

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Next year's teachers, classrooms and starting information for September

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

There are several changes to our teaching staff from September so I wanted to write to you to provide you with details of next year's teachers and classrooms prior to our Move Up sessions this year.

Usually we have one 'Move Up' session but this year, we feel that an additional one would be beneficial given the year that we have had, the changes that will happen and limited opportunities that the children have had to work with other staff throughout the academic year.

Our 'Move Up' sessions are planned for Friday 2nd July and Tuesday 6th July. Due to our risk assessment and local authority guidance, we are unable to mix bubbles so the children will remain in their current classrooms and be shown photos of their new room for September/be walked around the outside of the school building to show them new entrances/exits and cloakrooms. Where possible, 'Move Up' sessions will be outside but in the event of wet weather, their new teacher/s will teach the children in the children's current classroom.

It is hoped that the 'Move Up' sessions will help to calm inevitable nerves of 'new' things to come and help your child get to know their teacher/s a little.

We have set aside time for all teachers to have detailed handovers of classes.

Below is the list of the teachers and classrooms for the academic year 2021-22.

Year	Next year's teacher and room
EYFS/Reception	Miss Lewis (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Player (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) – the Sheds. Please see a separate letter regarding transition for new to Reception children.
Y1	Miss Lester - In the current year 1 classroom.
Y2	Miss Davies - In the current year 2 classroom.
Y3	Mrs Pitt - In the current Y3 classroom.
Y4	Mrs Dobson (Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday and Mrs Harvey (Every other Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) – In the current Y4 room. Mrs Harvey is also our SENCO so will be in school all week.
Y5	Miss Topley – In the current Y5 room.
Y6	Miss Legg – In the current Y6 room. Miss Legg is our Key Stage Two Leader.

Mr Ridd, our Deputy, will be non-class based next academic year.



Staff leavers and joiners

Mrs Ives (our Key Stage One leader) and Mrs Medway (our Lower Key Stage Two Leader) will be going on maternity leave shortly after term 1 begins so they will not start the academic year with a class. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Ives and Mr and Mrs Medway on their wonderful news and wish them much happiness preparing for their new arrival.

Miss Bendall has some exciting plans to travel and work abroad next academic year so we are saying a sad farewell to her but wish her all the very best and thank her for all of her incredible work and dedication.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Topley (Year 5 teacher), Mrs Pitt (Year 3 teacher) and Miss Lewis (Reception teacher) to St Chad's next academic year. In addition to being super teachers, Miss Topley comes with a Maths specialism, Mrs Pitt has previously delivered sports coaching at St Chad's and brings expertise in this area and Miss Lewis is an Early Years specialist. We look forward to welcoming them in September but they have already started making contact to come in before the end of term and spend time with the children.

Things to know for the first day back

We still await guidance on whether we can return in September with no additional precautions in place regarding Covid but at this current time, we are planning to return with no staggered starts or finishes; we will obviously notify you much nearer the time if this has to change but for now, school will begin at 9am and finish at 3.30pm (3.25pm for Reception).

We will start back on Monday 6th September 2021, 9am.

The INSET days for 2021-22 are the following:

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Friday 27th May 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022

<https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Dates-for-the-academic-year-21.pdf>

What would usually happen and we hope will happen this year!

Items

Please make sure your child has all of the items they might need, such as PE kits, water bottles, etc. for the first day as they won't know their timetables at this point and may need them.

Dinners

Please remember that if your child is moving from year 2 into year 3, they will no longer be eligible for the Universal Free School Meals and you will need to buy any hot meals that you wish to have. Please see our website for more details on how to do this.

Pick up and drop off

School staff are on duty from 8.50 with the start of school being at 9.00. Any child on site before this point will not be supervised and children are therefore not allowed on the school premises (unless



they are requested to be on site by a member of staff, for example as a morning helper). At 8.50, once a child has said goodbye to their parents, they will go to the playground where they will have a 10 minute playtime, monitored by school staff on duty. At 9.00 the bell is rung, all teachers are ready on the playground in their class' 'line up spot' (children will be shown this in the Move Up session and will be supported to remember this in the first few days). Once lined up and ready to start, they will be brought in by their teachers.

Reception will be based in the 'Sheds' (Elliott building). Reception children are met at the front green gate by their teacher at the start of the day and at the end of the day will be dismissed to parents / carers from the green gate (closest to the 'Sheds' Elliott building).

By the end of the Reception year, most children come through the green gates on their own, say hello to their teacher and then make their way to the playground.

For **year one** children, as our current reception will soon become, they will be expected to do this: say goodbye at the green gate and make their way to the playground in the morning. We are aware that this is something that will need home input as well as school to ensure they are ready to do this; we hope you will discuss this with your child in terms of them being more grown up and how proud we all are to see them achieve this. Please see below to see how this process develops as they move through school. For the first couple of weeks the year one class teacher will stand on the green gate and greet the children. By the time the new reception children are in full time (27th September), the year one children are more than able to make their own way to the playground where staff are present, and the class teacher will stop meeting them at the gate, instead meeting them on the playground to bring them in. At the end of the day, year one children will be similarly dismissed one at a time to their parents from their classroom's external door.

Year two children come through the green gates in the morning and make their own way to the playground (usually after saying hello to staff on the gates!) and are greeted on the playground by the staff on duty as explained above. At the end of the day, they will be dismissed from their classroom one at a time to their parent or carer.

Year three children are now in the juniors and of course, we further support their independent development. At the start of the day, the process is the same as in year two. At the end of the day, the pupils will be dismissed through the main green gates where you say goodbye in the morning. At the start of the year, the class teachers will come out with the class and be there to support the children as they acclimatise into finding their own adult. Work will be done in class to explain the process to the children, how to find their adult, what to do if they are worried or if they cannot find their parent and so on. Of course, the class teacher will be watching, but there is an increased onus on the pupil to responsibly find their pick up person. This leads them to the following years as described below.

Year four to six similarly leave their adults at the green gates in the mornings as described above. In the afternoon, Year four to six pupils are dismissed from their classrooms and will make their own way to their pick up adults / or walk home.

In September, each class teacher will send out a letter detailing the topics being covered that term along with more specific information about timings for activities such as PE slots and swimming if that is applicable to your child.

If you have any further questions, please dojo your child's current class teacher.





We hope that the plan detailed above will be implemented from September but if we are expected to implement staggered starts and finishes as we do now, we will write to you nearer the start of term to let you know. If this is the case, we will operate a similar system to the one we have now.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

All of the staff at St Chad's Primary School.

