

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: School Closure information – COVID-19

Dear Parents/Carers,

I regret to inform you that based on a significant and rising number of staff being forced to self-isolate following the most recent government advice, we will now be closed until the end of the week.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused but we must ensure that we operate with the appropriate ratios to adhere to safeguarding and Health and Safety regulations. At this current time, we are unable to meet acceptable adult:child ratios and therefore having taken further advice from the Local Authority, we have no option but to close.

I appreciate this will have a significant impact on you and your children, however I hope you will understand that we are acting on the advice provided by health authorities, in the interests of our pupils, staff and families.

We are planning to re-open the school once we have sufficient staff available to do so and once I have further information, I will update all families. We will continue to follow government guidance whilst we are closed and will communicate as soon as we have further details about when we can re-open. This will depend on the guidance issued and whether we have appropriate adult:child ratios to operate as a school.

As you will have seen from previous communications, the children brought home learning packs today so will have these to refer to and staff will be accessible via class dojo or the school email should you have any questions.

Although we will be closed, for the safety of our entire community, I would like to remind you of the government guidelines: Any children showing symptoms (a persistent cough/new cough **and/or** high temperature 37.8 or above) are advised to self-isolate for fourteen days. In addition to this, the Government has asked that if you are in a household where any one member is experiencing these symptoms that the whole family self-isolate for fourteen days. We have all been asked to stop all non-essential contact with others at this point.

People with symptoms are no longer required to call NHS 111 but are instead urged to look for information on the [NHS website](#) and [111 online](#). We have a duty of care to the community and beyond and it is the duty of everyone to act responsibly.

The Department for Education has a helpline to answer questions about the virus related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).



For further information on COVID-19, please see the Government and NHS guidelines which are updated on a daily basis: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> and <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your continued support at this unprecedented time.

We appreciate that this closure may cause inconvenience to parents, but during these uncertain times, we must follow government advice to safeguard children, their families and staff. We will continue to update you regarding when we will next open.

Kind regards,
Steph Jenkins (Headteacher)

