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

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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christ Church School and Nursery will be open for all children from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

Each child will be part of a class as usual but their class “bubble” will be kept apart from all other groups. Each class “bubble” will have its own start and finish times. These will be different for different “bubbles” so that children will not mix.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Morning drop-off time</b>	<b>Afternoon collection time</b>	<b>Gate</b>
<b>Diamond</b>	8.30am	2.40pm	Tall black pedestrian gate to the small (KSI) playground
<b>Pearl</b>	8.30am	2.40pm	Small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre
<b>Amber</b>	8.45am	2.50pm	Small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre
<b>Ruby</b>	8.45am	2.50pm	Tall black pedestrian gate to the small (KSI) playground
<b>Emerald</b>	8.55am	3.00pm	Tall black pedestrian gate to the small (KSI) playground
<b>Topaz</b>	8.55am	3.00pm	Small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre

In the morning, children will need to line up with **one** parent/adult on the yellow “social distance” dots painted 2 metres apart on the pavement outside the correct gate. The teacher 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 on the yellow 2-metre social distancing dots.

### **Parents**

No parents will be allowed past the school gates on to 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 due to the need to keep class “bubbles” separate. Children requiring a school lunch will be provided with a cold, packed lunch. Otherwise, children must bring in their own packed lunch every day.

In KS2, children should also bring a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables.

Instead of attending Magic Breakfast club, when children enter the classroom each morning, they will be offered breakfast cereal.

## **Clothing**

Where possible we would like children to wear normal school uniform but this will need to be kept clean. Therefore, we are happy for families to choose plain navy sweatshirts/cardigans and other trousers will be fine. Remember, Pupil Premium families are entitled to one free sweatshirt per child each year. Information about when uniform will be available will come out separately.

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, rucksacks, PE kits or other items from home.

## **PE**

<b>PE Day</b>	<b>Class</b>
Monday	Topaz
Tuesday	Amber
Wednesday	Ruby
Thursday	Pearl and Emerald
Friday	Diamond

From now on, your child will need to **wear their PE kit to school** on their PE day. PE will be outside, so this should be joggers/leggings (unless it is hot enough for shorts outside), a blue T-shirt and a sweatshirt. This will prevent the PE kit needing to be sent home weekly to be washed. As well as being outside, PE will take place in small groups.

## **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 Christ Church’s Behaviour Policy, including rules about hygiene etc. We will shortly be reviewing this and will send out an updated version when it is ready.

## **Do you have any questions?**

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

Yours faithfully,



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