



Christ the King Catholic Primary School

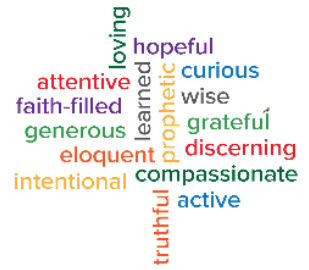
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda- I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations with your families .

Please find below the confirmed arrangements for the beginning of the Spring Term from Thursday 6th January.

Sadly, COVID-19 has not gone away and we may well be faced with some significant challenges and disruption over the coming weeks. Positive cases in Cardiff have multiplied significantly over the last few weeks and this is likely to create additional challenges for the school. In particular, staff shortages may occur and it continues to be very difficult to source supply staff. Our staffing situation in Christ The King is looking very positive currently and we hope that it remains this way. We will endeavour to do all we can to ensure the children remain in school, however if we face major staff shortages we may need to look at a class or year group moving to remote learning for a short period of time. In the event of any class or year group closure, we will provide children with IT equipment if this is needed. Class teachers will also be supporting the children to access blended learning experiences in their classrooms throughout this term.

During any period of remote learning for any classes or year groups, we will need to consider the continuation of onsite provision for the children of critical workers and any vulnerable learners. Following guidance, we will be prioritising children of Health, Social Care and Education workers.

The most important rule is to continue to be vigilant for the three main symptoms of COVID-19 :

- a high temperature: this means that they feel hot to touch on their chest or back
- a new, continuous cough: this means coughing a lot for more than an hour
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste: this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child has any of these three key symptoms, please do not send your child to school and arrange a PCR test for them immediately. You can book a PCR test online through the NHS website at gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Arrangements in school from Thursday 6th January

Drop off arrangements

The 'drop off window' between 8.45am and 8:55am will remain as usual in the mornings. Staff will be at the gate to meet your child and take them to class . Please can we ask that you exit the site as soon as you have dropped your child.



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Pick up arrangements

We will continue with parents waiting in their child's year group zones on the FP playground and along the parent zone in KS2. Pick up will remain at 3:30pm for all pupils.

There are no changes to the Nursery session times.

Whilst picking up your child, please ensure you wait in the designated area for their class. A two metre physical distance should be maintained and adults must wear a face mask at all times. Once you have collected your child, please leave the playground as soon as possible and we ask that the children do not use the play equipment during this time.

Lunch Arrangements

The school kitchen will be open from Thursday 6th, serving hot lunches as normal. Please order lunch for your child(ren) using Parent Pay.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Stepping Stones Breakfast Club and After School Club will be running as normal from Thursday 6th January.

Ventilation

Good ventilation continues to be important in reducing the risk of the COVID-19 virus spreading. We are fortunate to have well ventilated classrooms and learning areas across the school, but to further help with this a CO2 monitor has been provided for each class. These enable the teachers to check the levels of CO2 in the air and alert them to the need to open windows and doors if necessary. This will help to keep the temperature at a comfortable level for everyone.

Changes to self-isolation arrangements for those identified as contacts of a positive case

- Arrangements for self-isolation have changed. All over 18 who are fully vaccinated (having received two full doses of an approved vaccine) and children aged 5 to 17 are now asked to take lateral flow tests (LFTs) every day for 7 days if they are identified as a contact of a positive COVID-19 case. This is known as 'Daily Contact Testing'. We have been informed that sufficient stock of the testing kits will be sent to schools and will be available for parents and carers who are unable to access them via other routes. The school or Test, Trace and Protect will identify any contacts.
- We recommend those undertaking Daily Contact Testing take their test before they arrive at school each day. These children do not need to self-isolate for unless they have a positive lateral flow test or develop symptoms. In either of these cases, they should book a PCR test as soon as possible.
- Children under 5 years old are not required to self-isolate or test as contacts.
- Anyone identified as a contact, who is fully vaccinated or aged 5 to 17 can access daily contact testing instead of self-isolation, regardless of whether they are a household contact or close contact.

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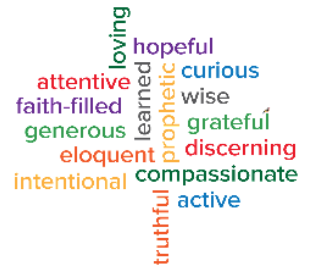
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Contact tracing

Letters for parents and carers have been updated to reflect the latest advice. As the arrangements on self-isolation have now changed, please ensure you read these carefully and follow the guidance provided. The letters can be found here on the Welsh Government <https://gov.wales/school-operations-coronavirus> If there is one isolated confirmed case of Covid-19 in a class, parents and carers will receive an 'Inform' letter. The letter explains that your child can continue to attend school if they are well and they do not need to take daily lateral flow tests. If there are two or more confirmed cases in a class within 7 days, a 'Warn and Inform' letter will be sent which explains that your child can continue to attend school if they remain well and for additional peace of mind, it is advised that children 5 and over undertake a lateral flow test each morning before school for 7 days.

Let's all hope for a healthy, happy and hopeful new year!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S Miles



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