

5th January 2021

Plans for the reopening of Corpus Christi

Firstly, we would like to say, 'thank you' to all our parents and families for your kindness, understanding and support during these very challenging times we have all experienced.

Since the government announced its plans last night at 8pm the reopening of primary schools only for Critical and vulnerable children we have been working tirelessly to make sure that school is fully prepared to welcome those children back, making the safety of children and staff and all families our top priority. Whilst also getting all virtual learning ready for all those learning from home as of today.

The Chair of Governors of the school met virtually along with myself, Miss Mowatt and Fr Paul last night and agreed to close school for today only giving all staff the chance to be prepared along with parents and children for the new way of working. All of today's learning was placed online via TEAMS by each class teacher so no learning would be lost today.

From Wednesday 6th January learning across school will be as follows:

Part A – Children not in school

1. All children will access learning via Microsoft Teams (This has been used from September for homework)
2. Children will follow scheduled lessons for the week (These will be a mixture of recorded lessons and tasks set)
3. All work set is compulsory and will need to be completed and sent back via Microsoft TEAMS

We will not be hosting live lessons as we are acutely aware of the numbers of children needing to access devices at home at the same time potentially as siblings and parents working from home, making this impossible for home learners. Therefore, lessons and tasks are recorded so that they can be completed at any time throughout the same day.

Part B – Arrangements for those Critical and Vulnerable learners coming into school

- School will continue to be open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children, as it has been throughout the lockdown with this likely to increase in numbers;
- Breakfast and after school club will operate with usual times – bookable via the parent pay app as normal.

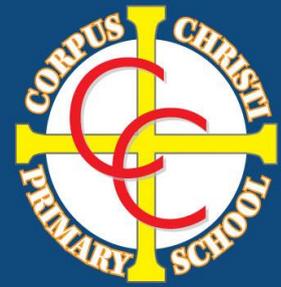
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- Children should initially arrive and depart via their normal classroom entrance. The times for tomorrow will be the same as set before the Christmas Holidays. These will be reviewed by the end of the week so that the bubbles will be working at the same times.
- Children will be taught in bubbles in school on alternate days by;
Year 6 and 5 will be taught by both Miss Mowatt and Mrs Goulbourne
Year 3 and 4 will be taught by both Miss Johnson and Mrs Battersby
Year 1 and 2 will be taught by Mrs Vogel, Mrs Sharples and Mrs Athey
Year R and N will be taught by Mrs Martin

Part C – What does my child need to bring into school?

- Children should be in full uniform
- Children should bring in their usual equipment (pencil case, water bottles)
- Children will be allocated a PE day and this is when they will need to wear their PE kits/
- Lunchtime will be as a normal school day with hot lunches if required, ordered and paid for in the usual way.

The governing body and staff will meet regularly to re-assess the situation on a global, national and local level to ensure we, as a school community, are doing all we can to keep our children, staff and their families as safe as possible.

Please be aware that this plan is subject to change. We will keep you informed of any changes as soon as we possibly can.

We acknowledge how important it is for parents to have all relevant information, enabling you to make plans to move forward too. I will endeavour to be as open, honest and transparent with all plans and decisions made and keep you informed every step of the way.

As you can appreciate, no school can guarantee 100% safety from the virus, but we have taken advice from government and Public Health England to put all necessary risk assessments and safety precautions in place. Such measures include:

- PPE in every classroom (hand sanitiser, gloves, soap, paper towels, bins with lids)
- Children do not need to wear masks

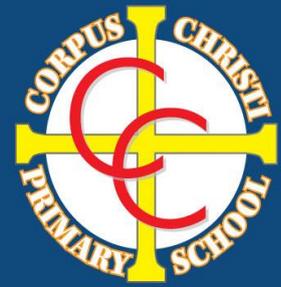
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- Adults do not need to wear masks unless administering first aid
- Adults administering first aid may wear PPE
- Children will be grouped in bubbles
- Groups of children will be supervised by the same adults as much as possible
- Staggered pick up and drop off times
- Staggered play times
- Staggered lunch times
- All soft play, wet play and various other materials within the classrooms that could potentially harbour germs to be removed
- Staggered movement around school to minimise contact in corridors, with 2m distances marked out
- One child at a time in toilets where possible
- Only one adult to pick up and drop off
- 2m social distant marking near all classroom doors for drop off and pick up
- Face coverings must be worn for drop off and pick up
- Staff will be unable to talk at the classroom doors at drop off and pick up
- Children will be seated at the end of the day and called when an adult is at the front of the 2m distanced queue for collection.
- Doors will be open in the relevant room for children from the scheduled start time
- Adults will need to leave school site immediately following drop off or pick up staggered times to minimise contact with others
- Adults not to come into the foyer to speak with office staff – phone calls only
- Money and / or letters to be dropped off in the post box in the foyer
- School will not be accepting any extra adults or visitors into school until it is safe to do so

This list is not exhaustive and will be adjusted accordingly over time.

As stated, the safety and welfare of the children, staff and families is of paramount importance and whilst we are eager to get children back to school and education, we need to ensure that this is not putting anyone at increased risk of infection from Covid-19 at this time. All plans made will ensure that children have access to the same quality learning at home as in school following our curriculum. It is therefore paramount that all children complete all work which is set.

Equally, as a school, we ask that parents also do their utmost to keep our school community safe. **If your child or anyone in your household displays any symptoms, please do not send your child to school.**

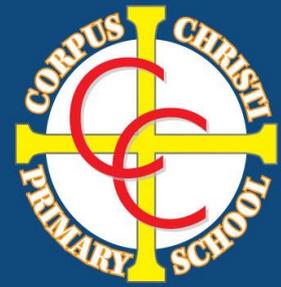
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Finally, thank you for supporting school with our best endeavours to continue to teach our children, whilst prioritising everyone's health and well-being. If you have any, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on Samantha.birchall@sthelens.org.uk

As always, I send my love and best wishes to you all. Stay safe.

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Cllr Rob Reynolds
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