The Cathedral School



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Thursday 23rd July 2020

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents

This end of term has been full of goodbyes on different days for children who returned and then left us until September or forever.

Yesterday was our last one and so this is a final letter for a few weeks!

There is some key information for our return in September that you will wish to note because we will not be able to return to normal immediately.

Organisation

Our organisation in September is in Bubbles still and each phase; EYFS (Rec) Key Stage 1; years 1 & 2 Key Stage 2 Middle; Years 3&4 and Key Stage 2 Upper; Years 5&6 operate as four separate Bubbles with a maximum of three classes in each with their own allocated staff who do not cross phases. This means our playtimes and lunchtimes are staggered to avoid contact and our staff stay apart.

Arrival and Exit

Arrival at school and leaving school will continue to be "staggered". To help families and create flow the children will come in in their houses so it will be really important for everyone to know their house and their house colour. Entrance will only be by the Playground gates (A and B) from Waterloo Lane, but a one way system will operate to allow parents to leave after drop off around the side of the school and down the drive, or call at the office if necessary. Except for Crompton, who as the last house in at 9am will come in by one playground gate and leave by the other both in the morning and at the end of the day. This will allow the second phase of staff vehicles to enter via the front entrance and everyone to leave safely. Children's bikes can be left in the bikes racks at the side of the school.

Christy Blue	8.30 enter by play-	8.40 leave by the	3pm enter by the	3.10 leave by the
	ground gate A	front drive	playground gate A	drive
Marconi Red	8.40 enter by play-	8.50 leave by the	3.10 enter by the	3.20 leave by the
	ground gate B	front drive	playground gate B	drive
Hoffmann Green	8.50 enter by play-	9am leave by the	3.20 enter by the	3.30 leave by the
	ground gate A	front drive	playground gate A	drive
Crompton Yellow	9am enter by play-	9.10 leave by play-	3.30 enter by the	3.40 leave by the
	ground gate B	ground gates	playground gate B	playground gate A

Gates will lock at 9.10. If you miss your slot, entrance is via the Office entrance.

The staggered start provides the opportunity for the recovery curriculum in either the first extra half an hour (Christie) or final extra curriculum time (Crompton) or split between the two; Marconi and Hoffman.

PE and Uniform

In September we will announce which days each class has PE. On those days the children will come to school in their PE kits.

We return to full uniform in September with PE kit days in dispersed.

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Equipment

We will continue to minimise items going to and from school. It will be very helpful if all children in Key Stages 2; Years 3, 4,

5&6 have their own pencil cases. Our new trays are slim, we suggest a slim pencil case with contents that can include something like this;

(Ruler, Glue Stick, Pencil, Colour Pencils, Pencil Sharpener & Eraser)



Breakfast Club and After School Provision (CASP)

Breakfast Club and CASP resume in September with separation into Bubbles .Breakfast Club is in the hall divided into areas and entrance will be via the hall door.

After School Club has also been worked out into phases and uses the suite of rooms around the studio. Collection will remain from the Riverside door end.

Music lessons are planned on site with our peripatetic teachers.

Orchestra is able to resume on Tuesday mornings from 8.15 in the studio for children in Year 5 and 6 who already belong to the orchestra,

Extra- Curricular activities

In light of the challenges for the autumn term to meet the safety guidance, we are not in a position to offer or facilitate any after school extra-curricular activities, sport, music, craft or construction. We hope to resume them after October half term if this is possible at that time. Please factor this in to your plans relating to your child's school day.

Wishing everyone well over the holiday period and with hope of our return on September 3rd.

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin