

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Attendance during lockdown for Keyworker and Vulnerable children

Dear Parents/Carers of children currently attending school during lockdown,

Thank you for submitting your responses to the form sent out on Tuesday morning and for helping to follow our risk assessment at drop off and pick up yesterday and today.

The DfE guidance does state that school places are available if there is at least one key worker in the household, however, our numbers are high, which is a concern, as this new strain of the virus is very contagious.

Therefore, we would ask that where there are two adults within the household and one is working from home, you keep your child/children at home wherever possible. This is in line with the Local Authority's preference. This will reduce the number of pupils in attendance, therefore minimising the risk of any virus transmission. Also, if numbers become too high, it becomes very difficult to continue to meet the Public Health requirements and therefore remain safe to stay open.

We respectfully request that where possible children stay at home in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Please let us know if, on reflection, you wish to keep your child/children at home during this lockdown or wish to reduce the number of days. Thank you.

As an addition to our risk assessment this term, we request your permission to take your child's temperature (a key symptom of Covid-19) when your child is feeling unwell and/or displaying symptoms of being unwell when at school. We will use a non-contact forehead thermometer to do this and would contact you if the temperature is a concern. If you are unable to consent to this, we would need to contact you to come and check your child's temperature if required. Obviously, if your child becomes too unwell to be in school (regardless of whether they are Covid related symptoms or not), we would contact you to come and collect them.





Please could we ask you to let us know either way if you give permission for temperatures to be taken; please do this via parentpay.

Finally, this has been a week of more change for everyone and we have required the support and patience of the community more than ever while we put things into place to bring keyworker/vulnerable children back yesterday. Thank you so much to you all for your patience and understanding, whilst you were also trying to juggle the incredibly important roles you carry out to keep our communities functioning. It really is very much appreciated. Thank you for everything you do and please know that we are here to support you if you need anything.

Kind regards,

Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

