

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Return to school September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this finds you all well, having had a lovely summer.

Having met with the Local Authority and updated our risk assessment according to current government guidelines and Local Authority advice, we are looking forward to welcoming your children back on **Monday 6th September** with no staggered starts or finishes. This means that all children (apart from Reception to begin with) will **start school at 9am and finish at 3.30pm**.




As you will be aware from the Outbreak Management Plan sent out <https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/St-Chads-Covid-Contingency-Management-Plan-Summary-Sept-2021.pdf>, these timings are subject to us being able to keep positive cases low. However, changes to the 9-3.30 school day will only be implemented following an Incident Management Team meeting held between the school and South Glos Public Health to agree further measures that need to be put in place. The key principles of our plan are to maximise the number of children in face-to-face education and minimise any disruption in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk. Attendance restrictions will be considered as a last resort.

Our risk assessment is also on our website, which highlights the requirement for good hand hygiene, ensuring good ventilation and ensuring children/staff stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms (and book a PCR test). There will be enhanced hand washing hygiene. Children will be expected to sanitise/wash their hands when they arrive at school, at the end of each lesson, before they eat and before they go home. Our risk assessment is regularly reviewed taking into account government guidance and LA updates.

The table below will hopefully help explain when children should stay at home but if you are unsure, please call, dojo or email and talk it through with us. Please inform us if any member of your household tests positive to help us with our monitoring. 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 and that you notify us if your child will be absent from school in line with safeguarding procedures. This is extremely important for the safety of all members of our school community.





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| <p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid white; padding: 5px; width: 100px; margin: 10px auto;">  </div> | <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  NO </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. • From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid. • Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative. |
| <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  YES </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow test. • If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. • If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test. | |

Please look at the letter from term 6 <https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/New-teachers-and-classes-for-September-2021.pdf> for further details about the return but here are a few reminders below.

- School begins at 9am but children can come onto the playground from 8.50am where someone will supervise them until school begins at 9am. Children will all come in via the green gates near the office. School finishes at 3.30pm. Reception children will be dismissed from the gate nearest the Elliott building, Key Stage 1 children need to be collected from the black gates near the kitchen and Key Stage 2 will leave through the main green gates near the office.
- 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.
- We are looking forward to no bubbles, assemblies in the hall, shared break and lunchtimes, opportunities to learn with other year groups and of course, much, much more!
- We will expect the children to return to school in their uniforms as normal. However, on your child's PE day, we request that you send your child to school in their PE kit (a white t-shirt or plain t-shirt representing your child's house colour and black shorts or jogging bottoms) with trainers. Class teachers will notify you of PE days for the class in the welcome letter on Monday if you haven't received notification already.
- We ask that, where possible, parents/carers continue to contact school via phone, email or dojo and limit visits to the school office. If you need to go to the office, please could you help us limit numbers of people to 2 in the foyer at a time.
- Water fountains will obviously still be out of action so please send your child with a labelled water bottle that can be refilled through the day. 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 that we will keep stored away until required.

Teachers will write to you next week providing more specific year group information. If you have any further questions that you would like clarifying, please contact us and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible. The school office will be open again on 6th September.

We are very excited about welcoming you all back to St Chad's on Monday and wish you a happy and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

