

Corpus Christi Primary Newsletter

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Welcome Back

It is wonderful to welcome our staff team and all our Corpus Christi children back to school. To have that joyful buzz in our building again after all these months is absolutely amazing and something we have all missed dearly!

I would like to thank all the children for the way in which they have responded to returning to school with our new way of school life. Your children are an absolute credit to you!

Of course, I need to give special mention to our new Primary 1 pupils. The start of school life was very different for our new P1s with not being able to have their parents come into the classroom with them on their first day. The children have shown great courage and confidence and took their first day of school in their stride. You are all fantastic!

I also wish to give a special welcome to our new pupils further up the school who also demonstrated such confidence as they took a huge step of starting a new school under such different circumstances. Well done and I hope you thoroughly enjoy your time here at Corpus Christi!

Last but not least, a very warm welcome again to Miss Wallace who has joined our team to teach Primary 6 this year. I am in no doubt that Miss Wallace will have a wonderful experience working in our school.

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Message

URGENT - Data Update

Along with this letter you will find your child's data form. Please review the information we have on record for your child and update as required. Please note that it is **vital this information is accurate and returned as quickly as possible.**

Please ensure you include your most up to date email address as all future newsletters will be issued via email. Where this presents a difficulty for you then please contact me to discuss an individual alternative. I am currently looking into options for a school app.

Health and Safety

Once again I wish to thank all of you who continue to follow our very important health and safety measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your children and our staff.

Reminders again include:



- 🛡️ **All adults must adhere to physical distancing at our school gates.**
- 🛡️ **Where physical distancing amongst adults is not possible then face coverings should be worn.**
- 🛡️ **Please stand clear of our gates at all times to allow children the space they need to enter and exit our school.**
- 🛡️ **Park away from the school as much as possible.**
- 🛡️ **No cars should be driven directly past our school gates (with particular attention paid to the Church gate) during times when children are entering or exiting the school grounds. I cannot stress enough the dangers of not adhering to this important safety measure.**
- 🛡️ **Once your child has entered our school grounds they are supervised by staff therefore parents are not required to wait until the school bell rings.**

Your support in these essential matters are vital in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all. As I stated

in my recent email, I will continue to monitor the situation, with staggered start and finish times being an alternative if required.



Absence/Sickness

Our school pupil absence/sickness policy remains the same for non COVID-19 related illness which is as follows (based on NHS guidance):

- 🛡️ Any child who is unwell should remain at home until they are well again.
- 🛡️ Children with sickness/diarrhoea should stay at home until they have had no symptoms for 48 hours after an episode.
- 🛡️ Runny noses are not necessarily a reason to stay at home but if your child is unwell then they should stay at home until they are well again.
- 🛡️ Skin rashes should be professionally diagnosed and a child need only stay at home if advised by a health professional.

Please inform our office staff or me directly of any absence and the reason for absence.

The following COVID-19 information is now an addition to school absence/sickness policy:

Anyone with symptoms, or who has someone in their household with symptoms should not attend school. **You must inform the school of this immediately.** If in school at the time they will be asked to return home and be tested. They should remain at home and everyone in the household should self-isolate until they receive their test results. If the test is positive, they must isolate for 10 days and those in the household for 14 days.

The most common symptoms are:

- 🛡️ **New, continuous cough**
- 🛡️ **Fever/high temperature**
- 🛡️ **Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste**



Please **do not** send your child to school if your child is unwell and, in particular, if showing any of the above symptoms of coronavirus or a member of your household is showing symptoms. Please inform us immediately of any symptoms and the result of a test, whether it is positive or negative.

Breaks and Lunches

In line with Scottish Government guidelines, our classes are organised into consistent groupings for play and lunch to ensure this can be managed effectively. We have organised these groupings based on Curriculum for Excellence levels and are very fortunate that we are in a position to do this. Our groupings are as follows:

- Early Level - Nursery and Primary 1
- First Level - Primary 2 Primary 3 and Primary 4
- Second Level - Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7





Wet Mornings

Previously when it has been a wet morning prior to 9am all the children would be invited into our school hall from 8:50am where I would supervise, as our staff do not begin their working day until 9am.

Due to the current circumstances we are not currently able to bring the whole school into our hall together. Therefore, please ensure your child arrives as close to 9am as possible to avoid lengthy periods of time standing outside in such weather. Mrs Campbell, Mr Lucas and I will supervise gates until 9:05am on wet mornings as I appreciate waiting those extra few minutes could cause a slight delay. When I receive further updates that allow me to change these plans then I will let you know.

During the school day staff are timetabled to supervise all children in their three groupings during wet plays and lunch.

Weekly Routines

I am meeting with staff early next week to discuss items such as homework and PE kit for outdoor PE. Once I have consulted staff on these areas I will provide further information, as I appreciate you will be keen to know how we intend to move forward with these aspects.



Flu Vaccine Programme

The NHS annual flu immunisation programme will be offered in November. A letter has been issued along with this newsletter and annual data checks.

The NHS school immunisation team recognise that delivering the Flu programme this year will be more challenging than ever before because of the impact of Covid-19. The Immunisation Team will ensure that children have the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine while maintaining good infection prevention control practices and physical distancing in accordance with the most up to date Covid-19 guidelines.

Please complete the information within the attached letter and return as soon as possible.

Parents as Partners



I look forward to supporting our school community again this year and wish to remind you that although I am not able to invite parents in to school at the moment I am very keen to ensure a strong partnership continues. Please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or by telephone if need be (remember it's good to have a conversation sometimes!!).

I will also discuss opportunities with Fr. Vincent over the coming weeks for continuing our very important and positive Church links to further build upon our already strong Catholic ethos. I will provide more information in due course.

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher

