



*With Christ we **A**chieve, **B**elieve and **C**reate*

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am very pleased that we are reopening fully on Monday and I am sure that you are relieved that home schooling is hopefully at an end. We acknowledge the large amount of home learning that has taken place during this time. Teachers will be identifying where there are gaps in learning and helping the children so that learning can continue as usual. The normal class teacher will be teaching all classes.

All the systems of controls, recommended by the Government and Local Authority to minimize risk, have been put in place. Please see the risk assessment if you would like the detail: <https://st-thomas-more.oxon.sch.uk/covid-19-risk-assessments/>

Children should wear school uniform. If necessary, dress children more warmly as classrooms will be well-ventilated, making it cooler. Before and After school club will run for families for whom it is necessary; please book in the normal manner. School lunches will be available as usual; please book in the normal way. As you know, rates are falling considerably but Kidlington remains above the County average and we must remain vigilant.

Nursery children will enter and leave through the wooden nursery side gate. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT CHILDREN ARRIVE AND ARE COLLECTED PROMPTLY** so that the systems work.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6- enter through main gate at **8.45am** and leave at **3.10pm**

Yr 1 and Yr 2- enter through the main gate at **8.50am** and leave at **3.15pm**

Reception- enter through the main gate at **8.55am** and leave at **3.15pm**

**These times have slightly changed so that there is less waiting around for parents. The Leadership team will allow children in KS2 to enter from 8.40am so that parents can vacate the car park promptly, allowing for less crowding. Please leave immediately once your child has entered through the gate, and do not chat with others in the car park area. I know that we are all desperate for greater social contact but we must continue to be very careful, staying 2m away from anyone outside of your household bubble so that the route out of Lockdown can still happen. All children must stay close to their parent/ carer in the car park.**

Arrival through the front entrance is very much discouraged to keep our office staff safe. Unfortunately, there will be no opportunity to deliver forgotten items to class.

Whereas, we would normally encourage you to send your child to school if they are slightly unwell, I would now ask you to keep your child at home if they are not well. Please also get a COVID test if you think it may be Covid-19 related. Where one member of the household has been told to self-isolate due to close contact with a positive case, the remainder of the household can go about their normal business. However, if anyone in the household is showing symptoms **THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD MUST ISOLATE** until a negative test result is received, or ten days have passed.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please notify the school immediately of the reason that a child is absent.

Please e-mail the school office should you have any questions.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Tomkys  
Headteacher

Chair of The Board of Directors: Mr Paul Concannon