

Trinity Church School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another fairly extraordinary school year, I would like to thank all of our children, staff, parents and the wider community for such exceptional support and positivity in these most challenging of circumstances. This has been a period of time in education like no other and despite all of the many challenges, it is by working together that we have been able to provide the best education possible, in the safest way possible for our children.

We have operated a strict bubble system throughout this year, which of course has had an impact on our school community. However, the priority has been safety first, and the efficacy of our approach has been borne out in the comparatively low levels of disruption we have suffered compared to some other schools and areas. This is perhaps most clearly seen in our attendance levels, which have remained around 97-98%. The latest Government national data shows an attendance rate of 80%, so we appreciate your trust and support in ensuring that children have attended Trinity and adhered to a system of controls which has made our school a safe as possible place to learn and work in.

Arrangements for September 2021

Following guidance from the DFE, in September we will not continue with the 'bubble' system that we have all become accustomed to. Should the Government or Local Authority announce any changes as a result of further Covid outbreaks / restrictions, we will update you. We will have a contingency plan in place which we will make available to you should the need arise.

COVID Protocols

COVID 19 will be with us for some time to come so we will continue with regular hand washing and extra cleaning of specific areas. However, there may be number of changes as Government advice comes out to us, we will update you as and when we can.

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September

These two dates are INSET days and therefore the school will be closed to all children.

Monday 6th September

Parents should drop children off at **the times listed below.** Staff will meet children from the car if parents choose to drive in and **drop-off using our turning circle.** Please note there is no parking available in the car park in the mornings or after school.

Beginning and End of School Day Arrangements

We will continue to have 2 entrances 'Nursery Gate' and 'Side Gate'. ALL pupils will be expected to arrive in school between 8.30am and 8.50am (with the exception of Conker Class initially who have been contacted separately with times for the first few weeks). 'Morning Challenges' will be set up ready for children on arrival in each classroom. ALL children must be in school by 8.50am ready for registration. If your child arrives late, they will be missing out on learning.

- Children from Acorns will enter through the nursery gate.
- Children from Years R-6 will enter through the side gate.

Parents of KS2 children should continue to drop their children off at the main pedestrian gate where they will

be greeted by members of staff and supervised on their way to classrooms.

Parents of KS1 children will be required to take them to the **side gate** and then return to the main pedestrian gate to leave the school site.

No parents will be allowed past the nursery gate or the side gate. We are continuing with the 'drop and go' system as it has worked well during restrictions, with children arriving promptly and settling down quickly to their morning challenges. Class teachers will accompany their children to the front of the school at the end of the day, giving parents the opportunity for a quick 'catch-up' if necessary. Any longer conversations parents may wish to have with class teachers should be organised through the school office.

Class	Cohort	Arrival	Departure
Acorns	Nursery	between 8.30am- 8.50am via nursey gate	End of morning session (no lunch) - 11.45am End of morning session (with lunch)/afternoon drop off - 12.15pm End of day - 3.15pm
Conker	Reception	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.10pm (Reception class has slightly different pick-up times during the first 2 weeks -see additional new Reception class information letter).
Chestnut	Year 1	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.10pm via hall door
Cedar	Year 2	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.10pm via hall door
Willow	Year 3	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.10pm via side gate. Parents to meet children in area outside main entrance by the gate.
Cherry	Year 4	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.10pm via side gate. Parents to meet children in area outside main entrance by the gate.
Maple	Year 5	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.10pm via side gate. (If you wish your child to walk home by themselves you will need to completea form by the end of week 1).
Redwood	Year 6	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.10pm via side gate. (If you wish your child to walk home by themselves you will need to completea form by the end of week 1).

Behaviour

At Trinity we have high expectations of children's behaviour. We will be reminding the children about our expectations and reinforcing and discussing our school rules in September. Our children always demonstrate exemplary behaviour; however, we would appreciate your continued support in ensuring that excellence of behaviour is maintained.

Breakfast Club and TASC

We will continue to run Breakfast Club from 7.45am and TASC from 3.15pm on Monday 6th September which is our first day back in school. TASC will revert to normal with children all together, not in 'bubbles'. The price for Breakfast Club remains the same at £3.00 per session. The price for short TASC will be £2.50 per child per day and children MUST be collected by 4.10pm. The price for long TASC will be £6 per child per day. We have decided not to reintroduce food to long TASC, so children booked into these sessions will need to bring a light snack with them. Long TASC will run until 6pm and children must be collected by that time. Please remember to book sessions via ParentPay 48 hours in advance.

After School Clubs

At present, it is our intention to begin staff-led extracurricular activities during Term 1. The clubs' letter will be sent out during the first week of September.

School Uniform

Uniform helps children to feel part of the school family. It also indicates 'it's time for school and time to learn'. Uniform sets the expectation for how we work in school. Children must wear smart school uniform each day. The

school's usual high standards of uniform are expected and this includes sensible black shoes. No jewellery, nail varnish, or wristbands are allowed. Full details of our school uniform can be found <u>here</u>. PE kits should be brought into school **on the first day** and will remain in school on children's peg or in lockers.

School Meals

The option to purchase a hot school dinner will be available to you through ParentPay. Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) will be available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as well as those children in Key Stage 2 who are entitled to receive Free School Meals (FSM).

Parents in School

We are hoping that we will be able to welcome parents back into school on a regular basis. We aim to return to our termly 'stay and share' sessions in Term 1 where we invite you to join your child to experience and participate in one of their lessons. We also hope that we will once again be able to invite you to our class assemblies and be able to run whole school and community events again.

Parents' Evenings

Due to the success of our remote parents' evenings over the past year we have decided to continue with this system. However, teachers will be offering face-to-face 'meet the teacher / settling in sessions' with parents in September.

Educational Visits and Swimming lessons

Educational visits and swimming lessons are planned for the new academic year. More information will follow in September.

School Website / Seesaw

Letters and information about school arrangements can be found on our school website. Teachers will have access to Seesaw for their new class over the holiday and may contact you towards the end of August with reminders ready for the return to school.

Supporting Children's Wellbeing

We do not underestimate how difficult the pandemic has been for us all and we all will have been touched in some way by the coronavirus pandemic. We continue to recognise the need to focus on children's emotional wellbeing as well as their return to learning. Rest assured that the necessary support will be in place for children once they return to school in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes and stay safe over the summer,

Hersons

Michelle Parsons Executive Headteacher











