

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Remote learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support of the school and helping us to follow our Covid-19 risk assessment to ensure the safety of our school community. Whilst we are yet to have a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school and we continue to do everything to try and avoid this, I want to ensure that we are fully prepared in the event that a class bubble has to close due to a positive Covid-19 test and children are required to isolate, or in the event of a local/national lockdown. As you will know, we have been working on our remote learning provision with other local schools to ensure that learning can continue at home if required. The children will come home with an exercise book today for you to keep at home for the children to complete work in if required (this isn't for the usual weekly homework). Of course, we all hope that this won't be required but it is important to be prepared just in case.

Closure of a class bubble due to a positive test

We will, of course, take advice from Public Health and South Gloucestershire Local Authority in the event that this happens and will notify you should your child be required to isolate. If a whole class has to self-isolate then learning will be set via Google Classroom; you will have been sent login information via Class Dojo this week so please make sure you have this. Access details provided by South Glos IT will be sent out with this letter to help you get onto the Google Classroom platform. If you require paper based activities as you don't have access to technology, please notify the school office as soon as possible so that we are aware and can get packs of learning out to you if we find ourselves in this situation. There will be daily recorded lessons provided online via Google Classroom as long as the class teacher isn't the one who has Covid symptoms. If this is the case, work will be set and uploaded by other staff within the phase via a weekly timetable, links and activities. As other staff will be responsible for their own class, recorded lessons won't be provided if the class teacher is ill. All children will receive, at least, one weekly call to support them with their learning and additional links to the Church services and collective worship will also be provided. The children will be able to ask questions about their work and post photos/files of completed tasks for the teacher/teaching assistant to comment on via Google Classroom. Staff will be available from 9-3.30 to provide support.

Self-isolating due to symptoms

If your child is unable to attend school due to having symptoms or due to other family members having symptoms, then we will provide home learning for the length of any self-isolation. Please contact the school office and request a pack (this will be sent via Class Dojo).





These packs of work will have been specifically created for you at this time linked to the termly foci when you are not able to be in school. The pack will contain some mathematics activities, writing and topic work to be completed as best the child can. There is no expectation that this will all be completed in the time they are away from school, however we ask that they do their best. Depending on the severity of symptoms then please do not worry if the work is not completed. It is best to allow your child to recover from the virus and focus on being well again. If your child is self-isolating due to a sibling or yourself having symptoms, then your child should be well enough to complete the work. We will also include additional work in case you and your child are keen and eager to do more. Please follow the direction of the class teacher via Class Dojo. If you need to contact the class teacher please do so also via Class Dojo.

National Lockdown

In the event of another national lockdown, the expectations for the bubble closure will be implemented with online learning via Google Classroom on a daily basis. However, if your child's teacher is working in school on a rota looking after and teaching the children of key workers then recorded lessons will be limited on those days.

Whatever happens we will be providing the children with continuous learning in any event. It is so important that we help them to maintain their learning behaviours and enthusiasm.

Work will not be provided for those pupils who are absent due to general illness.

Here's hoping everyone stays safe and well.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

