



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School



SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Groupings

Pupils will belong to one bubble, their phase (e.g. Year 1/2) bubble and will avoid contact with children in other bubbles in the school.

There will be no mass gatherings such as assemblies and collective worship at this time due to distancing measures. However, classes will continue to undertake their daily worship within their bubbles.

Classrooms

In the classroom, the teacher will have a 2m measured teaching space. Pupils in Y1-6 will sit side by side with their peers and facing the teacher. In Early Years, the number of pupils at each activity station will be limited to encourage distancing. Doors and windows will be kept open in all classrooms to allow for good ventilation.

Drop-off and Collection

Drop-off and collections times will be staggered to reduce congestion around the school gates. Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1-2) will use the front gate for entry and Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) will use the back entrance on Bucklers Court.

Only one parent or adult should drop the children and once they have been dropped or collected you are requested to leave the vicinity immediately and avoid gathering with other parents. Parents are still not permitted on site. If parents need to speak with the class teacher they should contact the school office by e-mailing admin@corpuschristi.portsmouth.sch.uk – or calling 02392 661818 to request a telephone appointment.



To protect our pupils and staff, late arrivals will not be permitted to the school site until there is gap between classes.

We appreciate that families may be required to drop off children in different classes at several different times. We apologise for the inconvenience; however, it is necessary in order to reduce large gatherings and limit contact between parents and children from different bubbles.

We would encourage all families to walk to school where possible. Parents of children in Year 4 and below must wait with their child until their teacher has accepted them in to school.

Class	Year Group	Drop Off	Collection
Mrs Cain	Y1/2	8.30 – 8.40 Front Gate	2.50 – 3.00 Front Gate
Mr Clark	Y1/2	8.20 – 8.30 Front Gate	2.40 – 2.50 Front Gate
Ms Martinez	Y1/2	8.40 – 8.50 Front Gate	3.00 – 3.10 Front Gate
Mrs Packer	Y3/4	8.40 – 8.50 Back Gate	3.00 – 3.10 Back Gate
Mrs Gray	Y3/4	8.20 – 8.30 Back Gate	2.40 – 2.50 Back Gate
Miss Howells	Y3/4	8.30 – 8.40 Back Gate	2.50 – 3.00 Back Gate
Mrs Comerford	Y5/6	8.50 – 9.00 Back Gate	3.10 – 3.20 Back Gate
Miss Dawson	Y5/6	9.00 – 9.10 Back Gate	3.20 – 3.30 Back Gate
Mr Kennedy	Y5/6	9.10 – 9.20 Back Gate	3.30 – 3.40 Back Gate

Attendance

From September, full time attendance is compulsory for all pupils. It is important that children return to school to minimise any further loss of learning time. Attendance will be recorded in the usual way by teachers and the School Attendance Officer will analyse this and contact parents where necessary to discuss.

Further guidance will be issued to those children who are shielding due to being extremely clinically vulnerable by their medical professional and the school will use this to risk assess each pupil.

Any absence must be reported in the usual way by telephoning the office before 10am in line with our attendance policy. Parents will be contacted by the School Attendance Officer if a child does not attend and we haven't received notification. If we are still unable to contact you, a home visit will be arranged.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Playtimes and lunchtimes will continue to be taken at staggered times across the school. To ensure that 'bubbles' of children do not mix, lunch will be eaten in classrooms. At this time, we will not be able to offer hot school meals. Instead, families will be able to order a packed lunch option.

To protect our 'bubbles' as much as possible each bubble will take their playtime at a staggered time in their own playground. Children will be encouraged to play games where distancing is possible.

Teaching and Learning

Children will be undertaking the normal curriculum for their year group. There will be an emphasis on PSHE (personal, social, health and emotional education) to ensure that the well-being of children is closely monitored and that pupils have ample opportunity to address their anxieties and share their feelings with adults and peers.

Ongoing curriculum will predominantly focus on phonics and reading, spelling and grammar and number skills with other wider curriculum subjects also included. Pupils will now be able to continue to receive their specialist teaching in the areas of music, art and Spanish.

Children will work in their exercise books and feedback on learning will be given verbally by the adults based in the 'bubble'. Each child will be given a school 'pencil case' with the stationery resources they will need. No other stationery is allowed to be brought into school. Children are responsible for taking care of these resources.

