



11th September 2020

„Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself“

Message from Mrs Procter



I hope you and your family are safe and well. I just wanted to provide you with some important information regarding our school provision. Over the last few weeks a lot of work has gone into ensuring the school environment is as safe as it can possibly be to welcome the children and staff back into school. However, for the next few months there will be continuous changes, some of which may need to happen very quickly to ensure that we are following the updated guidance. Your patience and support during these rapidly changing

times will be very much appreciated. This week we have had lots of questions regarding when children need to stay at home so I thought I would try to clarify a few things.

COVID What should I do if a member of my household has symptoms?

- They must get a test
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until they get their test result – only leave home to have a test
- Anyone you live with must also stay at home until you get your result- if a positive test result is found all household member must self isolate for 14 days.
- Inform school by calling the school office.

What should I do if my child has symptoms?

We will continue to follow Government advice with regards to symptomatic children. Children must not attend school if they have any of the 4 main symptoms

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell
- A loss or change to your sense of taste

If you have any of the above symptoms you must:

- Get a test
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave home to have a test
- Anyone you live with must also stay at home until you get your result- if positive the whole household must self isolate for 14 days.
- Inform school by calling the school office. Tests can be booked via www.wirral.gov.uk/test

If your child has a test please forward the result to schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch.uk If you are worried about your symptoms or unsure of what to do please contact 111.

What we will do if a child shows symptoms whilst at school

Should any child start showing symptoms at school they will be referred to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Should we believe that your child is displaying any of the 4 main symptoms we will contact parents to come and collect their child to be tested.

Children will be supervised away from their bubble until a parent/carer arrives.

Parent/Carers should pick up from the Playzone entrance.

What we will do if we are advised of a positive case of a pupil, parent or staff member

The school may be contacted via Track & Trace if a staff member, pupil or parent has tested positive for COVID.

We will immediately contact our local Public Health Protection Team for help and advice. We will follow their instructions and relay any information to our parents / carers via email, this may mean that we will have to close bubbles for 14 days to ask children to quarantine.

It is therefore **vitaly important** that we have up to date email addresses for all children.

In order to try and minimise items going from school to home I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few new changes this year within school.

Homework

All classes will be set homework via our online platforms- Mathletics, Spelling Shed, Oxford Owl (FS2-Y3) and Seesaw. The children need to complete the work set in their homework books as usual but the books are to **stay at home** and a photograph will need to be uploaded of the completed task on Seesaw or tapestry. The teachers

will respond to the children's work via Seesaw. We have changed the settings on Seesaw so children will not be able to view anybody else's work or comments. Any children who do not complete their homework at home will have to complete it in school during playtime.

The children will bring their homework books home with them next week and all of their logins will be stuck in the inside cover of their book along with a copy of their homework timetable. Children will still bring a reading book home that will be changed regularly within school, once it has been quarantined.

Home learning due to COVID

The Government expect schools to have the capacity to offer remote education should a bubble within school or an individual child need to self-isolate due to a positive Covid test. As a school we have decided that we will be setting work via Seesaw/ Tapestry and on our Home Learning Page on the school website. The **expectation is** that your **child will** complete the three/four activities that will be set each day, this is to ensure that your child's education is not disrupted any further than is necessary.

A timetable will be posted on the home learning page each week. Class teachers will respond by Seesaw each week. Any parents that do not have access to the internet need to contact the class teacher next week so that we can arrange to send home paper copies of the work set. The work set will mirror the work that is being completed in the classroom.

Welcome Assembly

This week we had a virtual welcome liturgy. It wasn't quite the same as gathering all together for our start of year Mass, but it gave us chance to reflect on the year ahead and how we can get through any troubled times with God by our side.



In Mark's Gospel, we hear the story of how Jesus calmed a storm and the wind and waves obeyed Him. God wants to take away the worries in our lives and give us calm and peace. When we believe that God will never leave us - even when things are scary – our lives will be more peaceful.

