

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Next Week

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you are all keeping well. It has been lovely to welcome back Reception and Year 4 after their period of isolation. I cannot thank you all enough for the support that you have given the school since the beginning of the pandemic. Thank you for helping us to follow our risk assessment and for working with us if your child has developed symptoms to ensure the safety of the community. I know that home schooling is not a favoured option for many of you but we appreciate the efforts that you have all gone to when that has been required.

Having attended a meeting with the South Glos Education Department and Public Health yesterday, I am writing to confirm our plans (as per previous communications) for next week.

Positive case rates for Covid-19 remain really high (as high as when we went into lockdown in January) and the advice is that all schools keep exactly what they've had in place for the remainder of the term to help reduce the risk of a 10 day isolation period for us all at the beginning of the summer holiday. As a result, we will be sticking with staggered starts/finishes, thorough hand hygiene processes, bubbles in school, face coverings and social distancing and ask for your support to help us maintain this on Monday and Tuesday next week when you visit school for pick ups and drop offs.

Please continue to be vigilant with symptoms of Covid-19; if your child has any symptoms, please keep your child off school and get them a PCR test to be sure.

As you will be aware, from 16th August, people who have been fully vaccinated for at least 14 days will not have to self-isolate if they come into contact with a positive Covid-19 case. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test. If that test is positive then they must isolate. The same will apply for all under-18s, meaning entire school classes will no longer have to isolate if one pupil tests positive. Anyone who tests positive will still have to quarantine for 10 days, regardless of their vaccination status.

However, up until 16th August, we are still required to isolate so these additional precautions next week will hopefully help to reduce the chance of whole class bubbles isolating into the summer break. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Kind regards,
Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

