



## Holy Trinity Church of England Junior School

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**27<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Dear Families,**

### **Re. The new term – Autumn 2021**

We hope that everyone has had a good rest in the holidays and enjoyed some good family time together. As we look to the new term, we want to provide some reminders and some new information for you. Children come back to school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. Some children will be visiting school for a short time on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and have been invited separately.

#### **Reminders:**

**Start times:** Years 3, 4 and year 6 will come in between 8.40a.m. and 8.50a.m.

Years 3 and 4 will enter at gate 3 and years 5 and 6 will enter at gate 1.

Year 5 will come in between 8.45 and 8.55a.m.

Year 3 will walk straight in at the steps outside the Year 3 classrooms; year 4 walk through the car park to the playground and in through the hall door by the kitchen.

#### **The end of the school day:**

Year 6 will leave first at 3.05p.m. by gate 1.

Years 3, 4 and 5 will leave at 3.10pm.

Years 4 and 5 will leave at gate 1;

Year 3 may leave at gate 1 or gate 3

In terms of preparation: Year 3 will be given packs of stationery. Children in years 4-6 *may* bring their own belongings and equipment will also be available in school. The basics of these can include pencils, a ruler, an eraser, a blue biro and a glue stick. (Please do not send large pencil cases, so they fit in children's trays). When staff send letters from year groups at the beginning of term about the curriculum and timetable, they will send further information about anything else required. Please prepare for full school uniform and full school PE kit – black shorts, red or white T shirt **ONLY** please; black or navy track suits; no hoodies for PE. Trainers can be any colour. (Children wear PE kit to school on their PE days). Thank you. Please ensure that water bottles are brought to school from the first day and that all belongings are named.

#### **New information**

##### **Chrome books**

We hope to re-issue chrome books for Years 4-6, by the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. All parents will need to re-read and agree to the Acceptable Use Policy and the Chrome Book agreement. We also ask that parents make the voluntary contribution of £10 per term. We will send the link for this when term begins.

For children in year 3, until they are in the building, we cannot 'admit' them, meaning entering their data on to our database. They will then be given logins etc. and this will take time. We hope to send their chrome books out by the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. If we have to delay this, we will let them know.



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## COVID safety updates

- Bubbles are no longer necessary in school, although guidance issue mid-August gives flexibility to re-introduce them if necessary. As we have explained during the last year, bubbles have worked well in several situations in schools.
- Play and lunch – Two year groups will have play or lunch at any one time. Years 3 and 4 will have their lunch time between 11.50a.m. and 12.40p.m. Year 3 will eat in the hall while year 4 play outside for the first half of their lunch time and then they will swap. Lunch for years 5 and 6 will be between 12.45p.m. and 1.35p.m. One-year group will eat in the hall while the others play outside and then swap.
- For the first two days of term and the following week, children will play in classes as they did in the summer, and we will aim to move to year groups bubbles by the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, although football and other activities will be in classes, using our knowledge of which children play best together. Whilst we hope to maintain year group bubbles, there may be times when we use class bubbles for organisation. We also know that some children also play best with very few children. We may make changes during the term in order to meet the needs of the children, based on our knowledge of each year group.
- We will maintain high levels of handwashing, sanitising, cleaning and ventilation in the school.
- If anyone has symptoms of COVID or tests positive, they need to isolate at home.
- Symptoms remain as a persistent cough, high temperature or loss or change of taste or smell.
- If anyone is a contact of someone who is positive, they should do a PCR test whether they have symptoms or not. They do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the results, if under 18 or if vaccinated and if they have no symptoms.
- Although wearing a face mask is a choice for the majority, the government recommend that in confined spaces masks are still worn. Staff will wear masks in certain situations, such as in our corridors, if less than one metre apart or in a large meeting. We want to keep our staff as healthy as possible so that they can do their jobs. Masks are not needed in the playground.

We look forward to seeing everyone next week. If anyone has particular information that we need to know before the start of term, please send that information to the office email [office@holyltrinityjuniorwallington.com](mailto:office@holyltrinityjuniorwallington.com)

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

With very best wishes and warm regards,



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Headteacher