

St. Chad's RCVA Primary School

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September 2020 – information for Parents / Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your patience while we develop our reopening plans for September. We have completed another thorough risk assessment to ensure that we are all as safe as we can be. Please follow the points below to ensure that our risk assessment remains valid.

-  To ensure that we can maintain a level of social distancing we are asking you to drop off children at the gates and allow them to access the yards independently, please then leave the area outside of school.
-  We still need to continue to have a staggered end to the school day or we risk having a 'mass gathering' of St Chad's family in the street!
-  Children will remain in their class groups, these will become their 'bubbles'.
-  It is **very important** that children arrive and are collected at their designated times. Please see the table below.

9am – 3pm	9am – 3:15pm
Class 1 and 2 – Through the front yard gate, Mrs Plowman will be at the gate and children will be met on the yard by their teacher. At 3pm please find a space in the front yard to collect your child. Please leave the school grounds as soon as you have collected your child.	Class 3 and 4 – Through the car park gates. Mrs Evans will be at the gate and children will access the rear yard where Miss Wilson will be waiting to greet them. At 3:15pm please find a space in the front yard to collect your child. Please leave the school grounds as soon as you have collected your child.

-  Children do not need a bag – this is to minimise the number of items coming in and out from home. We will provide the children with a plastic folder to enable them to carry homework, reading books etc to and from school.
-  Children may bring in a water bottle – these need to go home every evening to be cleaned and returned the next day.
-  Children need to be in full school uniform. **On their PE days children may arrive in joggers, their white polo shirt and school jumper and trainers.** PE lessons will take place outside.
-  We are asking all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to have a school meal, these are free of charge for children in these year groups and will reduce the risk of cross contamination. Key stage 2 children may bring packed lunches, these need to be in disposable packaging to ensure

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that everything can be thrown away. Please note that the school kitchen will be offering hot meals from September.



Children need a waterproof coat and a sun hat. Please provide a labelled sun cream that can stay in school.



If anyone in your household is displaying COVID symptoms, they need to be tested and children must remain at home until the test result is returned.



If a child displays COVID symptoms at school, they will be sent home immediately to be tested and school will follow guidance from Public Health England.



Please do not pass messages through the gate staff on a morning. Please email or phone the school office.



No visitors or parents are permitted into school without an appointment.



We remain cashless. No cash is permitted in school, please use the 'school money' system.



Breakfast Club **must** be booked a week in advance to enable us to plan effectively.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. We will keep you fully updated of any further developments. I hope you all have an enjoyable 6 weeks with your wonderful children, we cannot wait to see them all in September!

With my best wishes, ongoing thanks and prayers to you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'P. Strachan'.

Mrs Strachan

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