



# CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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25<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the start of a new term, I am happy to say that school will open on 3<sup>rd</sup> September for all children.

In school, we have been busy preparing for September and we have systems in place that have worked well with the children we had back in school during June and July. The government guidelines have been adhered to and school is a **safe place** for your children to return to. The children who have been in school have responded well to the changes and have been happy, settled and glad to be back in a routine. All parents have felt confident in sending their children to school and have felt the positive change in their children's mood and well-being. I hope this helps you to feel confident.

Information for September restart

On Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, the children will be welcomed back to school and they will be **expected to be in school uniform** according to the government guidance.

Children must only bring their coat, small lunch box and reading book – **NO BAG OR PENCIL CASES**

The start and end time to the day will be slightly staggered to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to. There are strict social gathering rules so I would request that you arrive as near to the specified time as possible and do not wait or gather at the gates in the mornings and evenings. There is a one parent drop off rule in place to avoid too many people coming on to the school playground. Staff will be out to point you in the right direction.

**Parents will not be able to enter the school building unless by an arranged appointment.** If there is a problem that needs to be discussed, please let the staff on the playground know and we can arrange a time to meet or they will pass the concern on and the member of staff can ring you. We know good communication is important so please still keep letting us know if you have any concerns regarding your child. **The school office is not available during pick up and drop off so please do use the main school entrance from school street.**

**Timings (please check your time carefully if you are bringing siblings there will be a waiting area on the playground)**

Year Group	Start time	Finish Time	Gate
1	8:40	3:00	2
2	8:30	2:50	2
3	8:40	3:00	3
4	8:30	2:50	3
5	8:25	2:45	3
6	8:20	2:40	3

## **Nursery and Reception**

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **Nursery**

8:30 – 11:30 Morning session

12:15 – 3:15 Afternoon session

Entrance and exit through gate 1 – on to decking outside Reception classroom

Reception 1 SN 8:50 – 3:10 gate 1 – on to decking outside Reception classroom

Reception 2 SJ 8:50 – 3:10 gate 2

### **Provision for first two days (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September) in Reception and nursery :**

Reception and Nursery classes to be divided into two groups

- Group 1 Nursery / Reception 9:30 – 11:00 Thursday and Friday
- Group 2 Nursery / Reception 1:45 – 3:15 Thursday and Friday

Please contact [office@churchfields-chesterton.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@churchfields-chesterton.staffs.sch.uk) if you are unsure which group your child is in.

We respectfully ask that everyone makes every effort to arrive and collect children during their time slots.

The government and local authority are asking that as much as possible children walk to school.

In the classroom, the children will stay within their 'class bubble' and will have their own equipment to use. For September, children on school dinners will be provided with a packed lunch that will be eaten in the classroom and we will then move to hot options later in the half-term.

Your child will be expected to follow strict behaviour rules relating to physical contact with other children and keeping their hands clean. We will minimise contact by keeping children in class bubbles inside school and zoned areas on the playground.

We have strict handwashing and sanitising rules in place to ensure at all times that safety comes first – this applies to all staff and all children working in school.

### **Below are key reminders which are essential to follow as we return to school**

- Your child will need to be sent into **school clean**
- Children will be expected to arrive in **school uniform**
- **No equipment** such as school bags, toys, etc to come into school
- A packed lunch will be served in disposable bags and will be eaten in the classroom. These are available for children who are entitled to a free school meal, universal school meal (KS1 and Reception) or to those who order a school packed lunch
- Packed lunches brought to school from home can be in a small lunch box or a disposable bag
- **All children must have their own water bottles.** The water fountains will NOT be available
- There will be no toast available throughout the first half term. **Children can bring their own healthy snack in a disposable bag.** This could be a breakfast bar, a piece of fruit, a small biscuit
- **On your child's PE day we will ask for them to come to school in PE kit** to avoid additional bags and to remain in PE kit for the day. As much as possible PE will take place outside so tracksuit bottoms would be preferable to shorts

PE will start from the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

<b>Class</b>	<b>Day</b>
Year 6 both classes	Thursday
Year 5 Mrs Shenton	Thursday
Year 5 Miss Smith	Tuesday
Year 4 Miss Jackson	Thursday

Year 4 Miss Brown	Tuesday
Year 3 both classes	Wednesday
Year 2 both classes	Tuesday
Year 1 both classes	Wednesday
Reception Mrs Nixon	Thursday
Reception Miss Jackson	Tuesday

**Playground Zones:**



We understand that some of you and your children will be anxious about returning but please be reassured that we are taking exceptional measures to make our school as safe as we can be. Your children deserve a great and safe education and we will not let them down. In order to support this, it is vital that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, your child does not attend school. Any child or staff member who develops symptoms during the school day will be sent home immediately. Whilst they wait for collection they will be placed in isolation. If anyone in your household or your child, tests positive, you must inform the school immediately.

Thanks for all of your support and we all look forward to welcoming all the children back. If you have any further questions please email me on [headteacher@churchfields-chesterton.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@churchfields-chesterton.staffs.sch.uk)

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