

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Closure of Reception bubble until Monday 16th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

In discussion with the Education Department of the Council and Public Health South Gloucestershire, we have had to take the decision to close the Reception class until Monday 16th November. The decision has been taken due to the current implications on our school staffing levels due to the number of key personnel self-isolating for Covid. We have staff self-isolating for school related Covid cases and non-school related Covid confirmed cases that have an impact on the operational running of the school. We have had to put health and safety first and had detailed conversations with the Council before coming to this decision.

Our Reception teacher will provide a remote learning offer via Google Classroom using the details already provided. This will hopefully be for one week only and we aim to welcome the children back into school on Monday 16th November.

Please note that we are not asking your child to isolate unless they develop symptoms. In the event that they do, please notify the school as soon as possible, isolate as a family and get them tested.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
 - a high temperature
 - a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) website at





<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirussymptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/>

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and look forward to welcoming your children back to school soon.

Yours sincerely,

Steph Jenkins and Becky Moyce
Headteacher Chair of Governors

