



Vision: **"Together, inspiring excellence"**

Mission: **"Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance"**

Values: **"Love, Courage, Honesty, Faith and Forgiveness"**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Christ Church Primary School weekly briefing. The aim of this briefing is to give you as much information as we can in 1 consolidated document (rather than via many emails).

### **Class photos**

TEMPEST will be in school on Monday 24th May (1M, 1E, 2NM, 3F, 3O, 4G, 6LA and 6P) and Wednesday 26th May (RC, RL, 2I, 4S, 5B, 5L) for class photos. Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform and not their PE kit on their photo day.

### **Parent Governors**

Just a reminder that the Parent Governor nomination forms went out last Monday. This is an excellent way to support Christ Church School. If you think you could be the person to take up this post, please submit your nomination by 14th June.

### **Update from the Department for Education**

Summer Term Attendance

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

We expect schools and local authorities to continue to communicate clear expectations around attendance to families, identify pupils at risk of disengagement and develop plans to re-engage them.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

### Show Love for India

There is currently lots in the news regarding India and how they are struggling with the Covid Pandemic. We would like to raise some money for AmenTrust, who are sending out resources to support the pandemic.

On Friday 28th May 2021, we are asking pupils to come to school with additional **ORANGE, WHITE and GREEN** accessories, to show our love to those suffering in India.

There will be buckets at the entrance and exit gates for any donations people would like to make.

You can find out more about the AmenTrust at [www.amentrust.co.uk](http://www.amentrust.co.uk).

### Website

Our updated Uniform Policy was emailed out last week, I hope everyone has had the opportunity to see this.

As part of our website developments, there will be a tab on there where you are able to order second hand school uniforms from FCCS.

Hewitts have also contacted school to inform us about an offer they are running:



### Parking

Over the past week we have had some complaints from neighbours regarding people parking in their driveways during pick up and drop off and leaving litter.

Please could we ask everyone to be considerate of our neighbours when parking.

### Fidget Toys

It has come to our attention that many pupils are bringing fidget toys into school. Please can we remind you that toys should not be brought into school. The only pupils who should be using fidget toys are those who have been advised to use them by Mrs Porter (SENDCo).

## **Covid Testing**

With different variants of Covid in the local area, it is important to remember:

Any children with COVID symptoms (high temperature, new/continuous cough or loss of smell or taste) must isolate for 10 days (along with the rest of the household). A PCR COVID test is recommended and if this is negative, the child may return to school if they are well and the family can come out of isolation. We can not accept LFT tests for this purpose.

There are twice weekly lateral flow COVID tests available which the government recommend for use. If you or your family are taking these tests they are for non-symptomatic use. If anyone in the household develops symptoms, a PCR test must be booked.

If a child in a class receives a positive COVID result from a lateral flow test, you must inform the school as the child's bubble will need to close and isolate. The child will then need to be booked for a PCR test and if this is negative, the bubble may return to school.

If a child in a class receives a positive result from a PCR test the child's bubble must close and isolate for 10 days.

If you receive a positive COVID test result during non-school hours please advise us on [office1@christchurch.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office1@christchurch.croydon.sch.uk) . We have to track back 48 hours from when the symptoms start or the test result is received so may need to inform you during the evening if a bubble needs to close.

## **Prayer for the week**

Dear Lord, Thank you for our School. Thank you for every family who meet and work together in our community. Thank you that in your eyes each one of us is precious, valuable and loved. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Staffing**

Finally, we say good-bye to Miss Miller on Friday.

We thank her for all of her hard work at Christ Church School and wish her the very best on her return to Australia.

Regards

***Mrs Jo Richardson***

Executive Head Teacher