat that you don't mind getting dirty, that we can keep in Nursery for your child.
- **To provide a full change of clothes.** Please make sure we have a full change of clothing for your child (including underwear and socks/tights) ... just in case.

Where your child still requires nappies, these should be provided with other items, such as wet wipes, in a named bag which will be kept at Nursery. Please keep this topped up every day. Thank you.

When sunny, please make sure children are "sun safe" by putting sun cream on their face, neck, arms and legs before they come into school. All children must wear a sun hat. We cannot apply cream at school.

Wellies will still be required for all children from Nursery to Year 4. This will help us to keep groups separate at break and lunchtimes. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat every day; we will be outdoors a lot as it is safer.

Children must not bring in pencil cases, toys, games, rucksacks or other items from home.

Health

It is an expectation that all families will engage with the Test, Track and Trace system.

There will be increased cleaning in place and children will be required to wash and sanitise their hands regularly. All rooms will be ventilated as much as possible, with doors and windows open.

If a child becomes unwell at school, we will phone a parent and will expect the child to be collected immediately. (Whilst they are waiting to be collected, the child will be removed from their class to wait in another room.)

Communication

Due to the need to minimise items moving between home and school, we will be using email for letters and other updates. If you do not currently have an email address, please contact the school office who will be happy to help you set one up just for this purpose.

Rules

Due to COVID-19, we have already added to our existing School & Nursery Behaviour Policy, including rules about hygiene etc. We will shortly be reviewing this and will send this out when it is ready.

Do you have any questions?

Please email us at Homelearning.sch152@educ.somerset.gov.uk if you have any questions, and we will respond as soon as we can.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher