

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: St Chad's reopening to all pupils in September

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this finds you all well, having had a lovely summer. Having met with the Local Authority this week and updated our risk assessment according to current government guidelines, I am delighted to be able to write to you and inform you that we will be going ahead with Plan A from my July letter <https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/September-reopening-letter2.pdf>, where all children will be able to return to school in September. Please look at the letter from July for full details but here are a few reminders below.

Tuesday 1 September	INSET DAY - school closed to all children
Wednesday 2 September	Year 3 and 4 children only, 8.55-3.20
Thursday 3 September	Year 1 and 2 children only, 9.05-3.30
Friday 4 September	Reception (Stay and Play), Year 5 and 6 children only, 8.45-3.10

PLAN A – whole school return from Monday 7th September - Staggered entry and exit times for every class.

Bubble Class	Miss Bendall Reception	Mrs Player / Mrs Ives / Miss Lester Y1	Miss Davies Y2	Mrs Dobson/ Mr Ridd Y3	Mrs Medway Y4	Mrs Harvey Y5	Miss Legg Y6
Time of entry	Please see separate letter from July (9.15am)	9.05am	9.05am	8.55am	8.55am	8.45am	8.45am
Entry/exit	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office
Times of break	10.00-10.15	10.15 – 10.30	10.15 – 10.30	10.45-11.00	10.45-11.00	10.30-10.45	10.30-10.45
Time of lunch	11.30-12.30	11.30-12.30	11.30-12.30	12.30-1.30	12.30-1.30	12.30-1.30	12.30-1.30
Afternoon break	2.10-2.20	2.20-2.30	2.20-2.30	2.40-2.50	2.40-2.50	2.30-2.40	2.30-2.40
Time of leaving	See separate letter	3.30pm	3.30pm	3.20pm	3.20pm	3.10pm	3.10pm



- There will continue to be one way systems to come into and out of school (markings are on the carpark and there will be one entry point on Cranham Drive). Unfortunately, due to the number of families we have within school, we are unable to move class entry times around to suit everyone. I fully understand that this isn't ideal but we have followed the guidance and must ensure the safety of our school community first and foremost. Once you have been able to hand all of your children over to a member of staff, please leave the school site as swiftly as possible and leave the school gates clear to make the area free for the next group of children and their parents to enter the school grounds. Where possible, to reduce the numbers and help us to ensure social distancing and safety, please could 1 family member enter the school grounds at drop off and pick up.
- Each class will be an individual bubble to allow full return of all children. The children will remain in their classroom bubbles and not combine with any other classes (other than when they are outside and can mix with one other bubble only). Adults are allowed to move between bubbles based on the guidance but the children will (where possible) be taught predominantly by their class teacher. As we don't have enough teaching assistants for each class, we have been allowed to share these vital members of staff across the classes within the key phases i.e. across Years 1 and 2.
- The government have announced that they expect children to be in school full time and that attendance is compulsory. If we can do anything to support you and your family with this, please contact your child's class teacher.
- We will expect the children to return to school in their uniforms as normal. However, on your child's PE day, we request that you send your child to school in their PE kit (as advised by the local authority) as the children shouldn't bring PE bags into school or get changed for PE in school. Class teachers will notify you of PE days for the class in the welcome letter next week.
- We will not be allowed to hold whole school gatherings/collective worship as yet. Class collective worship will take place instead.
- Children will either eat their lunches in the classroom or outside, weather permitting. A reduced menu of hot meals will be provided for children requesting a school meal. School meals will need to be ordered via Parentpay in the usual way.
- Each class will be allocated a set of toilets to be used. Each set of toilets will be used by up to two classes.
- There will be enhanced hand washing hygiene. Children will be expected to sanitise and wash their hands when they arrive at school, at the end of each lesson, before they eat and before they go home.
- In respect of illness, we would ask that you inform the school immediately if your child or any member of your household becomes ill with symptoms of Covid-19. If this is the case, please do not come to school and get tested as quickly as possible; should you require support with this, please call the school office. We will have to inform Public Health South West and follow this up when you or the children have been tested. If any member of the class become ill and tests positive for Covid-19, then the whole class will have to isolate themselves at home for up to 14 days. We would ask that you follow the normal procedures if your child becomes unwell with other illnesses or bugs such as vomiting, etc. Please ensure that the office has the most up-to-date emergency contact details in the event we need to get hold of you. This is extremely important for the safety of all members of our school community.

What will your child need to bring to school?

- The only items the children will need to bring into school are a packed lunch (if required), their inhaler (if required), their coat and two named water bottles (one for use throughout the day and one for lunch as water fountains will be out of action). If your child requires a change of clothes as part of their day, in case of any accidents, of course, you could also supply us with these that we will keep stored away until required.

Teachers will write to you next week providing more specific year group information. If you have any further questions that you would like clarifying, please contact us via text, email or phone (rather than coming to the office) and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible. The school office will be open again on 1st September.

We will remain in touch as the guidelines change and we are able to make further changes to the provision but for now, we are working incredibly hard to ensure that the safety of the St Chad's community, as always, is of absolute priority through the delivery of a thorough risk assessment.

We are very excited about welcoming you all back to St Chad's next week and wish you a happy and enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

