



Friday 22 May 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you are all well and have managed to stay safe throughout these unprecedented times. I know that these uncertain times have been met with a range of emotions and has brought many challenges to each of us but hopefully some smiles and realisations too.

Like many of you staff at Christ the King have continued to work throughout the last 10 weeks in the hubs, where the children of Liverpool benefitted from their hardwork, kindness and patience, whilst maintaining a different type of 'day job' and managing their families. Always with a smile and willingness to help nothing has ever been too much for any of them. I wanted to say a big Thank you!

Since the announcement by the Prime Minister informing that all schools would be open from June 1st, there have been many changes. As you can appreciate it was a difficult time because the school heard of this information at the same time as the general public. We have really valued your overwhelming support and patience during this time of uncertainty.

In response to the Government's announcement, our Local Authority has worked extremely hard alongside the various unions and headteacher associations to provide a city wide approach which was shared with all schools at the end of last week. Over the weekend we received full guidance.

Liverpool Approach:

- As of the end of day on 22nd of May all Liverpool Safe Space Hubs will close.
- From 1st June schools will reopen for child care to their own pupils of Key Workers and Vulnerable Children only, **where other safe child care is not available**. (The definition of key worker remains unchanged).
- There will be reviews once the schools have reopened, and where it is safe to do so, schools will prepare to **introduce Year 6 at a later date (not 1 June)**, under the guidance and recommendations from Liverpool City Council and Department for Education.

Christ the King:

Our school will **ONLY** reopen to the pupils of Key Workers and Vulnerable children, who have previously accessed hubs across the city on **1 June**.

- Families have completed a survey so school have been able to effectively Risk Assess and plan for 1st June
- All staff will be briefed re expectations, risk assessments and practices and procedures in line with government and local authority guidance.
- Rigorous risk assessments are to be carried out. The risk assessments will be ongoing throughout the summer term. School will adhere to all recommendations to ensure the safety of our children, staff and families.
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- The school office will **not be** accessible to parents – please communicate via the member of staff who will greet the children each day – stationed at the pupil entrance (using recommended social distancing measures) or preferably by phone or email.
- All areas of the school building will be cleaned regularly throughout the school day.
- Staff and children will be expected to keep excellent hygiene – regular handwashing and maintaining social distancing etc
- Group sizes will be kept to a minimum, to ensure social distancing.

Daily Routines:

- Children to arrive between 8:45 – 9.15am and picked up between 3.30- 4.00pm at its latest. There will **NOT** be Breakfast club or After school club initially. Please do not aim to arrive earlier – and if you do please keep your children with you and keep 2m from other families
- Children should wear a fresh set of uniform each day – ideally Pe kit/ tracksuits if possible
- Previous arrangements re school dinners stand, however, it would be preferable for you to provide your child with a packed lunch. Meals will be paid for in advance using parent pay app as usual.
- Children will need to bring their **OWN** bottle of water – which they will need to take home daily
- Children will not need any additional paraphernalia, bags, pencil cases etc
- Please apply sun lotion before your child attends school.

Learning activities in school:

- Children, who attend, will be able to access the home learning resources within their sessions in school
- A range of enjoyable activities will take place throughout the day using the outdoor spaces whenever possible.

Home learning for those children not in school

- Home learning will continue in the same form as previously. If you are finding it difficult to access on-line information, please contact the help email. There will be no home learning set for the half term break.

Attendance:

The government have made it clear that they will not be fining parents who choose not to send their child to school during this time.

Travelling to and from school:

I appreciate this will be causing some of you some concern as you use public transport to travel to school, please observe the guidance that has been issued by the government. At this stage there is no expectation that you attend, it is only if you are a key worker and can't safely look after your child/ children at home.





I also urge you to give the same respect to our residents, who will be experiencing much the same angst and worries as yourselves. Where possible please walk, cycle or scoot to school or use the Church car park to park, leaving the narrow roads of Meadway, Fieldway and Charnley Drive free from congestion and a safe space to observe social distancing.

Sickness

Pupils, family and staff members who are symptomatic will not be allowed to attend school. Those who become symptomatic during the school day will be isolated from the rest of the pupil group and their parents (pupils) will be called to come and collect them and then observe the most current guidance on isolation period.

We appreciate that this is a challenging time and we are all desperate to 'get back to normal' as soon as possible but schools have undergone huge changes to reflect the safety measures we have been asked to have in place, reducing the number of tables/ equipment in class, reducing timetables and limiting activities. This is to ensure the health and safety of your children, our families and our staff; I know you will support us in this by acting responsibly and inline with the guidance outlined above.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all again, but the safety of our children, staff and families will always be our highest priority, which will be central to any future decisions, which will be made in consultation with our governing body and Liverpool authority.

If there is anything at all you would like to ask or raise, please email the help@ctliverpool.co.uk Thank you as always for your continued patience and support at this time. Please be assured of our continued prayers.

Kind Regards and stay safe,

K. Griffin

Kate Griffin
Headteacher

