



Friday 4 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Return to / start of new school from Monday 7 September

We hope you and your child are looking forward to the re-start of school, with start dates and times being staggered from Monday (see overleaf) as you will have already noted. Staff have been in school all this week making sure preparations are fully in place to engage your child in developing their deep, wide and vibrant understanding of the world around them, of themselves, and of their purpose. This brings to an end a lengthy period – hopefully never to be repeated – that has been so dislocating, difficult or otherwise challenging for every family.

Managing risk of Covid-19 transmission

Our rigorous approaches remain as communicated in July, with three main 'controls' and a comprehensive range of supporting measures. The full risk assessment is available to view on our school website. All students (in protective, distanced bubbles) will wash hands or use hand sanitiser on arrival at school, and will repeat this throughout the school day especially at the now-much-reduced points of movement. We are *not* encouraging students to wear any face coverings (masks), but these would be required in Year 7 and above if they became necessary for public health, e.g. if our local area were to come under 'national intervention'.

Building and IT improvements

The main 'Grindon Hall' building has undergone extensive internal remodelling (of some 12 classrooms and other spaces) over the summer weeks, along with investment in new heating, windows, roof works and surface water drainage around the Primary block. Adding to the five new specialist classrooms created last year, we are delighted with these, and will organise tours for parents a little later this term. The calendar of works extends into September, which also restricts access through one of the ground-floor corridors, but provision has been made for an effective one-way system through the other corridors, entrances and exits. We are also very pleased to have a new wifi network to better enable use of portable devices, along with a new telephone network. We are very grateful to the central team at ESF who have overseen these significant developments.

Contacting the school

Please continue to use normal means of contact (phone, email); if you wish to meet with a member of staff it is essential to request an appointment. For casual, brief, conversations with staff at the school gate, where these are possible you would be invited to join the member of staff on 2m space markings to ensure social distancing.

Pedestrianisation of site: on-site drop-off / pick-up prohibited

Since the beginning of 'lock down' and the pedestrianisation of the site (to enable one-way walking routes during times of drop-off and pick-up), parents have not been allowed to bring vehicles onto site, with the road gates being closed from 8am. In exceptional cases of need, where a request for car access is approved school will provide written permission of any exception to this.

Extra-curricular activities

We are not currently making extra-curricular activities available, but hope to be able to resume these in a phased way as soon as circumstances permit.

Primary matters

Also, until circumstances permit (and as soon as possible), regrettably we will not be running 'awards assemblies'. We await guidance regarding provision of swimming lessons for Year 5.

Secondary matters

- **Reading book:** as we stagger the start dates and times for secondary students next week, with tutors inducting new groups each day, a reading book should be brought by students coming into Year 7, 10 and 11. Please check that the chosen book is recognised on arbookfind.co.uk since Accelerated Reader will be used

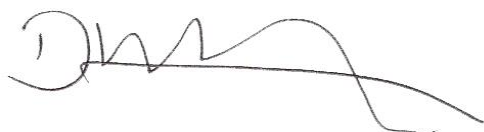
to help evaluate, encourage and support students' effective reading. School will also support students from our own library where necessary.

- **Homework:** will not be set next week, but will begin the following week (commencing Monday 14 September), with it being graduated during the half-term for years 7-9.
- **Planners:** all teachers will now record all setting of homework using our new 'Bromcom' system. This will be viewable on student and parent apps (iOS and Android) which will be rolled-out shortly, and we still ask that parents continue to check and engage with their child's homework at least weekly. Where parents or students are unable to access the app, planners can still be used for recording and checking homework manually. Planners will continue to be used for the full range of other uses, but for most secondary students there will no longer be a requirement to use it to record homework, nor for parents to sign weekly.
- **Phones:** at the end of the school day, students will be dismissed by their period 6 subject teacher, so no longer re-assembling in tutor rooms. Alongside this change we have taken the decision to cease the routine holding of mobile phones during the school day for secondary students. Phone use by students remains prohibited throughout the school. Phones, which are now entirely the student's responsibility, must of course be fully switched off and out of sight otherwise they will be (legally) temporarily confiscated along with additional sanctions. These measures would escalate if necessary.
- **Uniform and equipment:** please refer to the information previously provided (website: parents / letters from the Principal).

