



The Orchard Nursery

Updates and Reminders

OCTOBER 2020



FOR THE DIARY:

- Photographer – Proofs are being produced currently and will be back in a few weeks. There is no obligation to purchase. A price list will be included with the proofs.
- Half term: Monday 26th October –30th Oct 2020.
- 11th December - Term time only children finish for Christmas.
- Christmas Eve - This year we will close at 1pm on Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve).
- We re-open at 8am on Monday 4th January 2021

Covid-19

There is a useful symptom checker on the NHS website that will give you advice [Coronavirus Symptoms in Children](#). If you or anyone in your household has any of the Covid-19 symptoms you must not come onto the nursery site and get a test as soon as possible.

Do not get a test if you don't have a Covid-19 symptom, but persevere with 119. If you do have symptoms. To book a test visit: [Book a test](#)

Please follow the guidelines about not sending in children with symptoms, **make sure** they have Covid-19 symptoms. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **High temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **New, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

We will assess every child's symptoms on an individual basis, and will make a judgement taking into consideration other symptoms. However, if a child displays a high temperature or has a continuous cough, you will be asked to collect immediately and get a test done. You will be able to return to nursery as soon as you get a negative result and your child is well enough to attend.

Deadline for 30 hour Funding

The 30 hour funding is allocated on a termly basis.

If your child turns 3 years old this term and is eligible for the 30 hours funding, they will receive funding from 1st January 2021. The deadline to apply and receive the 30 hour extended funding code is:

31st December 2020

If you miss this deadline, extended funding will not be allocated until April 2021.

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Is your child due to start school in September 2021?

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Was your child born between 1st Sept 2016 and 31st August 2017?

You need to apply for your chosen school by either:-

Creating an account online and submitting an online admissions form
If you live in Bournemouth or Poole click on the link below to apply online.

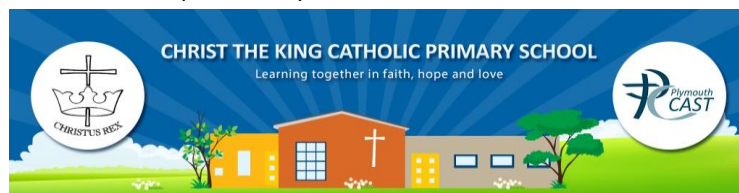
[SCHOOL APPLICATION 2021](#) Go to 'Create an Account' on the top left of the page

Closing date for applications is: **15th January 2021**

Schools will be arranging open days over the coming months. These will, no doubt, look a little different to normal this year, due to COVID19. We will inform you of any information we receive from the local schools.

Christ the King Open day

The 'Open Evening' for entry to Year R 2021 at Christ the King School will be a virtual event and further details will be available later this month. We will pass on any information we receive.



Colder Weather

Please can you make sure your child brings in a coat/waterproof jacket as the weather is turning colder and wetter.

If you would like to take your child's bag home and update items to winter clothing, please let a member of staff know. The bag should then be returned and remain at nursery as before.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Please can we ask ALL Parents/Carers/Nan's/Grandad's etc and children to use the Hand Sanitiser provided at the front gate on their way into nursery, and before pressing the doorbell or opening the gate. Children also wash their hands on entering nursery with soap and water. Thank you

