

26th August 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your families have all managed to enjoy the summer break and are feeling well rested. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the majority of children back into school on Wednesday 2nd September. Children in Nursery and Reception will have received their slightly later start dates from the EYFS Team.

As you are already aware, from the letter we sent to you in July, we have been busy preparing for the children's return, in accordance with the Department for Education's guidance.

For the children to enjoy a smooth transition back to school, we would ask you to familiarise yourself with the following changes to our school day and routine.

School Start and Finish Time

School start time for Reception to Year 6 children will be a window from **8:45am until 9:00am**.

At the end of the day, collection time will also be a window between **3:00pm and 3:15pm**.

Parents and children are asked to wait, socially distanced, outside their designated Year group gates at the beginning of the school day. Teachers will meet children at the gates during these times.

Year Group Gates

Please see attached map for the allocated Year Group gates. Each Year group will have their own school gate, this will be the only entry and exit point for that Year group. Parents will not be allowed to walk through the school playgrounds in order to reach another school gate, please allow time for this.

Uniform

Children are now permitted to wear uniform and will need to return to school in their winter uniform, please see the school website for details.

Classroom equipment

Please ensure that your child has their own school equipment, please can you provide a named pencil case with:

- Named pencil
- Named ruler
- Named colour pencils
- Named Fountain Pen (Juniors)

This pencil case should remain in school to ensure that it is always ready for the children's learning. Children may bring in their own reading book and water bottle from home. School reading scheme books will still go home and will be issued by your child's class teacher.

Lunchtime

We are pleased to be able to continue our commitment to our school meals. Children in Nursery and Reception will eat their lunches in a separate room. Phase Group Bubbles will eat their lunches in the main school hall. Cleaning of surfaces and equipment will take place between each Phase Group Bubble visiting the school hall.

P.E. Lessons

We continue to prioritise the P.E. curriculum; all children will have a weekly outdoor P.E. lesson with a specialist Sports Coach. On your child's P.E. day, they can wear their P.E. Kit & trainers to school. This is to maximise the time the children have participating in their outdoor P.E. lesson. Your child's class teacher will inform you of their P.E. Day and lessons will commence the week beginning Monday 7th September.

Communication with Staff

The Department for Education has also stated that parents are not allowed on the school site without an appointment. This means that parents are asked to drop their child at the designated gate for their year group and leave promptly so as not to gather around the school gates. Please note that class teachers and teaching assistants will not be available for a conversation at drop off and pick up time, so any communication must be emailed to both the school office and your child's class teacher.

Your child's Class Teacher and Phase Group Leader will be in touch soon with relevant curriculum information for the upcoming term.

Online Learning

Online learning will only be provided if a Class Pod, Phase Group Bubble, Local Lockdown or School Closure is required. We will be training the children how to access Google Classroom to prepare for the possible eventuality of remote learning. To support this, following the training, homework will only be set online. This will also reduce the frequency of resources being shared between home and school.

Extended School Care

Breakfast and After School Care places have already been allocated; both clubs will commence on Monday 7th September. Unfortunately, currently, the school does not have the premises capacity to offer any other after school activity clubs.

Corpus Christi School has followed the guidance and planned carefully for how to make our school as safe and secure as possible for all children, staff and families. Our aim is to ensure that Corpus Christi School feels and remains as familiar as possible. However, we are aware that some of the changes we are making, might take some getting used to. We thank you in advance for your continued support, flexibility and understanding.

We are greatly looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school.

Best wishes,

Mrs J. Connery

Mr R. Coyle