New staff

We are delighted to welcome to Christ's College, including some internal appointments: Ms Suzanna Bromley (Primary, temp. maternity for Ms Clayton); Ms Rachel Burford (Technology); Dr Lisa Hardy (Music); Ms Lauren Hubber (HLTA); Ms Stephanie Kane (Primary); Ms Sarah Kharko (Teaching Assistant); Ms Anne-Marie Moat (Primary); Ms Francesca Peacock (Primary); Mr John Tinn (Maths).

Wishing you a very good weekend as we look forward together to the school's full re-opening next week,



Mr David Dawes
Executive Principal

Encl. Staggered term start dates and times of arrival and departure (as previously issued and re-issued)

Arrival / departure: please arrive no more than 5 minutes before the scheduled times.

Secondary years

Year	Start Date	Daily Arrival	Daily Departure	Gate
7	Mon 7	8:35	15:20	A
8	Weds 9	8:35	15:20	B
9	Wed 9	8:25	15:30	A
10	Tues 8	8:25	15:30	B
11	Mon 7	8:25	15:30	C

Primary years

Reception classes	Date	Arrival	Departure	Gate	PE Day
Group A (Mrs Clayton/Miss Bromley)	Tues 8	9:15	11.20	C	NA
	Weds 9	12:30	14:20	C	NA
	Thurs 10	9:15	14:50	C	NA
	Fri 11	Not in school			
Group B (Mrs Clayton/Miss Bromley)	Tues 8	12:30	14:20	C	NA
	Weds 9	9:15	11.20	C	NA
	Thurs 10	9:15	14:50	C	NA
	Fri 11	Not in school			
Group C (Mrs de Cruz)	Tues 8	9:15	11.20	C	NA
	Weds 9	12:30	14:20	C	NA
	Thurs 10	Not in school			
	Fri 11	9:15	14:50	C	NA
Group D (Mrs de Cruz)	Tues 8	12:30	14:20	C	NA
	Weds 9	9:15	11.20	C	NA
	Thurs 10	Not in school			
	Fri 11	9:15	14:50	C	NA
All Groups	Mon 14 on	9:05*	14:50	C	Tuesdays

*Please note earlier arrival time from Monday 14 September, aligning with Key Stage 1 classes

Previous Class/Form Teacher	New Class/Form Teacher	September Start Date	Daily Arrival	Daily Depart	Gate	PE Day (Primary)
YR: Mrs Clayton	Y1: Miss Whan	Weds 9	9:05	14:50	A	Monday
YR: Mrs de Cruz	Y1: Miss Lowery	Weds 9	9:05	14:50	A	Monday
Y1: Miss Whan	Y2: Miss Petty	Weds 9	9:05	14:50	B	Wednesday
Y1: Miss Lowery	Y2: Mrs Critchley	Weds 9	9:05	14:50	B	Wednesday
Y2: Miss Petty	Y3: Miss Simpson	Mon 7	8:55	15:00	A	Wednesday
Y2: Mrs Critchley	Y3: Mr Gordon	Mon 7	8:55	15:00	A	Wednesday
Y3: Miss Simpson	Y4: Mrs O'Brien	Mon 7	8:55	15:00	C	Monday
Y3: Mr Gordon	Y4: Mrs Kane	Mon 7	8:55	15:00	C	Monday
Y4: Mrs O'Brien	Y5: Miss Peacock	Mon 7	8:45	15:10	C	Thursday
Y4: Miss Johnson	Y5: Mrs Glass	Mon 7	8:45	15:10	C	Thursday
Y5: Mrs Tinn/Mrs	Y6: Miss Moat	Mon 7	8:45	15:10	A	Thursday
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