



Chilton Primary School – Newsletter 1 – Friday 28th August One Childhood, One Chance

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Term 1 begins for children – Thursday 3rd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are, with the first newsletter of the new academic year! I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to starting back with us at Chilton again. I am excited to have everyone back together and look forward to seeing everybody next week.

The arrangements for our full re-opening are very much the same as I communicated in July but please find below an overview of how everything will operate under our Covid-Secure systems:

- Children will need to be in full school uniform
- They may bring a bag and water-bottle but must only bring the equipment they need for school
- KS1 children will need their PE kit to keep in school
- KS2 children must come to school in their PE kit on their PE days (starting from 7th September – Year 5 and 6 on Wednesdays and Year 3 and 4 on Thursdays)
- Classroom doors open in the morning from 8:30 and close at 8:50 for a fluid entry
- There is a one-way system on the school site – entry via the pedestrian gate by the allotment, and exit via the ‘rainbow’ gate next to Reception classrooms (this has been widened). Please observe this system in support of social distancing
- If you are dropping your children just inside the pedestrian gate, you can walk across the car park to exit via the car gate
- Only one parent is permitted to accompany children to and from school. Teachers will be at classroom doors to greet children but we ask that parents to exit swiftly to prevent crowding
- We are unable to allow parents inside the school buildings at present and ask that only one family at a time come in to the office vestibule
- School dinners will start on Thursday but we can only offer hot meals for the first two weeks (school packed lunches will resume after these two weeks)
- Collection times are staggered as follows: Reception and Year 1 @ 3:00; Year 2 and 3 @ 3:10, Year 4 and 5 @ 3:20 and Year 6 @ 3:30. Year 3 and 4 children will be collected from the field / top playground to avoid over-crowding at the back of the school site – all other year groups from classroom doors
- We ask parents to self-marshall their own social distancing and that of their children
- Children in Reception to Year 3 must be collected by an adult from the school site. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 may leave the site unaccompanied and permission forms for this will be sent shortly
- Children will be in class ‘bubbles’ whilst they are indoors during the school day with contact restricted to those bubbles. Staff will work across year group or key stage ‘super bubbles’ depending on their role
- At break-times, children will be outdoors in year group bubbles with separate sections of playground allocated to them
- A limited Breakfast Club for key workers will begin on 3rd September from 8:00 – we have contacted those families with places
- A limited After School Club will begin on 3rd September from 3:15 until 4:30 for key workers – we will be in touch on Tuesday regarding places
- At present, no other after school activities are available – we will review this as and when we are able to



If a child presents with symptoms of Covid-19 – a temperature, repetitive dry cough or loss of taste and/or smell they must not come to school and you must obtain a Covid-19 test before they return. If a child presents with these symptoms at school, we will contact you and ask you to collect your child immediately and obtain a Covid-19 test. Should a child or member of staff test positive, we would urgently seek advice from appropriate agencies but the outcome would be sending an entire bubble home and asking them to isolate for fourteen days. With this in mind, I ask you all to be extremely vigilant in regards to symptoms and your response to these. The impact of sending children home for two weeks is huge – on children and on families. I would therefore also respectfully ask our whole school community to abide by government guidelines around social distancing, contact and testing. We all have an important part to play in keeping our school community, friends and family healthy.

We will keep all systems and procedures under review and adjust them as appropriate as time goes on. Communication is therefore key to our success. Newsletters such as this one will be sent fortnightly. Year group blogs will be updated each Friday. We will post updates to our social media and messages will be sent via MCAS. Therefore, please can I ask you to ensure we have up to date contact information for you. Everything is always uploaded to our website: Newsletters under ‘News & Events’, year group information under ‘Supporting Learning’ and copies of all texts, messages and additional letters under ‘Parents’ + ‘Information sent home’. As face to face communication will be limited, we will rely on these electronic means of sending information. Email addresses are at the bottom of this letter and also on the website. Communication is a two-way process so please can I ask parents to be proactive in this.

I know you may be unsure where your new classrooms are (all year groups are in the same place as they were last year) – we will make sure that there are big signs and that teachers are there ready, smiling and waving to greet and direct you on day one!

I know the return to school may seem over-whelming. Under normal circumstances, we can all feel anxious about the start of the new academic year but this start is different for all of us. There are different routines and procedures in place and there are some new faces to get to know but the school looks very much like you left it! Our entire staff is ready to settle the children back carefully. Our curriculum has been tailored in support of a smooth transition with children’s well-being at the forefront. We are well-stocked with cleaning and hygiene materials and have regular and meticulous cleaning and hygiene routines in place across the school day. We have experience of our partial re-opening in Term 6 to guide us. I am confident of a successful re-opening and I truly am looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday 3rd September from 8:30.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns, please do get in touch.

Warmest wishes



Mrs Kate Law
Head of School

Dates for your diaries:

Thursday 3rd September – children back to school

Friday 4th September – New Reception children Teddy Bears’ picnic

Wednesday 16th September – Reception start part time

Monday 21st September – Reception stay for lunch



Tuesday 22nd September – Video and information sent for Year 6 parents regarding Secondary School applications

Thursday 24th September – Reception children start full time

Thursday 8th October – Individual School photos

Thursday 15th October – Kent Test Day for Year 6 children

Friday 23rd October – Term 1 ends

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TERM DATES - ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021:

Development Days: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September

Term 1 begins for children – Thursday 3rd September

Term 1 ends – Friday 23rd October

Half Term 24th October – 1st November

Development Day – Monday 2nd November

Term 2 begins for children - Tuesday 3rd November

Term 2 ends – Friday 18th December

Christmas Holidays – 19th December to 3rd January

Development Day – Monday 4th January 2021

Term 3 begins for children - Tuesday 5th January 2021



Term 3 ends – Friday 12th February 2021

Half Term – 13th – 21st February 2021

Term 4 begins - Monday 22nd February 2021

Term 4 ends - Thursday 1st April 2021

Easter Holidays 2nd – 18th April 2021

Term 5 begins – Monday 19th April 2021

Bank Holiday Monday - 3rd May 2021

Term 5 ends – Friday 28th May 2021

Half Term – 29th May – 6th June 2021

Development Day - Monday 7th June 2021

Term 6 begins for Children – Tuesday 8th June 2021

Term 6 ends – Wednesday 21st July 2021

