

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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For the attention of Year 1 Parents and Carers

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope this finds you all safe and well. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your children back on Thursday and seeing many of you as you drop them off and pick them up.

When I wrote to you before the summer holidays, we were unsure what the situation would be regarding Mrs Player and whether she would be able to return temporarily to teaching before going on maternity leave. As a result, we appointed Miss Lester to job share with Mrs Ives.

I can now confirm that for the safety of Mrs Player and her baby, she won't be able to work with children before she officially leaves on 9th October for her maternity leave. Whilst we will be encouraging the children to social distance as much as possible, we cannot guarantee this (especially with the younger children) so the guidance is that we find a different role for Mrs Player in the meantime as pregnant women have an elevated Covid-19 risk.

Mrs Player has been working with Miss Lester and Mrs Ives already to prepare for the return to school and will continue to do this up until her maternity. This will involve Mrs Player working with Miss Lester and Mrs Ives to support the reception to year 1 transition; this is an opportunity that very few schools, if any, will have at this time of year/in the middle of a pandemic - an opportunity for 3 excellent teachers to work together to provide the very best for your children. Mrs Player knows your children so will be able to provide detailed advice about their learning characteristics and abilities, and support with the planning.

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Miss Lester to St Chad's, welcoming back Mrs Ives (our KS1 lead) and wishing Mrs Player all the very best with her pregnancy.

If you have any further questions, please dojo the class teachers.

Kind regards,

Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

