

Christ's College, Sunderland – September Re-opening: Frequently Asked Questions

Please find below answers to frequently asked questions. All information in this document is correct as of Monday 13 July 2020.

When will the College re-open?

The College will re-open **across the week beginning Monday 7 September**. There will be a staggered beginning to term, and to the start and end times of each day in place (see table on p4). Students must be at their gate by the arrival time. This staggered start to term, and the temporary changes to the school day are important safety measures that enable all children to return to school. We sincerely appreciate that these necessarily changed timings will cause real difficulties for a number of parents to overcome.

How do you enter and exit the site?

The site has been clearly marked with distancing lines. You will enter the site by walking up the drive and exit by walking down the path. There is signage on site and staff will be on hand to help. A one-way system is in place.

Can I drive onto the College site?

During the period of Covid-19 measures, cars are not permitted on the College site for safety reasons.

Can a parent/carer bring their child to school?

Yes. One parent/carer is permitted on site.

Is attendance compulsory?

Yes. The Government has stated attendance is compulsory. Normal attendance procedures will apply. If a child has Covid-19 symptoms, they must NOT attend College; you must tell us of this and they must take a test and inform College. They can attend College again if the result is negative, providing proof of any test result.

What if my child has to isolate?

If a child needs to isolate, per Covid-19 guidelines, you must inform us and your child must not attend College until the 14 day isolation period has ended. Supporting evidence must be supplied to the College wherever possible. This will help us to accurately record and authorise attendance.

How do students enter the College?

Parents and carers have been given a start time and should arrive no more than 5 minutes early. When you arrive, you should make your way to your designated gate area. When the teacher arrives at the gate, students should line up and parents should leave the College site, per the one-way system. Parents and carers have received confirmation of arrival and departure times, and these are also included at the end of this document.

How do parents collect children?

Parents/carers have been emailed a start and end time, along with a designated gate. Parents should go the designated gate area to collect their child. Primary aged children will be dismissed by the teacher to parents/carers.

Is the College operating a normal day?

No. The College day has been modified to allow for a staggered start and finish. This is for safety reasons so we can limit the number of people on-site to allow social distancing to take place.

Will the College day revert back to normal timings?

Yes, when it is safe to do so. This College is following Government guidance regarding the re-opening of schools. We will revert back to the normal College day timings when we are able to.

Will Breakfast club operate?

No. At the moment, breakfast club will not operate as the College needs to ensure students from different 'bubbles' do not mix.

Will Key Worker children be able to come in earlier/stay later?

Unfortunately, we cannot make provision for this because the College must prevent students from different bubbles mixing. With the entire College population returning in September, it is not possible for us to extend the day for particular students.

Will after school clubs take place?

For the moment, no. The College needs to ensure students from different 'bubbles' do not mix. After school clubs will return when it is safe to do so.

How do I know the start time and gate my child needs to go to?

Parents have been emailed a table showing the arrival and departure time for each year group. This is also available on the College website.

What does my child need to wear?

Students should wear normal uniform. Primary aged students should come to school in PE kit on the designated PE day only. Please see the table at the end of this document for further information.

How many children will be in a class?

Classes will be running at normal capacity. However, each year group or Key Stage is essentially a 'bubble'. Students within a 'bubble' will mix with other students within the 'bubble'. This is a key control measure. If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19, the 'bubble' will have to isolate. The Government has asked schools to operate 'bubbles' to minimise disruption to the day to day running of schools, should an outbreak of Covid-19 occur.

What do the classrooms look like?

Classrooms will have the usual number of desks in them. Any unnecessary furniture has been removed.

Will my child be keeping a 2 metre distance from other children?

No. As part of the full re-opening of schools in September, the Government has asked schools to operate 'bubbles'. Students are allowed to mix with, and sit next to students within the same 'bubble'.

Will children be sat at a desk all day?

No. Learning will take place as normal including subjects that use specialist classrooms and resources (e.g. music, Science, Engineering, Food). All of these, and PE lessons, break and lunch will operate as normal within 'bubbles'.

