



Christ Church C of E Junior School
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19 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

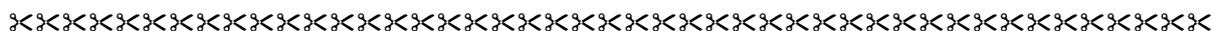
Following a further announcement by the Department for Education on Tuesday 16th June, we have been informed that the Government would like schools, where they have capacity, to invite additional pupils to return to school. They have provided school leaders with the flexibility to do so by prioritising pupils, starting with the older members of the school.

As you are aware, we at Christ Church have been open continuously since the lockdown began and initially, in line with government guidance, provided school places for key worker children. When permitted to do so, we then opened for our Year 6 cohort to attend from June 1st. At this point, parents were asked if they felt comfortable with their child returning and required a place or not. This decision was, and still is, very much a parental decision.

We have, however, had a number of parents request a place at school for which their child has not attended, or only attended periodically. Therefore, we are asking again for parents to make a commitment for if they wish their child to return to school or not. As we would like to invite as many Year 5 children to attend as possible, it is important for us to establish now whether key worker/Year 6 parents require a place that will be attended **daily** or not. At this point of the term, with just over a month left, your decision will have to be final in order for us to make the necessary arrangements for Year 5 children to re-join the school. With this in mind, and as the next priority group to return to school, could Year 5 parents/carers please complete and return the form below, to indicate if you wish a place to be allocated for your child(ren) this term.

In addition, could any parents outside of the Keyworker/Year 6/Year 5 groups also complete and return the form below for all of their children that attend Christ Church, to indicate if they would like a school place before the end of this academic year, if it is possible to do so following all governmental guidance. If places are then still available after allocation to Keyworker/ Year 6/ Year 5 groups or the government guidance on the 2m rule changes, then places can be offered on a 'first come first served' basis.

We ask that you please reply by email, completing the form below indicating your decision by Wednesday 24th June.



To: Christ Church CE Junior School, Ramsgate

Childs Name:

Key worker Year 6 Year 5 Year 4 Year 3

I would like my child to return to school **daily** for the remainder of Term 6. I understand my child may not be in their usual class with their usual class teacher.

SignedParent/Carer Date



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In order to inform you of the changes we have made to facilitate a safe return to school for pupils and staff, please see details from my previous letter sent on the 29th May.

Returning to School – Year 6 – Monday 1st June

In addition to the letter sent out on Friday 22nd May, I'm including this list to highlight the main changes to be aware of.

- Latest guidance indicates that pupils in Year 6 pupils will return to school, (in addition to keyworker/vulnerable children already attending), from Monday 1st June.*
- Children will be taught in 'learning group bubbles' in group sizes of up to 12 children in order to meet the current requirements for social distancing.*
- Parents will drop children at either external gate to the school from 8.30 – 9.00am.*
- Children will use hand sanitiser upon entry to the school grounds and go straight into classroom areas.*
- Rotas will operate during the day for children and staff, to encourage safe use of the school and its facilities.*
- The rota system will be used for toilet breaks, use of the hall, break times and lunchtimes and will allow for each area to be used by individual 'learning group bubbles'. This process will also allow for increased cleaning of different areas in between use by different groups.*
- When collecting children at the end of the day, to meet the requirements outlined by the government, the school will be operating a one way system, with the entrance being St Mildred's Road and the exit being London Road. Parents can gain access to the school site from 2.30pm and meet their child by lining up using the distance markers outside of their child's (possibly different) classroom. The class TA will then collect your child and send them to you.*
- If you wish for your child to walk home by themselves, please complete the updated consent form, which acknowledges that you understand that all adults and children will be exiting the school site via London Road. This allows us to maintain a one way system to assist with social distancing.*
- We are expecting every child to be safe when we return to school and follow the new rules that we are being asked to deliver. There are number of policy changes that have been made, either to keep all children and adults safe in school or to highlight changes in school practice or procedures, due to COVID-19. All policy changes are based on both national and Local Authority advice. The behaviour policy in particular, clearly sets out what is expected of the children and how unsafe behaviour will be dealt with. They can be viewed via the policies section of the school website.*
- Note: - We would like to reinforce that although every effort has been made to ensure social distancing, it will be not be possible for the school to guarantee this, as children have been known to act impulsively and sometimes without thinking!*



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Are you ready for the return! Have you completed the following?

- *Signed new permission slip (see below) to give your consent for your child to walk home by themselves, exiting the school grounds via the London Road gate.*
- *Provided your child with a packed lunch as the school kitchen will remain closed.*
- *Please don't allow your child to bring anything additional to school other than a pencil case, (which then must remain in school) and a packed lunch.*

Finally, we recognise the need for children to say goodbye to their present year group and look forward to the next, having the opportunity to meet their new teachers and talk about the opportunities that await them. We therefore intend to arrange a series of socially distanced class picnics on the school field. Children would bring their own picnic snacks, and it will only be for around an hour, negating the need for any children to enter the school building. This will of course be optional, and there is no expectation that parents bring their children if they are not comfortable with the idea.

For those of you with children in Year 5, I can understand your worries regarding the forthcoming Kent Test and what the selection process will look like this year. Schools are currently being consulted by KCC on the process and I hope to be able to provide you with more information as it becomes available. In the meantime can I please remind you that if you wish your child to be assessed for suitability to grammar school, the deadline for completing the Kent Test registration is Wednesday July 1st 2020. The registration page can be found via the link below.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>

In addition, the latest information from KCC can be viewed by visiting the following page.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test/kent-test-update>

Thank you for your continued support,

N. Tucker

Mr Neil Tucker
Headteacher



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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: PERMISSION TO WALK TO HOME

Please complete the slip below to indicate if you give permission for your child to walk home exiting school via London Road at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely

N. Tucker

Mr N Tucker
Headteacher

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To: Christ Church CE Junior School

Child's name Year Group

I give permission for my child to walk home after school at 3.05 pm
and understand that this will be via the London Road Exit.

I do not give permission for my child to walk home.

Signed Parent/Carer

Dated



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