

## Holy Trinity Church of England Junior School

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**Exemplary education for all, through God's amazing grace**

**Learning, Integrity, Dignity, Love, Confidence.**

**Learning together, as we journey with God in Love, we act with Integrity, treat others with Dignity and grow in Confidence.**

Dear Families,

12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021

### **Re. News after the return to a full school**

It has been good to be open as a full school this week! Thank you for your support in adjusting to the latest plans.

On Monday, the school suddenly seemed very noisy as the children talked to each other and shared news and experiences. The children have settled back in to the school environment once again and been pleased to see each other. They have also adjusted well to the new play and lunch time plans, where they eat and play in their class bubbles. This is working well, and children have been playing well, each with their own area and bag of equipment.

Drop off and pick up times seem to have been working well. As anticipated, there have been a few issues regarding pickup times with BIS, but these seem to have been getting easier and are being resolved.

Thank you to everyone for making this work. It matters that people social distance in the playground at pick up and wear a mask, as well as support by collecting children promptly and leaving the playground quickly. Please also remember that children should walk with scooters and bikes in the playground and on the path and remember to stay off the play equipment.

Staff have been welcoming the children back and helping everyone to share feelings and re-familiarise. They have also begun assessing the learning that the children undertook at home. This will continue next week. Staff will then meet the leadership team in the week beginning 22nd of March to discuss the children's learning and emotional needs across the school and we will make plans to address these needs in to the summer term.

### **Talking with your child's class teacher**

Staff will be available to meet with you on either the 29th or 30th of March, between 9 a.m. and 5p.m. These will be for 10 minute online appointments; with 20 minute allocations if your child has an EHCP. If your child has an EHCP, the office staff will contact you individually to make that appointment. Next week, other appointment times will be available for booking.

### **Art week**

As you know, we will be finishing the term with an art week, where the focus will be the themes of Easter. This will start on Wednesday 24th of March and end on the 30th of March. Term ends at 1pm on Wednesday 31st of March.

### **Red Nose Day**

Next Friday, 19th of March, is Red Nose Day. We invite everyone not to wear uniform, but to bring £1 or £2, and come to school with a joke, ready to make your class laugh! **Please don't bring red noses to school, however, in case they get mislaid etc. and we are limiting touch.** Bring a joke to tell instead!



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### **Chrome books**

A long letter will be sent to you on Wednesday next week. The letter reviews our strategy for the chrome books and addresses what we hope for the future. We plan to start to get chrome books out to all pupils after that.

### **Keeping safe online**

We teach children how to keep safe online through our curriculum and assemblies. Thank-you for agreeing to adhere to our Acceptable Use Policy and to work in partnership with us.

This week we have had reports from two families that their child has received an unsolicited sexual image on their home devices, one through Instagram and one through Roblox. If you do let your child use these apps, please be aware of this very real danger and continue to check your child's device. If your child is victim to receiving such images, or you are worried about the way someone has been communicating with your child online, you can report it to **CEOP**- Child Exploitation and Online Protection command. Their website also includes a wealth of information about keeping children safe online.

As per our Acceptable Use Policy, we strongly recommend that children at this school do not access any apps that are 13+. Our devices are filtered so give an added layer of protection.

### **Other reminders that you need for next week:**

- School uniform should be worn. Please make sure children will be warm as we continue to need to ventilate the school. (Please try to make sure uniform is named).
- Each child should have a named water bottle.
- On PE days, children should come to school in their **school PE kit**. NB **No hooded tops need to be worn, as per our health and safety policy**.
- It is helpful if each child has their own small bottle of hand sanitiser, but it is not essential.
- **Bring extra old shoes/trainers (in a plastic bag, that can be left in school) for the field.**
- Pencil cases are NOT needed.

### **Breakfast Club (7.30a.m. onwards) and After School Club (finishing at 5.30pm each day).**

Bookings **MUST** be made in advance on <https://holytrinitycofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/> . The cost per session for Breakfast Club is £3.75 before 8am and £3.25 after 8am. The cost per session for Kick London After School Club is £8.90 for up to the first hour i.e. depending on your child's finish time 3pm - 4pm, 3:05pm – 4:05pm or 3:10pm - 4:10pm. The full session charge of £13.30 will apply for any time after the first hour.

### **COVID 19**

**Remember that if your child has any of these symptoms,** you must let us know via the school office email and your child must isolate:

- Continuous cough
- High temp (over 38.7degrees)
- Loss of taste or smell

Parents may now apply for self-testing kits, LFD tests, if they would like to, via the following link.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Thank you again for your continued support of the school.

The weekly newsletter for the website will resume next week; teachers are super keen to celebrate how well their children have settled back to work!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Gruffydd  
Headteacher

P.S. Our school needs to be used as a polling station on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021, so it will be closed to children