

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at St Chad's! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself- Mrs Medway and inform you about the teaching and learning that will take place, as well as some of the routines for Year 4.

Year 4 Routine

The children will line up at 8.55am on the playground in front of the classroom- I will then collect them and take them round to the side door where they will enter the cloakroom. Your child will be provided with specific resources that they will need on a daily basis, of which they will have sole use. The only items your child will need to bring into school are a packed lunch (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). Morning break will be at 10.45-11.00am, Lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm, afternoon break 2.40pm-2.50pm and home time will be at 3.20pm. The children will remain in our class bubble apart from break and lunch when they will share the playground with year 3 children.

Curriculum

At the start of the term, we will be focussing on settling the children back into school routines and providing activities centred on well-being, mental health and transition. Each term, your child will be immersed in a topic which will be integrated and linked across the curriculum. The topics for autumn are 'Our own bodies', 'Changing states of matter', 'How World War 2 affected the environment' and 'Eco systems, Pollution and materials'. I would be very grateful if you could support your child's learning by encouraging them to do a small amount of research on our topic areas. We always love to see what the children have been learning at home, however, in the current climate, we would ask that you share photographs of any additional learning that your child does at home on class dojo.

School uniform and PE kit

For term 1 (week commencing 7th September), PE will be on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. A Future Stars coach will teach the children on a Monday in the first term. After the first term, (week commencing 2nd November), PE lessons will take place on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Children will be expected to wear school uniform at all times apart from PE days when they will need to come to school in their





PE kit. Your child will need a T-shirt, shorts, socks, trainers, and a tracksuit for colder weather. We will be using the field for games, so please bear in mind that the children may get muddy. A light, waterproof coat might also be handy.

Swimming

Due to Covid-19, the LA have informed us that school swimming will be paused until January 2021. I will write to you nearer the time with details of how this will work and what the children will be required to bring.

Please may we remind you that it is school policy that children wear the recommended school uniform as identified on our website (available at <http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/>). In addition, children are allowed to wear a watch and one pair of stud ear-rings, which are both to be removed during PE sessions. Please ensure that children are able to remove their own ear-rings as staff are not allowed to do this. Please note that nail varnish and jewellery, other than ear-rings, are not allowed.

Homework

To begin with, homework will involve times-table rock star tasks, spelling and reading- to avoid bringing items back and forth. As reading is a vital part of the educational experience, I suggest that your child reads at home at least four times a week. This can be both individually and reading aloud to an adult; I ask that parents sign their child's reading record when they have read. Please note that, for the time being, the reading records will stay at home. To encourage and celebrate home reading, you are invited to share via dojo, how your child is getting on (on a weekly basis). Also, in class, we will ask children to recommend and review books that they have read- to share their love of reading. At the beginning of the term, I will be re-sharing your child's times-table rock stars password so that they can access the weekly homework. I will write to you in the future when changes are made to homework expectations.

ICA

Each class has an "I Can Achieve" (ICA) folder. Please remind your child to let us know if they achieve anything outside of school so that a note can be made on their page in the folder and recognition in assembly (when they return). This could be as part of a club or in swimming lessons for example. You can send photos via dojo of these achievements.

Clubs

At the moment, following guidance, there will be no clubs for term 1; this is regularly being reviewed and may change. Please look out for future letters.





I am looking forward to meeting and working with as many of you as possible over the next year. There are many activities that you could help with, all of which benefit the children tremendously: listening to children read, helping learn and test spellings and times table practise. Currently, we are unable to have parent helpers but I will update you on this as and when things change.

Please remember that it is important to keep the office up to date with any changes in your child's medical needs or emergency contact details.

If you have any questions, please contact me via dojo. I am looking forward to getting to know and teaching your child.

Thank you,

Mrs Medway