We know that this is a year of possible uncertainty and so we ask our God of new beginnings to wrap us in His love and fill us with His truth and strength as we start this new school year.

Our Head Teacher Awards this week go to:

FCB – Well done to all of
FCB – our new FS2's who
FEM – have settled in so
FEM – well to school

HW – Sophia Macdougall
1HW– David Nye
1SH – Verity Bull
1SH – George Crossley

2RL – Amelia Graves
2RL – Austin Lucas
2HS – Erin Page
2HS – Thomas Salter

3AD – Olivia Smart
3AD – Lennon Balmer
3EJ – Ava Wilson
3EJ – Orla Vesey

4AY – Tasmin Greve
4AY – Lucas Dack-Hughes
4DJ – Maisie Thompson
4DJ – Grace Teese

5RM – Joshua Hughes-Ikpoh
5RM – Zak Kerrigan
5HK – Bella Gough
5HK – Francesca Green

6GA – Emily Mosedale
6GA – Connor Duncan
6KH – Kate Atkins-Leon
6KH – Jenson Jones

Start and End of Day Procedures

In order to minimise the risk to our children, staff and other adults we are only permitting **one adult** to accompany their child(ren) to and from school at present- from Monday only one adult we be allowed on site. All adults coming onto school grounds **MUST** wear a facemask and you will be asked to leave if you refuse. We have parents who have raised concerns that social distancing is not being adhered to in the playground and at the gates – please can we ask that you follow government guidelines. For health and safety reasons, dogs are not permitted anywhere on school grounds.

Contact Details

If you have changed your telephone number, address or email address over the holidays please ensure that you let the office know so that we can update our records.

Morning Snack

Just a reminder that children in Years 3-6 can bring in a snack to eat at morning break. This must be a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks. Children are not allowed to bring in cereal/breakfast bars/crisps or any other type of snack.

School Reading Books

When school locked down in March the children were sent home with 2 school reading books. Please can you make sure that these are returned to their class teacher at the beginning of next week as we are very short of books.

11 Plus and Entrance Exams

The assessments are now expected to take place on 22nd or 23rd October. The number of application preferences has been increased from 3 to 5 to allow parents to give at least two non-grammar preferences by 31st October. The dates for the Catholic grammar assessments have also altered. St Anselms assessment is now intended to take place on 13th October, Upton Hall is now intended to take place on 17th and 20th October.

PE Timetable

Please find below the days on which your child will have their PE lessons. As previously advised children should come in to school on PE days wearing their PE kits. They may wear black tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Their PE pumps should be brought into school in their PE bags and left on their pegs – the children will change into their pumps in school. Children in FS2 will not be starting PE for a couple of weeks – your child's class teacher will let you know via tapestry which will be their PE days.

1HW – Monday PM, Thursday PM	1SH – Tuesday PM, Thursday PM
2HS – Tuesday AM, Friday PM	2RL – Thursday PM, Friday PM
3EJ – Monday PM, Thursday AM	3AD – Monday PM, Wednesday PM
4AY – Tuesday PM, Wednesday AM	4DJ – Tuesday PM, Wednesday AM
5RM – Wednesday PM, Thursday AM	5HK – Tuesday AM, Thursday AM
6KH – Monday PM, Friday AM	6GA – Tuesday PM, Friday AM

Delayed Burwardsley Trip for Current Year 5

Our current Year 5 children missed out on their residential trip to Burwardsley last term due to lockdown. We had rebooked this for October, however due to current government guidelines we have been advised that there will not be any residential visits in the Autumn term. Unfortunately Burwardsley has very limited availability next year in the spring months and so we have moved our booking to Beeston at the beginning of June 2021. If you have already made a payment towards the Burwardsley trip and would like this transferred to the new trip you don't need to do anything. However if you would prefer a refund please email schooloffice@christtheking.wirral.sch and we will arrange this.

