

## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Children's University

Dear Parents / Carers,

With a continued focus on developing character education within school, alongside our school vision of 'Learning to Love, Loving to Learn', we are thrilled to announce that St Chad's are joining the Children's University scheme.

### What is the Children's University?

[Children's University \(CU\)](#) works in partnership with schools to develop a love of learning in children. They do this by encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities both in and out of school. The impact of these activities is proven to be positive which is why they are committed to creating a level playing field of opportunity and opening access to children of all backgrounds. Children's University operates across over 60 local authorities in Wales and England, and the Bristol & South Gloucestershire branch is led by UWE Bristol.

Children, who participate in Children's University, have the opportunity to learn in a rich range of contexts, experience unexplored places, visit universities and attend their own graduation ceremonies, embedding the language of higher education and lifelong learning in their experience.

### How does the Children's University work?

Your child will receive their Children's University passport. This is a really important document which can be used to record all the different activities that your child/ren complete both in-school and outside of school. See the table below for examples of activities which could be recorded within your child/ren's Children's University passport.



In School	Outside of School
Being a member of the school council	Visiting the library and completing different activities e.g. Summer reading challenge.
Being a member of the eco-club	Visiting a museum
Attending a lunchtime club	Attending any clubs e.g. swimming, football or gymnastics.
Attending an afterschool club	Reading four times a week
Attending a school trip	Completing TT Rockstars / Numbots
Growing a plant	Volunteering
Being a morning helper	Looking after pets at home
Completing weekly homework	Going to a zoo, aquarium, Noah's Ark etc.
Attending the Year 6 Residential Trip	Completing a Park Run or Joe Wick's Workout
Representing the school in sports competitions and music festivals	

These are all examples of activities which can go towards evidence within your child/ren's Children's University Passport. There is a vast amount more which could be included as well.

Each activity that your child/ren completes is equal to credits e.g. if your child reads four times a week, they will receive an hour's credit. If your child visits a lego club at the library, they will receive an hour's credit.

Over the year, up to the end of **May 2023**, your child will continue to accumulate credits. At the end of May 2023, we will tally up how many credits each child has received throughout the year. They will then be awarded a certificate which will be presented by a member of the Children's University team in our very own graduation ceremony at school. Within this ceremony the children will be able to dress up in graduation gowns and hats. This event will be happening in **Term 6** in the next academic year.

### What do I need to do now?

When your child is provided with their passport, start to record all the activities your child completes both in and out of school. At this moment in time, don't worry about the 'Stamp of Approval'. This section is for online codes to be submitted. **A member of the Children's University team will be coming into school in September 2022 to support the children in accessing their online portal.**

If you do take your child to a library or museum etc, you can ask at the Reception desk for a 'Children's University Code' which can be written in the 'Stamp of Approval' cell next to the activity within the passport.



## Holiday Activities

Please look out for any activity posters which will be displayed on the school website. These activity posters will contain a range of at home and out of home activities that the children can complete. Each of these also go towards credits within your child's Children's University passport. **The holiday activities will be displayed on the school website and they will be going live by the end of today.**

Many schools ask for a voluntary donation from parents towards the cost of the passports for each child. However, the school will be funding each child's passport. Please can you ensure that your child looks after their passport, as there are no replacement passports.

If you have any questions, please send an email into school for the attention of Mr Ridd.

Thank you once again for all your continued support.

Kind Regards  
James Ridd

(Deputy Headteacher)

