

## Christleton Primary School

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Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### Dear Parents / Carers

I hope this letter finds you all well and your children are very much looking forward to returning / starting school next week. We also hope that all of you have had an enjoyable, relaxing and safe summer break. For those families new to the school, a very warm welcome to the Christleton Primary School community.

## When does the school reopen?



The **school reopens to children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. The staff have a training day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

## What time does my child need to be at school?

A reminder that from next week we have slightly changed the school day. Children will be expected to arrive at school between 08:40 and 08:50.

All children are expected to be in the classroom by 08:50.

8:50

\*Please note, if your child is starting school in EYFS you should follow the information provided regarding attendance in the morning or afternoon for the first couple of weeks.

## Where does my child go on their first day back?



There will be an open door approach between 08:40 and 08:50 meaning children should be dropped off at their classroom door. Here they will be greeted by the school staff on their way into the building.

The school gates will close at 08:50 so any children arriving after this time must enter the school via the main entrance.

# When should I collect my child from school?

Children will be dismissed from their classroom door from 15:20. The playground gates will be opened from 15:10.

Once children are handed over to their parents they should be taken off site as soon as possible. We request you support the school in ensuring the children are supervised and do not use the play or gym equipment at this time.











### **School Uniform**

A letter detailing the school uniform was sent out at the start of the summer break and can be found here.

# https://www.christletonprimaryschool.co.uk/serve\_file/19657515

The school uniform is important to ensure all children, regardless of background, feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also wish the children to feel that they belong and are part of the school community.

#### **PE and Forest School**

On days that children have PE lessons, children can come to school in their PE kit. Equally, when they have forest school sessions they are able to wear appropriate clothing for this rather than their school uniform.

A provisional timetable is as follows. We hope this provides a useful guide as to when your child can wear their 'alternative clothing'.

Please note that some sessions will not be starting until the second week back (see asterisk)

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
EYFS				*	ST.
Year 1			*		STEEL
Year 2	TO THE		Forest School*		
Year 3			*	*	
Year 4		TO THE	Forest School*	**************************************	
Year 5		TE HE		*	
Year 6		TO HE		**	

<sup>\*</sup>Starting week commencing 11th September 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup>alternate weeks (Class teacher will inform)









#### **School Dinners**

At Christleton Primary School we operate a cashless payment system – ParentPay. This can be accessed directly via the following link.

# https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login



Parents in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 do not have to pay for their child to enjoy a school dinner as the cost is covered by the governments universal infant free school meal scheme.

Parents of children in Years 3-6 do have to pay and this should be done in advance.

If you are struggling to cover this cost, it may be that you are eligible for free school meals. To check this please visit <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals">https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</a>

Please note, your child may be able to get free school meals in key stage 2 if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If the above applies to you, please enquire about Free-school-meals, **even if your child is in key stage 1**, as the school may receive additional funding which enables us to provide support and resources. It may also mean we can support you in other areas of your child's education.

Further information about ParentPay is available through the school website – Parents Tab – Online Payments (ParentPay).

The menu for the autumn term can be viewed via the link below.

https://www.christletonprimaryschool.co.uk/serve\_file/19656308

The costings for school meals can be found via the link below.

https://www.christletonprimaryschool.co.uk/serve\_file/19657518







### **Home-School Agreement**

In the first week we will email out the Home – School Agreement. It would be appreciated if you could read through this, share it with your child and complete the Google form to agree with its contents.

## **Holiday Dates 23-24**

Please see attached the holiday dates for this academic year. We hope that providing these dates in advance is supportive.

There is currently a council-wide consultation regarding school holiday dates for 24-25 onwards. This has occurred as a result of some trusts veering away from the Cheshire West and Chester agreed dates. We are expecting these dates to match what we have published on the website for 2024 onwards but will confirm this as soon as we have confirmation.

We hope that you have an enjoyable last few days of the holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to school next week.

Regards,



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