Thurstaston Trip Refund

Unfortunately our current Y5 children were not able to take part in their Thurstaston trip in March. We will be making refunds to all of the parents via ParentPay – the office will send a text to parents once this has been processed.

Medication in School

Could we please remind parents that, if you require your child to be administered with medicine during the school day, this must be brought in via the school office and the appropriate authorisation form completed. Please do not send medicines in to school with your child as we will not be able to administer it to them without the appropriate signed authorisation. We are only able to administer medicines which have been prescribed by a GP/Pharmacist and which have a pharmacy label with your child's name on. Thank you for your co-operation.

Flu Campaign

The 0-19 Health and WellBeing Service, Wirral will be in school delivering this year's flu campaign on Monday 23rd November. This will be offered to all children in foundation 2, and years 1 - 6. A letter will be sent out with a consent form before this date.

Earrings



Earrings **are not allowed** for safety reasons within school. It is already school policy that earrings are not part of the school uniform, if you need to view this policy it is available on the CTK website. Children can wear clear acrylic, invisible retainers which can be bought from Amazon as these can be worn safely at school. Children are not permitted to wear plasters over earrings, from next week any child with earrings in parents will be called to come to school to remove them.

School Spider and ParentPay

Just a reminder that parents should download the School Spider app to their phone or tablet as this is the way we communicate with our parents. ParentPay can be accessed via google – if your child is having a school lunch please make sure that their ParentPay account is in credit as meals must be paid for in advance. All children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 receive a free school meal. Children in Y3-Y6 are charged £2.40 per meal and our new menu can be found on the school website.

Y6 Children Walking Home

If your child is in Y6 and wants to walk home alone at the end of the day please send a letter in to their class teacher giving your permission.

Violin Lessons

This year our violin lessons will be taught by Jo Richards. If your child is interested in violin lessons please can you send your child's name to the school office with your preferred contact email. Lessons will take place via zoom.

Costing: £17 - 30 mins individual; £11 - 20 mins individual; £8.50 - shared 2 per group for 30 mins; £6 - shared 3 per group for 30 mins

Block bookings to be paid each term via bank transfer:

Brass Lessons

If anyone is interested in taking up a Brass instrument then please get in touch with Miss Mackenzie who will then send you a form to fill in (hannahtrumpet@gmail.com) Everyone who has Brass Lessons in school will be invited to join the Brass Band when the ensemble reforms. They put on some fabulous concerts throughout the year! Prices are as follows: Group lessons: £7; Individual lessons: £12; Brass Band: FREE

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 13 th October	St Anselms Entrance Exam
Saturday 17 th October	Upton Hall Entrance Exam
Tuesday 20 th October	Upton Hall Entrance Exam
Thursday 22 nd October	11 Plus Examination
Thursday 22 nd October	School Closes for Half Term
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day – Children not in school
Friday 23 rd October	11 Plus Examination
Monday 2 nd November	Inset day – Children not in school
Tuesday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas Break, 2pm

THE FOLLOWING DATES RELATE TO ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2020 – JULY 2021

Autumn Term 2020	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	:	Tuesday 1st September 2020
	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	:	Wednesday 2nd September 2020
	School reopens to pupils	:	Thursday 3rd September 2020
	School closes for half term	:	Thursday 22nd October 2020
	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	:	Friday 23rd October 2020
	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	:	Monday 2nd November 2020
	School reopens	:	Tuesday 3rd November 2020
	School closes for Christmas at 2.00pm	:	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term 2021	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	:	Monday 4th January 2021
	School reopens	:	Tuesday 5th January 2021
	School closes for half term	:	Friday 12th February 2021
	School reopens	:	Monday 22nd February 2021
	School closes for Spring Break at 2.00pm	:	Friday 26th March 2021
Summer Term	School reopens	:	Monday 12th April 2021
	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	:	Monday 3rd May 2021
	School Closes for half term	:	Friday 28th May 2021
	School reopens	:	Monday 7th June 2021
	School closes for Summer holidays at 2.00pm	:	Tuesday 20th July 2021