

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. We are pleased to be able to share class information for September.





There are several changes to our teaching staff from September 2023 so we wanted to write to you to provide you with details of next year's teachers and classrooms prior to our Move Up sessions.






Our 'Move Up' sessions are planned for Monday 10th July (morning) and Thursday 13th 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 2023/24.

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	 Mrs Pryce (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Ives (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)  - In the current year 2 classroom. Mrs Ives is our Key Stage One leader.

Y3	<p>Ms. Butcher (Monday, Tuesday, every other Wednesday)  and</p> <p>Mrs Oliver (Every other Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)  – In the current Y3 room.</p>
Y4	<p>Mrs Dobson (Full-time in term 1 and then Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday from term 2)  and Mrs Pitt  (every other Wednesday, Thursday and Friday alongside Mrs Dobson from term 2 when she returns from maternity leave). In the current Y4 room.</p>
Y5	<p>Miss Powell – In the current Y5 room. Miss Powell will be joining us for Move up and spending additional time in school between now and the end of term. When we have a photo, we will update our website.</p>
Y6	<p>Miss Legg  – In the current Y6 room. Miss Legg is our current Key Stage Two Leader.</p>



Mr Ridd is our Deputy Head and will also become SENCO from September 2023.

Staff leavers and joiners

We are going to be saying a very sad farewell to Mrs Harvey (our SENCO) at the end of term. She has been with us for 15 years and is recognised by many in the profession for the superb SEN work that she carries out, which in turn has ensured that our children have received great provision here at St Chad's. Mrs Harvey is moving to a role closer to home with BANES local authority that will still mean that she is able to support children and their families but from a local authority point of view. We wish her all the very best.

We are also sorry to be saying farewell to Mrs Medway as she is moving to a school closer to her home. Since returning from maternity leave, the commute has become a challenge and much longer than previously. This move will mean that Mrs Medway can manage the juggle of work and family life more smoothly. Mrs Medway has been a dedicated member of our Senior Leadership Team at St Chad's and many of our children have benefited from her hardwork and commitment. We wish her all the very best with her new role.

After more than 25 years, Julie West has decided to step down as Lunchbreak Supervisor. A huge thank you to Julie for everything she has done and the amazing support she has given the children during the lunch hour. More than 25 years! Wow! Luckily for us, Julie is continuing in her TA and Admin roles, which we are delighted about.



We are delighted to welcome Miss Powell to St Chad's and she is incredibly happy to join our wonderful school community. Miss Powell will be teaching Year 5. 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 4th September 2023, 9am.

The INSET days for 2023-24 are the following:

Friday 1st September 2023
Friday 20th October 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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

<https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Newsletter-term-5-2023.pdf>

A few of the usual reminders for September:

Items

Please make sure your child has all of the items they might need, such as PE kits on the allocated day (days to follow), 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. There is also a new navy PE hoody available to purchase from Linela's website if you would like your child to wear one of these. 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.

Integra catering will be ceasing trading so AiP will be our new caterers. We are delighted that Michelle and Debbie will be remaining with us as our kitchen staff. Communication from AiP will come out in due course regarding menus etc.

You may wish to enquire if you are eligible for pupil premium, which means that your child could continue to receive free 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 straight into class.

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 class.

For **year one** children, as our current reception will soon become, they will be expected to say goodbye at the green gate and make their way to class.

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 (18th September), the year one children are more than able to make their own way to class where staff are present, and the class teacher will stop meeting them at the gate, instead meeting them in class. 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 classroom. At the end of the day, they will be dismissed from their classroom external door 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. Please let us know via dojo if your child will be walking home on their own.

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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

