

CHILDERIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Procedures to minimise the risk of Covid-19

Information for parents of children attending school Spring 2021

Start of the school day

Children should arrive at school between 9.00 am and 9.30 am Parents are not allowed past the double blue gates. Please keep 2 metres away from other families. All adults must wear a face covering when coming onto the school site.

Breaks and Lunchtimes

Groups of children have their own dedicated play-areas. All children will eat lunch in their classroom.

End of the school day

Children should be collected from school between 2.45 pm and 3 pm. Please be punctual as children will not be allowed back in the building at the end of the school day.

Social Distancing - Children

Children will be taught in small groups with a maximum of 15 children. The children will not mix with children from other groups at any time.

All children from Years 1 - 6 will have a dedicated place in the classroom and face the front. They will only leave their seat with permission.

Children in Years 1 - 6 will keep their coat on the back of their chair and their bag under the table.

In Nursery and Reception, teachers will organise furniture and plan activities that discourage groups of children getting too close to each other. Children will have a dedicated place on the carpet.

We have a 'no touch' policy. This means that children will be expected not to touch each other or adults - in the classroom and playground. This will be age-appropriate - younger children will be encouraged and reminded, older children will be more explicitly told.

Social Distancing - Adults

Staff will keep their distance from children as much as possible. This will be achieved by:

- Teaching from the front of the class
- Standing/sitting beside or behind a child when explaining something (not directly face to face)
- Leaving a space between adults and children in the playground

However, adults will continue to support children pastorally and emotionally which may involve being close to a child. If an adult needs to be close to a child to offer reassurance or first-aid, PPE is available if the adult chooses to wear it.

Adults in school will keep distant from each other. Adults in school will not mix with adults working in different groups.

Parents are not allowed in the building unless they have an appointment.

All communication with the school must be by phone. Payments must be made by ParentPay.

Hygiene

Children and adults will use anti-bacterial gel and wash hands regularly - always before entering and leaving the classroom, before and after eating and after using the toilet.

Children and adults will follow the guidance about coughing and sneezing safely into a tissue or elbow and put tissues into the bin immediately and wash hands. They will try not to touch their faces.

Children in Years 1 - 6 have their own place within the classroom and their own equipment such as pencils, pens, books etc.

In Nursery and Reception staff will minimise the amount of equipment being touched by covering the resources that are not needed.

When children return reading books from home they will not be given to other children for 72 hours or they will be wiped with an anti-bacterial solution.

Children should bring as little as possible to school from home.

Surfaces in the classroom will be cleaned regularly during the school day by classroom staff.

We have a cleaner/premises staff on-site all day. A cleaner will clean communal areas, toilets, door handles and other touch-points throughout the day.

Each class will use the toilets closest to their classroom. Outside toilets and water fountains will be out of use.

Children must bring their own bottles of water. They need to wear warm clothing as we will keep the building well-ventilated and the children will spend time outdoors.

Hygiene and safety posters will be displayed around the school.