

## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Return to school for ALL pupils – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

A huge thank you for all of the remote learning support you have provided your child/ren with throughout this current lockdown. With the recent government announcement on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, we are thrilled to be able to welcome all of the children back into school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. Within the following letter, I am writing to convey the full details of how the school will re-open, which is very similar to our learning offer before Christmas.

As you can see from the table below, the staggered entry and exit times for every class will be continuing from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Bubble Class	Miss Bendall <b>Reception</b>	Mrs Ives / Miss Lester <b>Y1</b>	Miss Davies <b>Y2</b>	Mrs Dobson/ Mr Ridd <b>Y3</b>	Mrs Medway <b>Y4</b>	Mrs Harvey <b>Y5</b>	Miss Legg <b>Y6</b>
<b>Time of entry</b>	9am	9am	9am	8.55am	8.55am	8.45am	8.45am
<b>Entry</b>	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the office
<b>Exit</b>	Green gate by Reception class	Green gate by the office	Green gate by Yr 2 classroom	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the Reception class	Green gate by the office	Green gate by the Reception Class
<b>Times of break</b>	10.15-10.30	10.15 – 10.30	10.15 – 10.30	10.45-11.00	10.45-11.00	10.45-11.00	10.45-11.00
<b>Time of lunch</b>	11.30-12.30	11.30-12.30	11.30-12.30	12.00-1.00	12.00-1.00	12.00-1.00	12.00-1.00
<b>Afternoon break</b>	2.20-2.30	2.20-2.30	2.20-2.30	2 -2.10	2 -2.10	2 -2.10	2 - 2.10
<b>Time of leaving</b>	3:25pm	3.30pm	3.30pm	3.20pm	3.20pm	3.10pm	3.10pm



Healthy School



### **School One Way System**

As was the case before this current lockdown, a one way system will continue to be in place on arrival and exit from the school. Once you have handed your child/ren over to a member of staff at the green gate, please follow the arrow markings around the one way system to leave the school site as swiftly as possible. Due to the fact that year groups have staggered entry and exit times, on your departure from the school site, please leave the school gates clear for the next group of children and their parents to enter the school grounds. Where possible, to reduce the numbers and help us to ensure social distancing and safety, please could 1 family member enter the school grounds at drop off and pick up.

Whilst it is not compulsory for parents to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting their child/ren, we would appreciate it if this could continue to further support the safety and wellbeing of our whole school community.

### **Compulsory Attendance**

The government have announced that they expect children to be in school full time and that attendance is compulsory. If we can do anything to support you and your family with this, please contact your child's class teacher.

Please note that if you arrive late for school and the gates are closed, please report to the school office; please do not wait by the gate or leave your child unattended if you arrive and the gates are closed as it is unlikely someone will be there to open them for you. To enable us to follow our risk assessment, we ask that children arrive promptly for school so that this situation is avoided wherever possible.

As was the situation before Christmas, siblings may arrive at the same time – please opt for the earliest slot appropriate to your family. For example, if you have a Y6 child attending at 8.45am, your Y1 and Y3 child can also come into school at this time. Siblings may also be collected from school at the same time (please opt for the latest slot appropriate to your family).

### **Class Bubbles and School Uniform**

As was the same previously, each class will be an individual bubble. The children will remain in their classroom bubbles and will not combine with any other classes (other than when they are outside and can mix with one other bubble only to form a phase bubble). Adults are allowed to move between bubbles based on the guidance but the children will (where possible) be taught predominantly by their class teacher. As we don't have enough teaching assistants for each class, we have been allowed to share these vital members of staff across the classes within the key phases i.e. across Years 1 and 2.

We will expect children to return to school in their school uniforms. However, on your child's PE day, we request that you send your child to school in their PE kit (as advised by the local authority) as the children shouldn't bring PE bags into school or get changed for PE in school.

### **School Lunches**

Children will continue to eat their lunches in their Class bubbles, except for Reception who will eat their lunch in the school hall. If you require a school lunch for your child, please continue to order these through Parent Pay.

### **Hand Washing**

Continuing on from before Lockdown, there will be enhanced hand washing hygiene throughout the school for the children. Children will be expected to sanitise and wash their hands when they arrive at school, at the end of each lesson, before they eat and before they go home.



### **What if my child develops symptoms?**

In respect of illness, we would ask that you inform the school immediately if your child or any member of your household becomes ill with symptoms of Covid-19. If this is the case, please do not come to school and get tested as quickly as possible; should you require support with this, please call the school office. We will have to inform Public Health South West and follow this up when you or the children have been tested. If any member of the class become ill and tests positive for Covid-19, then the whole class will have to isolate themselves at home for up to 10 days. We would ask that you follow the normal procedures if your child becomes unwell with other illnesses or bugs such as vomiting, etc. Please ensure that the office has the most up-to-date emergency contact details in the event we need to get hold of you. This is extremely important for the safety of all members of our school community.

### **What does my child need to bring to school?**

The only items the children will need to bring into school are a packed lunch (if required), their inhaler (if required), their coat and a named water bottle. If your child requires a change of clothes as part of their day, in case of any accidents, of course, you could also supply us with these and we will keep them stored away until required.

We are extremely excited about being able to welcome every child back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Please see our risk assessment on our website for further details.

<https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/St-Chads-Covid-19-Risk-Assessment-March-2021.pdf>

In the meantime, if anyone does have any questions regarding the re-opening of the school, please get in touch.

See you next week.

Kind regards,

Steph Jenkins  
Headteacher

