

# Lincoln St Christopher's School

## July News bulletin 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

I will keep my end of term message short as I have also sent out an end of term letter this year given how unusual this academic year has been. Instead of looking back over this year, I thought I would take the opportunity to remind you of all of the exciting things that are coming up for St Christopher's.

We are well underway with discussions with the local authority and Wates construction who will be leading on our very exciting building project. The surveys on both sites have already begun and during the summer I will be meeting with the Architect team to begin a 12 week planning project to design both the new primary school on Skellingthorpe road but also the plans for our current site. Due to the pandemic there has been a slight delay to the proposed opening time of the primary school and we anticipate opening in January 2022 rather than September 2021, however this delay of a term doesn't dampen our spirits instead we see this as an opportunity to have more time to fund raise.

There are several ways in which parents and carers can support. I understand that for most it is difficult to commit to regular planning meetings. I have made a few suggestions below in order of the amount of time commitment that may be required:

- If you would like to be part of the core fund raising team, you would be asked to attend monthly meetings with myself and identified staff to plan and prepare large fund raising events that can generate large donations and contributions. During this first meeting we will discuss what regular meetings times suit people whether that be during the school day or after school. The date will be confirmed shortly.
- If you are unable to commit to meetings but would like to support through your own networks and contacts please let us know in advance so that the core fund raising team can track which organisations and businesses are being contacted to prevent duplication.
- If you would like to support our students during their funding raising activities, such as bag packing events, these times and dates will be agreed through the core fund raising team and will be shared through parent mail.
- If you would like to support fund raising events by raising the profile of the school, then we can work with you to gain support from family, friends and the local community through our social media and other documentation.

We will continue to support national events such as children in need and your support in sending a contribution for these events will all help. All money raised will be halved with half going towards the school fund raising project and the other going towards the nominated charity.

If you are interested in supporting in any of the ways above or any other methods you may have please email me at [kyna.adkins@lincolnstchristophers.com](mailto:kyna.adkins@lincolnstchristophers.com) and state how you feel you may be able to contribute.

I look forward to sharing this journey with you and creating an outstanding provision for our current students and future generations.

I will end by wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday.

Kyna Adkins  
Head teacher

## **KEY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

### **NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 - 2021**

Normally we would be sharing with you the academic calendar with key events however, unfortunately for the Autumn term we are unlikely to have large gatherings. This means that we won't be able to hold regular assemblies and it is unlikely that we will be in a position to be able to share events such as our yearly lower school play and winter fayre. We will find virtual ways to share with you what your son/daughter has been doing and will continue to review this and should circumstances change we will inform you of any planned events.

The following information will help parents to prepare for the start of term

**First day back for students:** *Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

**Transport:** Most students will be keeping their current transport arrangements, if there is a change or your child is new to school Marks transport will be in contact. We have been working with Marks Transport to ensure that risk assessment are in place. We recommend that children wear face masks however this is not compulsory if you feel this would have a detrimental effect on your child's journey.

**Parent drop off:** If parents are dropping off/picking up their child please ensure that you drop your child off at reception **at 9.30am** and collect from reception at **2.45pm** this will prevent congestion of buses and parent cars on the drive at the same time. (We are having to put in place additional measures to ensure that the additional buses are able to support safely the transition of students on and off of the buses in line with our updated COVID risk assessment).

**Parent parking:** We now allocate 5 parking spaces to ease the transition between car & the school building for those with the most need. If you would like to be considered for one of the spaces for September, please write or email the Head teacher [kyna.adkins@lincolnstchristophers.com](mailto:kyna.adkins@lincolnstchristophers.com). Please state the reasons for being allocated a space by **30<sup>th</sup> August 2020**. All requests will be considered, those approved will be informed in due course and given a parking pass for the allocated spaces. **If you have previously been allocated a space you will need to apply again.**

**Phased transition:** Should you wish your child to have an agreed phased return plan you will need to email the Head teacher at [kyna.adkins@lincolnstchristophers.com](mailto:kyna.adkins@lincolnstchristophers.com). This is to ensure that any absence is authorised.