Will the children have breaks and lunchtimes outside?

Yes. Children will have breaks and lunch with peers in their 'bubble'. Break and lunchtime will be staggered. Children will play normally with other children within their bubble. Students will eat their dinner in the dining hall with their 'bubble'.

Does my child need equipment?

Primary aged students will have stationery provided for them. Secondary aged students need to bring their equipment as normal. This must not be shared with other students.

Should my child bring a bag?

Yes. Bags can be brought as normal. Only essential items should be brought into College.

Can my child bring a packed lunch?

Yes.

Can my child get a school dinner?

Yes. Normal charges will be in place. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please register him/her at togetherforchildren. Although children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should also be registered please if eligible for Free School Meals (since it affects the school's funding), they are entitled to lunch without charge under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

Where will the children eat their lunch?

In the dinner hall. Each 'bubble' has a designated seating area.

What are the arrangements for toilets?

Each 'bubble' has a designated toilet area. These are cleaned frequently throughout the day.

What arrangements are in place for handwashing/sanitising?

Hand washing/sanitising is a key control measure. Students will wash their hands/sanitise at least 4 times during the school day. Students also have access to designated toilets throughout the day, as normal.

Will the College provide First Aid to my child?

Yes. First Aid will be provided to children as normal. Precautions will be taken by the staff member wearing PPE where needed, which is normal practice.

Can I access the College office?

You should only go to the College office if it is absolutely essential. Please telephone (0191 534 44 44) or email enquiries@christcollege.org.uk wherever possible.

Christ's College, Sunderland
Monday 13 July 2020

Arrangements for September 2020

Primary years arrival and departure times

Students starting Reception in September 2020 have been emailed their arrival and departure time.

Current 2019/20 Class/Form Teacher	New 2020/21 Class/Form Teacher	Term Start Date	Daily Arrival Time (am)	Daily Departure Time (pm)	Gate	PE Day (Primary)*
YR: Mrs Clayton	Y1: Miss Whan	Wednesday 9 th Sept	9:05	2:50	A	Monday*
YR: Mrs de Cruz	Y1: Miss Lowery	Wednesday 9 th Sept	9:05	2:50	A	Monday*
Y1: Miss Whan	Y2: Miss Petty	Wednesday 9 th Sept	9:05	2:50	B	Wednesday*
Y1: Miss Lowery	Y2: Mrs Critchley	Wednesday 9 th Sept	9:05	2:50	B	Wednesday*
Y2: Miss Petty	Y3: Miss Simpson	Monday 7 th Sept	8:55	3:00	A	Wednesday*
Y2: Mrs Critchley	Y3: Mr Gordon	Monday 7 th Sept	8:55	3:00	A	Wednesday*
Y3: Miss Simpson	Y4: Mrs O'Brien	Monday 7 th Sept	8:55	3:00	C	Monday*
Y3: Mr Gordon	Y4: Mrs Kane	Monday 7 th Sept	8:55	3:00	C	Monday*
Y4: Mrs O'Brien	Y5: Miss Peacock	Monday 7 th Sept	8:45	3:10	C	Thursday*
Y4: Mrs Kane	Y5: Mrs Glass	Monday 7 th Sept	8:45	3:10	C	Thursday*
Y5: Mrs Tinn/Mrs Phillips	Y6: Miss Moat	Monday 7 th Sept	8:45	3:10	A	Thursday*
Y5: Mrs Glass	Y6: Miss Ng	Monday 7 th Sept	8:45	3:10	A	Thursday*

*Primary students should attend school wearing PE kit on these days, under their blazer (and jumper if cold weather)

Secondary years arrival and departure times

Year Group	Term Start Date	Daily Arrival Time (am)	Daily Departure Time (pm)	Gate
7	Monday 7 th Sept	8:35	3:20	A
8	Wednesday 9 th Sept	8:35	3:20	B
9	Wednesday 9 th Sept	8:25	3:30	A
10	Tuesday 8 th Sept	8:25	3:30	B
11	Monday 7 th Sept	8:25	3:30	C