



Dear Parent / Carer

Important information regarding student attendance - from Monday 23 March 2020

Firstly, thank you for the very supportive approach that you have taken during these exceptionally challenging times. Christ the King will do all it can to remain at the heart of our community. **Whilst we are formally closed from Monday 23 March onwards**, we will continue to support your child, both academically and pastorally. More detailed information will continue to be sent to you in support of this. Please check our school website for information about work to complete at home.

Special opening from Monday 23 March for the children of key workers and those entitled to childcare

Key workers

At midnight, the government published a list of those parent / carers who are entitled to send their child to school. The link below provides specific details.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We are grateful to all of these key workers who are looking after us all. In return, my superb colleagues (heroes) are also going to 'step up to the plate' and provide provision for your child / children, risking their own health and wellbeing in the process. It is critical to note, however, that this provision should only be taken up if there are no other alternatives (see guidance). **In the best interests of your child and my colleagues, we wish to minimise any risks and the number of students attending should, therefore, only be in circumstances where it is essential.**

Should you wish to take up this provision you **must complete the key worker form** on our school app. Please note too that this provision should not be used as a 'drop-in service'. We will always be flexible and supportive but I am sure you will appreciate that we need to manage provision very carefully. If you have completed the form and do not hear from school then your child is welcome to attend our childcare provision

I need to stress that if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

Arrangements for children accessing childcare from Christ the King School

- Own Clothes
- If your child has a school meal this will be provided (as long as we can sustain this)
- Packed lunches are also acceptable
- Registration will be via the Inventory Machine outside the school office. Please come in through the main door from 8.45am
- Your child can be signed out between 3.15pm and 3.30pm
- If you have a bar of soap, toilet roll or loaf of bread please can you donate them to school as we have a 4-6 week delivery wait for certain items

Free School Meals

- If your child receives free school meals then a separate email has been sent to you
- If your child is not accessing our childcare but you would like a sandwich grab bag delivered to your home then we will endeavour to arrange this for you. We will need your response to this please
- We will also update you via e-mail regarding the voucher scheme that is to be put into place

I will be in touch with you regardless of whether your child is accessing this level of support or not. As I continue to make clear, Christ the King will be closed to the majority of children but we are in no way closed in terms of our ongoing care, support and kindness. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

Look after yourselves and we will see you all soon.

With love and very best wishes,



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