**School dinners:** Need to be paid through the Parent mail app, please see the costs below. If you are unsure which area of school your child is in please see the table further on in the Newsletter.

<b>Area of school</b>	<b>Price per day</b>	<b>Price per week</b>
Lower	2.00	10.00
Middle	2.20	11.00
Upper	2.50	12.50

If you are unsure how the Parent mail process works and/or would like some guidance please contact the school and we will guide you through the process, it is a very easy and secure way to pay (like Paypal). We ask that dinner monies are paid promptly, many thanks.

**Free school meals:** Your circumstances may have changed and you may be entitled to free school meals. Parents can apply for Free School Meals through an online portal. See link below to apply:

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

You can also ring FSM on 01522 782030 and they can assist you through the process.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they can receive Universal Free School Meals, however they may also be entitled to Free School Meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. By applying for free school meals you may qualify for pupil premium, a grant paid directly to school which will help raise attainment for your child.

**Recovery curriculum:** For the first term, we will focus on three parts to the day. In the morning before break staff will be providing some specific emotional and mental health support and intervention re-establishing school routines and positive learning habits. Between break and lunch the students will be provided with academic intervention focusing on ensuring that any gaps in learning are closed and that any regression has targeted support. After lunch students will be encouraged to participate in activities that help them to socially reconnect with their peers and the adults they are with through creative and physical activities.

**Medical emergency and response to COVID:** In the event that there is a serious incident or parents need to be contacted urgently we need to have up to date contact details so that we can speak with parents/carers quickly. I urge parents to ensure that work numbers and next of kin details are also provided in the event that we are struggling to get hold of parents.

**Parent communication:** If you would like your child to have a home/school book please speak with their class teacher. This communication is only for positive feedback and general information. Every class has Tapestry and this is used to share home learning and also to allow parents to see video's and photos of their child's experience in school. We prefer to communicate by phone calls and want parents to feel that they can contact us for support.

**Parent's evenings and annual reviews:** You should be sent a parent invite to your child's annual review no later than 6 weeks prior to the event. Should you be unable to attend a meeting please let us know so that we can rearrange. To stay in line with statutory guidance if we are unable to rearrange the meeting for a second time then we are able to hold the meeting over the phone or in extreme circumstances we are able to complete the annual review in the absence of the parents. Parents evening will be held at the end of February, more details will follow.

**Safeguarding:** our child protection team are trained to support students and families who may be finding life challenging, we work with families to ensure that students are safe and well.

The team includes:

-  **Designated safeguarding lead:** Kyna Adkins (Head teacher)
-  **Deputy safeguarding lead:** Helen Reed (Assistant Head teacher)
-  **Child protection team:** Niall McCordick (Assistant Head teacher)
-  **Child protection team:** Jess Keay (Wellbeing lead)
-  **Child protection team:** Holly Strachan (Wellbeing lead)

**Class structure:** To ensure that you are able to make contact quickly with the correct person please see below the school structure including which staff to contact.

	<b>Lower school (EYFS – year 5)</b>	<b>Middle and Upper school (year 6 – 14)</b>
<b>Assistant Head teacher</b>	Helen Reed <a href="mailto:Helen.reed@lincolnstchristophers.com">Helen.reed@lincolnstchristophers.com</a>	Niall McCordick <a href="mailto:Niall.mccordick@lincolnstchristophers.com">Niall.mccordick@lincolnstchristophers.com</a>
<b>Wellbeing lead</b>	Jess Keay <a href="mailto:Jessica.Keay@lincolnstchristophers.com">Jessica.Keay@lincolnstchristophers.com</a>	Holly Strachan <a href="mailto:holly.strachan@lincolnstchristophers.com">holly.strachan@lincolnstchristophers.com</a>
<b>Classes</b>	1CP 1DM 1GT 1JN 1SM 1MM 1NC 1TM 1NW 1HC 1LA BASSE	2SN 2JE 2EC 2AC 2LW 2ER 2PCT 3SP 3AW 3AHS 3BM