



## *Christ Church CEP Academy Folkestone*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Much of what follows is to inform you of what to expect at Christ Church CEP Academy when the 2020/2021 school year begins.

Even before the announcement last week about all children returning to school in September, school leaders have been discussing how this may be successfully undertaken, ensuring **safety, wellbeing and standards** are catered for simultaneously. It has been agreed to utilise all possible teaching areas of the school including the school hall, IT suite, Community Building and Jubilee corridor in order to facilitate social distancing at all times - 1 metre between each pupil and 2 metres from teaching staff. Arrangements are in place to ensure each teaching space is suitable for the children.

Children will be taught in their age group, though staggered starting and departure times (similar to what is currently in operation, will continue) and outlined below. **Children must not arrive before they are permitted to enter the school site and maintain social distancing upon their arrival.** A one-way system for entering and leaving the site will remain in effect.

Class	Starting time	Departure time
Turtles	8.00 am	2.00 pm
Seahorses	8.05 am	2.05 pm
Dolphins	8.10 am	2.40 pm
Sealions	8.15 am	2.45 pm
Stingrays	8.20 am	2.50 pm
Sharks	8.25 am	2.55 pm
3CA	8.30 am	3.15 pm
3LL	8.35 am	3.20 pm
4LL	8.40 am	3.25 pm
4CC	8.45 am	3.30 pm
5K (Miss Jaworka)	8.50 am	3.35 pm
5J (MrsJury)	8.55 am	3.40 pm
6WF	9.00 am	3.45 pm
6JC	9.05 am	3.50 pm

Children will be expected to wear school uniform, clean for the start of each school day. Although attendance will be emphasised, any child who is unwell will be advised to stay home.

For the first few weeks of term one, children will attend from Monday to Thursday with Friday being used for an enhanced clean of the school site. The school day will be extended slightly for pupils, attempting to ensure that the time they are in school represents a complete week of accessing the curriculum. This schedule will then be evaluated by governors and staff.

### **FSM Summer Vouchers**

You may have heard in the news that the Government will be extending the Free School Meal Voucher scheme through the summer holidays. These have now been ordered and the vouchers will be issued to you on Friday 17th July via email (if you currently receive a paper voucher, we will contact you to either collect this or post it). You will receive a one-off £90 voucher for each child (or £180 for two). If you have more than two children, you will receive two vouchers as we cannot order more than £200 worth of vouchers at a time. Please note, this will be your last food voucher and must last for the summer. You can continuously spend on the voucher until it reaches a zero balance.

It seems I am ending these newsletters on rather a sad note as several of our staff are retiring or moving on to greener pastures as Mrs Cook did last week. I am now informing you that **Mrs Dorothy Driscoll** has recently decided to retire. We are a premier school for music due to her phenomenal leadership of this subject at Christ Church over the past eighteen years. Mrs Driscoll has given so much, for so many that it is certainly an understatement to acknowledge anything other than "we are so grateful" for her many contributions and achievements.

As you also may know, **Mr Ian Goldsmith** is also retiring at the end of the school year. It has been a great pleasure having Mr Goldsmith as a teacher and member of the senior management team at our academy for the past nine years. His enthusiasm for sports, compassion for our pupils and vast wisdom have helped transform Christ Church into a very special place indeed.

Both Mrs Driscoll and Mr Goldsmith will be sorely missed.



We finish the school year on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July for all children in PODs 1 - 14, and on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July for the children of key workers. The new school year will commence on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 under the new leadership of Mr Robin Flack.

Yours sincerely,

*J Kreiselmeier*

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Head Teacher