

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,




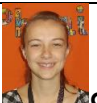


I hope you are all keeping well. We are pleased to be able to share class information for September.

Our 'Move Up' sessions are planned for Tuesday 25th June (morning) and Tuesday 2nd 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 2024/25.

Year	Next year's teacher and room
EYFS/Reception	<p>Please see a separate letter regarding transition for new to Reception children. Mrs Powell (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) </p> <p>and Mr Ridd  (Friday).</p>
Y1	<p>Mrs Ellett (previously Miss Lester)  - In the current year 1 classroom.</p>
Y2	<p>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 and also works in school on a Tuesday carrying out her leadership role.</p> <p>Mrs Pryce is expecting a baby in November; we are currently recruiting to cover her maternity leave and will let you know who will be taking over as soon as possible.</p>
Y3	<p>Miss Mason – In the current Y3 room. </p>



	Miss Mason is new to our school and is a music specialist. She will be taking over the music leadership role. Miss Mason will be joining us for the move up days so that her new class can meet her.
Y4	<p>Mrs Dobson (Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday)  and Mrs Pitt </p> <p>(every other Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). In the current Y4 room.</p>
Y5	<p>Miss Powell – In the current Y5 room. </p>
Y6	<p>Miss Legg  – In the current Y6 room. Miss Legg is our Key Stage Two Leader.</p>



Mr Ridd is our Deputy Head and SENCO.

Staff leavers and joiners

Miss Lewis and Mrs Player are both expecting babies early in the new academic year so they won't be with us in September as they embark on their maternity leave. We wish them all the very best and can't wait to hear their news.

We are going to be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Oliver (who is moving to another South Glos Primary School) and to Emma (who is excited about a new SEND Teaching Assistant role in specialist provision). We wish them both all the very best in their new roles and look forward to hearing how they are getting on. A big thank you to them both for everything they have done during their time at St Chad's to support our children and help them grow.

Mrs Butcher is also taking on a new post in a local Primary School but luckily for us, she will still be available to cover supply as she has always done at St Chad's. Thank you to Mrs Butcher for everything she does for the school. We look forward to continuing to work with her.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Powell and Miss Mason to St Chad's; they are incredibly happy to join our wonderful school community. Mrs Powell will be teaching Reception and Miss Mason will be teaching Year 3. We look forward to welcoming them in September but they have already started making contact to come in before the end of term and spend time with the children, including on the Move up mornings/Stay and Plays.

Things to know for the first day back

We will start back on Tuesday 3rd September 2024, 9am.

The INSET days for 2024-25 are the following:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025



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 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. 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).

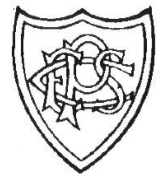
By the end of the Reception year, most children come through the green gates on their own, say hello to their teacher and then make their way to class.

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 (16th 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.