Other resources used for learning may be shared within 'bubbles' and these will be cleaned frequently or rotated to allow them to be unused and out of reach for the recommended period.

Children must still not bring unnecessary items to school. To support this we are asking for the pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to bring only their lunchbox, a water bottle (only those with a sports top – to prevent spillages) and their book bag (**no backpacks due to limited storage space**).



Children in Years 3-6 may now bring a **small** backpack; however, these should only contain lunch, water bottles (only with a sports top to prevent spillages) and their reading book. For pupils that walk to and from school on their own, they may also bring a mobile phone. These must be handed to the teacher on arrival who will store them in a cupboard. We accept no responsibility for mobile phones whilst they are in school and so should only be brought in if absolutely necessary. Other items such as sun hats or coats may be brought in according to the weather.



Hygiene



Children will continue to follow a frequent hand-washing routine. Children will be required to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds upon arrival, before and after breaks, before eating and before the end of the day (this is in addition to usual handwashing after visiting the toilet). This will be closely monitored by adults. There will also be hand sanitiser available at all entrances to the buildings for the use of children and staff.

Children will be taught about and reminded of the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!' message to promote good respiratory hygiene. Please continue to share this message at home to support us!

Pupils will be given their own stationery packs to avoid cross contamination. We will not be allowing pupils to bring non-essential items to school – this includes their own pencil cases.

Children are expected to wear normal uniform each day apart from on their allocated PE day when they must wear their PE kit to school. Full uniform is expected. Please be sure to send jumpers when the temperature is low as doors and windows will be open in all classrooms to provide good ventilation. An enhanced cleaning schedule has been put in place to ensure the environment is as clean as possible.

Social Distancing

Due to the changing picture of the pandemic, the requirements for distancing between primary pupils has been eased. Instead, the emphasis will be on keeping our bubbles separated wherever possible. For

children that are old enough, they should be encouraged to distance and avoid contact with others (including staff) where possible.

You may notice that our staff will still aim to remain 2m from other adults and children where possible and will avoid close face-to-face contact in order to protect their health. As staff have done throughout this time, staff will continue to show love and care to our pupils.

PPE

The Government is not recommending children or staff wear PPE. The only exception is when staff need to provide intimate care and are therefore unable to socially distance from children. We are following this advice and would not want children to wear face coverings whilst on school grounds.

We understand that some families will wish to wear masks on their journeys to and from school – especially where public transport is being used (for children over 11 years old). If a mask is worn:

- Children's hands must be sanitised immediately on arrival;
- It should be removed by the child/parent without touching the front of the face;
- Disposable masks must be placed in the covered bins at the entrance;
- Reusable masks must be placed within a plastic bag (supplied by parents);
- Children's hands must be sanitised again before heading to class to wash them.

NHS TRACK AND TRACE

All families are expected to engage with the nationwide Track and Trace process. Any child or adult displaying symptoms must be tested.

Tests can be booked here: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Children and staff must remain at home until a negative test result is shared or until a 7-day isolation period has taken place. Other members of that household should isolate for 14 days to ensure that they have not contracted the virus.

In the event of a positive test result, that child's 'bubble' will be closed for a 14-day isolation period for all pupils and staff working within that group.

Early Bird and Late Owl Club

This will be available on a first come-first served basis to pupils in Y1 – Y6 that have already registered with the provision. This must be booked and paid for in advance via the school office. Further information will be sent separately to all registered families.



We will be sharing our Corpus Christi Code of Conduct with pupils daily and ask that you reinforce this with them.

CORPUS CHRISTI CODE

- We respect the space of others and keep our distance.
- We avoid touching each other.
- We use thumbs up to greet each other.
- If we need help, we put our hands up and wait for our teacher patiently.
- We stay at our desks when we are in class and ask our teacher if we think we need to get up – we do not walk around the classroom.
- We wash our hands often.
- We use hand gel every time we go through a new door.
- When we use the toilet we stick to the one for our 'bubble' and wash our hands after. Only one child from the 'bubble' will be allowed to use the toilet at any time.
- We only use our own equipment and keep this organised on our desks.
- We only use the corridors and spaces that are marked out for us and follow the one way markings.