

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful half term holiday. The past couple of months have been a challenge and have had an impact across the country. We have worked hard as a school community to continue to make school as safe as possible whilst ensuring your child's education is not disrupted by working both virtually and in school.

As we return to school on 8th March 2021, we will clearly have a focus on ensuring that all children catch up with any academic work that they have fallen behind with over the latest lockdown, but equally important will be the rebuilding of children's confidence and resilience and we will have a range of strategies to achieve this. We will, as far as possible, resume our wide range of curriculum opportunities for all pupils as well as providing further emotional support for those children who need it. We are a very strong school community, and I am sure that if we all work towards the common goal of ensuring that every single child shines at school, we will enable them all to face the future with a renewed confidence.

We are excited to have all our children back in school from 8th March and the passion of our staff is clear in ensuring no child is left behind. I have included below the information sent out originally in September as this is still very important.

Following Government Guidelines, we will still be operating school slightly different from normal whilst maintaining safety of both children, staff and parents.

- Breakfast and After School Club will operate with usual times within different bubbles of children. School has now signed up for the SchoolMoney online payment system. Places for CASPERS from September are only bookable from this online app. School will not be taking email or telephone bookings. Payments for sessions are made immediately at the time of booking.
- Children will be in class bubbles of no more than 30 children;
- Year groups will be educated within their normal classrooms.
- The governing body will continue to 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.

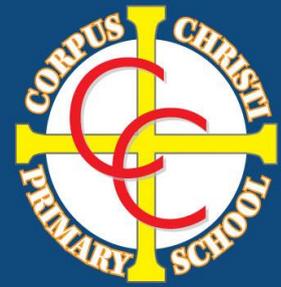
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As you can appreciate, no school can guarantee 100% safety from the virus, but we continue to take advice from Government and Public Health England to put all necessary risk assessments and safety precautions in place and will continue to do so. Such measures include:

- PPE in every classroom (hand sanitiser, gloves, soap, paper towels, bins with lids)
- Children do not need to wear masks, unless they so wish
- Adults will continue to wear masks in all communal areas and when administering first aid
- Adults administering first aid will wear PPE
- Children will be grouped in no more than a class size of 30 and encouraged to keep an appropriate distance
- Each child will have their own space within the classroom with all necessary equipment for them to use at their table to minimise movement around the classroom
- All children will be seated in a forward direction
- 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
- Water bottles to be brought in clean and taken home at the end of every day (Any left will be disposed of on a night)
- Full school uniform
- No school bags needed, book bags only to exchange reading books.
- PE Kit to be worn on PE days – to be reconfirmed by teachers directly to children.
- Pencil cases to be left in school, no fluffy ones, wipe clean only
- All soft play, wet play and various other materials within the classrooms that could potentially harbour germs have been removed
- Marking of books within a bubble will take place from September
- Lunchtimes will take place in the hall with only 2 bubbles of children at any one time, all facing the same direction – hot meals will resume with cutlery given out by the lunchtime supervisors
- Staggered movement around school to minimise contact in corridors
- One child at a time in toilets where possible
- Only one adult to pick up and drop off
- Drop off and pick up from classroom doors
- No lining up on the playground in the mornings
- 2m social distant marking near all classroom doors for drop off and pick up
- Staff will be unable to talk at the classroom doors at drop off and pick up

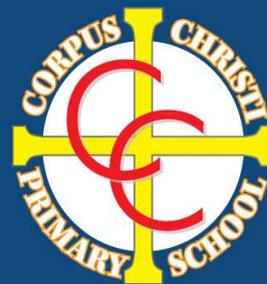
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- Children will be seated at the end of the day and called when an adult is at the front of the 2m distanced queue for collection.
- Doors will be open in the relevant room for children from the scheduled start and finish time
- Adults will need to 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 and will follow the LA visitors policy.

This list is not exhaustive and will be adjusted accordingly over time and we have tried to cover as many areas as possible. If you do have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact school via the school email address: corpuschrsti@sthelens.org.uk

Equally, as a school, we ask that parents also do their utmost to continue 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.**

School Day Timings from 8th March 2021 (Same times as from September 2020)

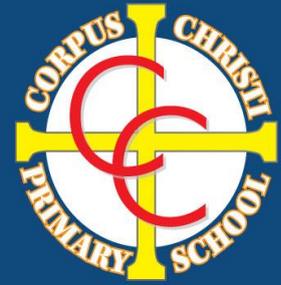
Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Nursery	8:50	3:05
Reception	8:50	3:05
Year 1	9:15	3:30
Year 2	8:55	3:10
Year 3	9:05	3:20
Year 4	9:05	3:20
Year 5	9:00	3:15
Year 6	8:50	3:15

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the couple of months and continued support. We are looking forward now with optimism and determination to continue to provide excellent education and care for every one of our children. If you do have any queries, then please don't hesitate to phone me at school or send an email.

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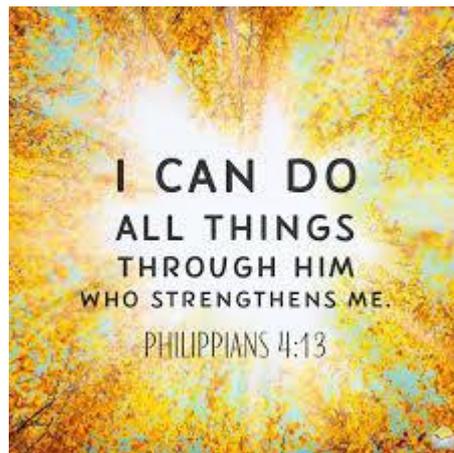


As always, I send my love and best wishes to you all and I look forward to seeing you and our children on 8th March 2021.

God Bless

Mrs Samantha Birchall
(Headteacher)

Mr Rob Reynolds
(Chair of Governors)



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