

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Welcome back/end of week 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone and a big welcome to our new families joining us this year in Reception and in some classes across the school.

What a fantastic first week back! Thank you so much for everything you have done to prepare your children for the return to school. They have come in happy, settled and ready to learn. Children have been engaged in lessons and working hard with their new learning. It has been wonderful to have an ICA assembly today celebrating the work that has been completed this week. Behaviour has been excellent and it has been so lovely to see children looking out for each other around school. The children should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Welcome letters/packs from teachers were sent out on Monday via dojo and will give further information about what to expect this academic year in your child's class.

Nut and sesame free school

A reminder that we are a completely nut and sesame free school. Please make sure that packed lunches and any other food that is brought into school is nut free. We have noticed the majority of 'chocolate spreads' now contain nut ingredients; with this in mind we ask that you do not include chocolate spreads in packed lunches to help protect our children who have nut allergies.

Children must only bring water (no squash please) to school in their water bottles. They will have access to their water bottles throughout the day. Please make sure all bottles are clearly named. The children should take them home for cleaning at the end of each day.

Parents can purchase slices of toast through Schools Food United for the term. These need to be paid for in advance. Children may bring a piece of fruit for snack instead if they wish. They should not bring other wrapped items for break times.



Attendance

All children are expected to attend school every day (Monday to Friday 9am-3.30pm). However, children may start to come into school earlier from 8.50am when the gates open. There is a strong link between academic outcomes and good attendance and it also has a positive impact on friendships and developing good habits for life. We do not authorise holiday in term time. If your child is absent from school, please make sure that you notify the office each day that your child is absent by 9am by calling and leaving a message on the answerphone (01454 866523) or sending a message via Arbor. Please avoid messaging the class teacher with absence notifications as they will be teaching and may not pick it up.

Safeguarding

We take our commitment to safeguarding very seriously and follow guidance in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead and in my absence Mrs Ives and Miss Legg are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Our greatest priority as a school is to always ensure the safety, well-being and happiness of all our children.

South Gloucestershire Council's own Safeguarding Access and Response Team is also available to report concerns about a child: 01454 866000 Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, 4.30 on Friday and 01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends.

Uniform reminder

A reminder that the list below is a basic uniform list that the children are required to wear to school. We do not require a logo on items but if you wish to purchase these, you can do so from Linela or Monkhouse (see our website for further details).

- White or light blue shirts/polo shirts.
- Navy sweatshirts or cardigan.
- Grey or black trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore.
- Summer option – plain black/grey shorts, blue/white check or stripe summer dresses
- Plain, black sensible school shoes. We do not allow high heels or raised shoes for safety reasons.

Suitable clothing for P.E is essential and we are asking for the following to be worn: Completely plain white t-shirt or completely plain t-shirt in your child's house colour (the school logo is allowed), appropriate sports' trainers that can be used within PE lessons (ideally black), plain, black or navy sweatshirt/zip-up top, black or navy shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings.

Items, such as football shirts, are not part of our PE uniform and we kindly request that children wear the appropriate items to school for PE days.

Please note that watches that can take photos or film are also not allowed to be worn to school at any point as part of our safeguarding procedures. Stud earrings



are allowed (one plain stud per ear) but no dangly earrings, hoops, bracelets or necklaces please for safety reasons. Earrings must be removed or taped over on PE days.

Pick up and drop off

Just a quick reminder of the voluntary one way system we have in place to help with congestion (especially during pick up and drop off). When leaving Cranham Drive, please turn right onto Standish Avenue and follow the road around. It will bring you back out onto Shellmor Avenue (turning left will take you back onto Stoke Lane). We would really appreciate it if you could help follow this system to make things easier for everyone involved.

We are an active school and encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle wherever possible. If the full route is too far, please consider parking further away from school and walking part of the route. This would also help reduce congestion around school and improve safety.

Thank you again for everything you do. We look forward to working with you in partnership this academic year. Diary dates can be found in the newsletters included on the school website. <https://stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/newsletters/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

