

## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write and say what a wonderful week it has been at St Chad's. We have loved every minute of the children being back at school. They have settled in so well and it has been great to see lots of smiles and hear laughter around the school and in the playground. Behaviour has been excellent in lessons and some super work has been produced by the children. We are really proud of what they have achieved this week.

Thank you to you all for your support encouraging the children and helping to implement our risk assessment by following the one way system, arriving at the allocated time slots and reducing the amounts of items being brought into school. We also appreciate parents checking in with us about illness to ensure the community is protected.

As a school, we always strive to provide the very best so we are constantly reflecting and reviewing things to ensure things are carried out safely and efficiently. We have amended next week's timetable so that the older children are able to eat earlier than they have done this week. Having taken advice, we have been able to ensure that this meets with our risk assessment and follows all the guidance. Reception and Key Stage 1 will have lunch between 11.30 and 12.30, while Key Stage Two will now have lunch at the amended time of 12 until 1.

In terms of mornings, the staggered start is working really well and enabling a socially distanced drop off for parents. After-school pick up has improved as the week has progressed but this is an area that we would like to continue to work on. We would like to eventually merge some drop off/pick up times so that there are fewer staggered times, meaning that children can be in school longer but at the moment, some improvements need to be made before this happens.

We would really appreciate your continued support next week to implement the following:

Please try to drop your children off as close to drop off time as possible in the morning to avoid unnecessary gatherings in the car park.

We ask that everyone continues to try hard to follow our one way system and avoids standing in the middle of the car park at drop off and pick up.

Please could you keep your children with you at all times and ensure that they are not running around the car park. Whilst we have missed everyone very much and it is great to see you, it would help us a great deal if you could drop your child off/collect your child and leave the school grounds quickly so that we can avoid blocking the one way system for other families. Equally, please try to avoid gathering outside the school gates and in the lane to Saxon Way as this makes it difficult for others to get through safely.





It is always going to be tricky with so many people trying to be in the same place at a similar time but anything you can do as a family to support us would be gratefully received.

We hope you have a restful weekend and really look forward to a successful week again next week.

Thank you again.

Take care and kind regards,

Steph Jenkins  
Headteacher

