

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 2022 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.





Usually we have one 'Move Up' session but last year, we went with two and we feel that an additional one would be beneficial again 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.


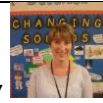




Our 'Move Up' sessions are planned for Thursday 16th June (morning) and Wednesday 6th July (morning).

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 2022/23.

Year	Next year's teacher and room
EYFS/Reception	 Miss Lewis Please see a separate letter regarding transition for new to Reception children.
Y1	 Miss Lester - In the current year 1 classroom.
Y2	 Mr Ridd (Monday and Tuesday)  and Mrs Ives (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) - In the current year 2 classroom. Mr Ridd is also our Deputy Head and Mrs Ives is our Key Stage One leader.

Y3	 Mrs Pitt - In the current Y3 classroom.
Y4	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> Mrs Dobson (Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday) Mrs Harvey (Every other Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) room. </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">   </div> </div> Mrs Harvey is also our SENCO so will be in school all week. - In the current Y4 room.
Y5	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> Mrs Medway (Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday) Mrs Oliver (Every other Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) room. </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">   </div> </div> - In the current Y5 room.
Y6	 Miss Legg - In the current Y6 room. Miss Legg is our Key Stage Two Leader.

Staff leavers and joiners

Mrs Pryce will be going on maternity leave at the end of term. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mr and Mrs Pryce much happiness preparing for their new arrival.

Mrs Ives (our Key Stage One leader) and Mrs Medway will be returning to class following their maternity leave. We look forward to having them back.

Mrs Player has decided to take a break from teaching and spend some valuable time with her daughter so we are saying a sad farewell to her but wish her all the very best and thank her for all of her hard work and the difference she has made to so many children during her time here.

We also say farewell to Miss Topley who will be relocating in the summer and teaching in London from September. We wish Miss Topley all the very best with her career and thank her for all of her hard work over the last year.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Oliver (Year 5 teacher who will job share with Mrs Medway). Mrs Oliver is an experienced teacher who has previously taught in Gloucester and Cheltenham, having been responsible for leading English, PSHE and Geography in previous roles. We look forward to welcoming her in September but she has already started making contact to come in before the end of term and spend time with the children, including on the Move up mornings.

Things to know for the first day back

We will start back on Monday 5th September 2022, 9am.

The INSET days for 2022-23 are the following:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022



Monday 31st October 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Friday 21st July 2023

For dates for next academic year, see the term 5 newsletter.

<https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Newsletter-term-5-2022.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 on the allocated day, water bottles, etc. Please ensure uniform and water bottles are labelled. PE kits need to be worn to school on the day of PE/Games. Teachers will do this information to you before September. St Chad's PE t-shirts can be purchased from Linela and Monkhouse in House Colours. A completely plain t-shirt in the house team colour may be worn if preferred.

<https://www.linelashop.co.uk/product-category/schools-embroidery-for-uniforms/st-chads-primary-school/>

<https://www.monkhouse.com/school/st-chad-s-patchway-cofe-primary-school-urn-109179>

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 via Parentpay.

You may wish to enquire if you are eligible for pupil premium, which means that your child could continue to receive school meals in Key Stage 2, plus school will receive further funding to support their academic journey. Please see the link below to apply or contact the school office for further support.

<https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/pupil-premium/>

Pick up and drop off

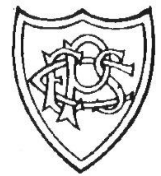
School staff are on duty from 8.50 with the start of school being at 9.00. Any child on site before this point will not be supervised and children are therefore not allowed on the school premises (unless they are requested to be on site by a member of staff, for example as a morning helper). At 8.50, 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, 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 (19th 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 do so with your child's current class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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

