



Dear Parent / Carer

Important information regarding student attendance - from Tuesday 5th January 2020

Firstly, thank you again 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 Tuesday 5th January onwards**, we will continue to support your child, both academically and pastorally. Information that is more detailed will continue to be sent to you in support of this. By now, you should have received your home schooling timetable and links to staff Zoom accounts.

I know that you are well aware of what this closure actually means. School continues to be open for Critical Worker (Key Worker) children and children who are deemed vulnerable or in need of extra support.

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

Arrangements for children in school

- Full Uniform - extra layers in case they get cold in class
- If your child has a school meal this will be provided (as long as we can sustain this)
- Packed lunches are also acceptable
- Usual risk assessment applies with regards to pick up and drop off, the wearing of masks etc.

Free School Meals

- If your child receives free school meals then school will have contacted you
- If your child is not accessing provision in school and 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 use of vouchers

Arrangements for children being home schooled

- This is such challenge to get just right for everyone
- We have decided to just go for it and provide a very prescribed timetable for each day.
- How you approach this timetable is up to you
- You should not feel at all guilty about how you approach it or your interpretation of it
- **Do what you can, when you can and if you can**
- **PLEASE DO NOT FEEL OVERWHELMED**
- The written blurb included with the timetable gives you the extra information that you need for example which lessons will be Zoom or Loom etc.
- Your class teacher will do live lessons each day but don't worry if you cannot make them at the exact time as they will be recorded
- I appreciate that the use of devices in households where parents are working and there is more than one child is a challenge. Many headteachers, including myself, have raised this point with the Government and have been given no solution
- Should you wish to receive photocopies of any resources used then just ask and we can sort that for you
- You will receive some physical resources relevant to your child's year group eg books, pencils, play-dough etc. and these will be delivered by a member of staff by Friday of this week

I will be in touch with you regardless of whether your child is in school 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.

Great to see such huge numbers coming together for both assemblies!!

Look after yourselves and we will see you all soon.

With love and very best wishes,

Nichola Potts
Headteacher