

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs. S. Jenkins
Tel: 01454 866523
E-Mail: admin@stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk
Website: <http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/>
Twitter: @StChadsPrimSch

Cranham Drive
Patchway
South Glos
BS34 6AQ

3rd September 2020

A few more back to school updates!

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been really amazing welcoming back Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 so far this week and we are looking forward to seeing Reception, Year 5 and 6 tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone for helping us to implement our risk assessment and for social distancing at pick up and drop off. We continue to amend our practice in line with guidance and updates to ensure that we are providing the best we possibly can for you all. Thank you for texting and emailing questions to us; this is really appreciated.

To help to answer questions you may have, in the letters sections on the school website, there is a section called Covid-19; in that section you will find information from the Local Authority, guidance from the DfE for parents/carers, FAQs, our school risk assessment, previous letters etc.

Testing

Just to clarify following the letter that was sent to parents about testing – as a school, it is absolutely not our responsibility to test any of your children; this is your responsibility and we would always contact you first to notify you of the requirement of taking your child for a test. I want to urge all parents to ignore what is currently circulating on social media regarding testing, which is in some cases false and potentially misleading. In order to be tested, a child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Should your child show any symptoms, you, as their parents/carers, will be the first to know and we will look after your child until you are able to collect them. I will continue to communicate with you regularly in the coming weeks and months and will share only factual information. It is important we work together and should you have any worries or concerns, please contact me.

Siblings

Following the text earlier this week, if you have children in different year groups, please bring all of your children to the earliest drop off time to save you waiting around and collect them all at the latest pick up time. They will be taken into their correct classroom and wait for the rest of their class to arrive, and will then come out at the end of the day with their siblings. (For example, if you have a Year 4 child and a Year 6 child, arrive at 8.45am and collect at 3.20pm).





Year 5/6

If any year 5 or 6 children will be allowed to walk home at the end of the day without an adult, please notify the class teacher via class dojo or text the school office. We will require written permission before this can take place.

Bike Sheds

The bike shed will be open for your use. Please could I ask you to ensure that only one family enters the bike shed at a time for everyone's safety.

School Meals

As you are aware, there will be hot meals available to the children if you wish. The meals will be from a reduced menu and will be sent to classrooms in a disposable box with disposable cutlery. School meals must be ordered online via parent pay, even if your child usually receives a free school meal. Please contact the school office if you are having any problems with the system and they will contact our school meals provider to look into this. Apologies to those of you who have experienced technical ordering issues this week.

The school office

The school office will remain closed for 'drop in' services so please don't turn up at the hatch unannounced. The only exception is for children who arrive late (please see item below). If you need assistance with any school related issue, please call, text or email.

What to do if your child is late

So far this week, we have had super attendance, which is great – thank you. It really is essential that your child arrives on time. If your child arrives after this time, you will need to accompany them to the office. **Please note that we are only admitting one family at a time to the office foyer.** The office team will record your child's name and the reason for being late. They will then let your child into school. The office window will be closed so you may need to speak up to be heard.

We look forward to seeing Reception and Years 5/6 tomorrow and then welcoming the whole school back as of Monday 7th September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

