



22 July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: September arrangements

Please take a moment to read about our September arrangements. Be aware that these arrangements are subject to change based on the operational guidance for schools that the Department for Education (DfE) may issue during the holiday. However, at the time of writing, this will be our approach. If we have no choice but to adapt this information, we will communicate with you prior to children returning to school on Monday 6 September.

Start and end of day

We will no longer have staggered start and end times. Children may enter/exit the school site through any of our entrances: the main car park on Clarendon Road, the small car park also on Clarendon Road or the pedestrian gate on Portfield Road. The gate giving access to the playing field, on Clarendon Road, will no longer be in operation.

School site opens:	8:30 am (children should not be at school before this time)
Doors to classrooms open:	8:40 am
Registration:	8:45 am – 8:55 am (after this time children will be marked as 'late')
Gates close:	Approximately 8:55 am
Children leave school:	3:05 pm
Gates close:	Approximately 3:15 pm

Please note that children entering our school site will not be supervised by CJS staff before 8:40am. Pupils should gather in their allocated areas, before being invited into school.

Year 3:	Near the front entrance to school, by the Old Hall and outside the Year 3 classrooms.
Year 4:	Near the Year 4 waiting shelter, the bike/scooter lock up and the garden area.
Year 5:	Main playground (towards the Year 5 end of the building).
Year 6:	Main playground (towards the Bluewater end).

At 8:40am, a range of staff will be available to hear queries from parents/carers and answer questions, as well as being prepared to pass messages to class teachers. This is by way of supporting our class teachers to be able to focus upon their class. Remember, you can message teachers directly through Class Dojo or email/phone the school office: office@cjsdorset.org or 01202 485579.

Covid-19 mitigation

Hygiene: we will continue to provide hand sanitiser and encourage use of this, alongside regular handwashing. Respiratory hygiene will also remain a priority: the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.

Bubbles: From September, we will no longer be operating a strict 'bubble' system where children have remained in consistent groups. While we may still have times where year groups are playing in separate areas on the playground, there will be occasions when children also mix together across year groups. Removing 'bubbles' is in line with the current DfE guidance and will enable us to reinstate many of our currently suspended systems, such as having pupils as Library Monitors and Buddies.

NHS Test and Trace: When we return to school in September, our pupils will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case. Instead, they will be informed that they have been in contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. I would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Face masks: When we return to school, face coverings will no longer be advised for staff or visitors. However, the government expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet and if ventilation cannot be used as a mitigation to the risk. Additionally, if we had an outbreak at our school then face masks could be temporarily reintroduced for adults, in consultation with Public Health Dorset.

Ventilation

Our school will continue to be well ventilated while maintaining a comfortable learning environment for your children. Windows and internal/external doors will be open wherever possible, increasing the natural ventilation of the building.

Asymptomatic testing

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. School staff will continue to carry out asymptomatic testing throughout September, when this will be reviewed by the government.

Uniform

It is important that from September, children return to school wearing the correct uniform and maintaining excellent standards. You can refer to our school website for details regarding our uniform: [Uniform – Christchurch Junior School \(cjsdorset.org\)](http://www.christchurchjunior.dorset.sch.uk) .

Shoes: Of particular importance is that children must wear sensible, black school shoes from September, **NOT** trainers. Refer to the website link for details about what is/is not acceptable.

PE/Games kit: **Our CJS kit** should be worn to school on PE/Games days (see timetable below). This is a change that Covid-19 has brought which we are keeping. Wearing kit to school saves changing time, means children get more time for physical activity and do not lose socks! This kit should be in line with our website guidelines.

We will be monitoring the quality of uniform and kit from the start of the year. Please help us to set excellent standards.

PE/Games day

	Gym	Games
Monday	3BY	5EL, 5DH
Tuesday	3SC, 3AB, 4CC, 5KL, 5AA	4SF, 4PG, 6JW, 6AM
Wednesday	4VD, 4PG, 5EL, 6CC, 6AM	5AA, 5KL, 6DB
Thursday	3MF, 4SF, 5DH, 6DB, 6JW	4CC, 4VD, 6CC
Friday		3MF, 3SC, 3AB, 3BY

Attendance

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils next term, unless they have to self-isolate or quarantine.

Road safety

This continues to be a priority for both Christchurch Infant and Christchurch Junior. The roads around our schools are far too busy and there are a number of parents / carers who park illegally, making the area unsafe for our children. It would be terrible if a member of our community was injured as a result.

In September, we will be launching an initiative to encourage your child to walk/scoot/cycle to school. This will see children logging their method of travel to be able to gain a monthly badge. This goes alongside a range of other strategies we are employing to keep our children safe. I really appreciate you getting behind the two schools with this work.

The CJS Site Manager will continue to monitor our school's car park. This area is within my jurisdiction and we will, therefore, restrict access in order to keep the school grounds as safe as possible. Blue badge holders are welcome to use our car park, and parents / carers can request temporary permits which are subject to approval.

Yours sincerely



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