



# Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy

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## Reopening for All Pupils September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Christ the King is making preparations for all pupils to return to school full-time from 1<sup>st</sup> September. The re-opening will be compliant with the Department of Education guidance. This letter is intended to provide you with all the information regarding re-opening for September. **This may change following a review of the Leicester lockdown measures but we will ensure you are kept informed of any changes.**

The health and safety of every child and member of staff is always our top priority at CTK and this remains unchanged as we prepare to welcome all pupils back to school. We are reviewing and amending the Risk Assessment for September. A summary of the Risk Assessment will be uploaded onto the school website shortly and this details all the measures we will be taking during the first half term to ensure children and staff are safe.

The NHS Test and Trace system is live and the school will manage any confirmed cases of COVID 19 amongst the school community by following the advice from Public Health England. Further details will be provided to parents at the start of next academic year.

The Department of Education expects *all* children to attend school from September 1<sup>st</sup> and we are looking forward to working with you to ensure all children attend school regularly from the beginning of the Advent term. The usual rules on school attendance will apply.

### **General Organisation**

Our intention is that Christ the King will open to **Reception** and **Year 3** pupils on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**. This is intended to support our children new to the school and new to the Junior Site to settle in quickly and become familiar with their new surroundings.

**All of our other pupils** will return to school on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

The children will be taught in their class group of 30. They will remain in these groups throughout the day and will avoid mixing with other groups. This will include eating lunch in their classroom during the first half of the Advent Term.

### **Drop off times:**

Infant site: 8:40 – 9:00am

Year 3 and Year 4: 8:10 – 8:20am

Year 5 and Year 6: 8:20 – 8:30am

### **Collection times:**

Reception: 3:10 – 3:20pm

Year 1 and Year 2: 3:15 – 3:25pm

Year 3 and Year 4: 2:50 – 3:00pm

Year 5 and Year 6: 3:00 – 3:10pm

## **Curriculum Delivery**

Teachers will focus upon familiarising the children with the school rules and routines during our first week. This will include specific lessons on hygiene and social distancing. The emotional wellbeing of our children is incredibly important and staff will identify any child that needs additional support so they are ready to learn. Initially, teachers will assess all the pupils in English and Maths so they have an understanding of any gaps in knowledge. We will then plan our curriculum very carefully to ensure that we address these gaps and provide catch-up support for any pupils who need it. The curriculum may need to be narrowed initially to support the children to develop and consolidate the key learning in reading, writing, maths and RE.

In order to minimise risk, we have put a number of measures into place. These include:

- Children will be taught in consistent groups of 30 and we will limit the number of pupils and staff in contact with each other to only those within the group
- Classroom furniture will be rearranged to reduce the risk of transmission
- Each pupil will have their own stationery pack in a zipped wallet to prevent the sharing of *frequently* used equipment
- Classroom based resources will be used and shared within the class group and cleaned regularly
- The playgrounds on both sites have been zoned and taped off into sections. Children will be monitored to ensure that they remain in their zone at all times to prevent different classes mixing
- Staggered lunchtimes and playtimes
- Enhanced cleaning schedules
- Avoiding large gathering such as assemblies or collective worship with more than one group

## **What should my child wear and what should they bring to school?**

Children should wear their school uniform. Please see the attached document for the full uniform list. They should bring a small bag containing their books, lunchbox and a water bottle, clearly marked with their name. *Please could you ensure all school reading books and library books are returned in September.* All PE kits and exercise books from the last academic year will be sent home with the children when they return to school in September.

## **Lunchtimes**

Our kitchens will be open and parents can opt to purchase a packed lunch for their child. No hot dinners will be served during the first three weeks of the Advent term. The children will be able to choose from four sandwich fillings each day. All infant children are entitled to a free school meal. If you prefer, you can provide a packed lunch for your child to bring to school. If your child has an allergy or food intolerance, please inform the office.

## **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**

In order to adhere to social distancing, we will be putting into place different procedures for when you drop off your child in the morning and when you collect them in the afternoon. These procedures are different for each class and you will be sent this in a separate message on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Please read the message carefully.

It is important that only one parent from each family comes onto the school site. At all times, social distancing must be observed in order to keep all members of our school community safe. Therefore, please do not congregate anywhere on the school grounds, at the gates or on Glenfield Road.

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, I will send a message via Parentpay, Twitter and post on the school website, confirming whether or not school will re-open to all pupils as planned.

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding. These have been challenging times for everybody. We have been doing our best to comply with developing, and sometimes contradictory, advice from a variety of government bodies. We therefore apologise if messages from the school have sometimes contradicted previous advice. We are working hard to provide a safe and effective learning environment for your children

on their return to school. We also want school to feel like a welcoming and nourishing place for the children and we are doing our best to get the correct balance.

I would like to promise you that there will be no more changes but that would not be wise. I can promise you that the school will do its best to keep you updated if there are any further changes in government advice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A Carter', written in black ink.

Mrs A Carter