



WHOLE SCHOOL OPENING ARRANGEMENTS - SEPTEMBER

Dear Parent / Carer,

As I am sure you are aware, the government have now released their guidance on the full reopening of schools from the beginning of the autumn term. This means that on **Thursday, 3rd September, 2020, we look forward to welcoming all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children back to St Chad's.**

Attendance

The government has announced that from September 2020, '**school attendance is mandatory**'. **This means that our normal policies and procedures around attendance will apply from the beginning of our new academic year.** Therefore, we must remind you of your responsibility to ensure you're your child attends school regularly. The school have a responsibility to record attendance for all children and follow up absence.

As we plan for the return of all children, following the guidance issued last Thursday, I wish to share some of these initial plans with you and the way school will be organised, so that you can begin your own preparations for your children returning to school.

Transition

We realise that many of our children will have been out of school for almost six months when we return. We understand that returning to school and getting back into school routines and structures may be challenging for some of our children. As shared in my previous letters, next week, we have arranged several important dates to support with this:

Monday, 20th July: Meet the Teacher sessions (current Nursery, Reception and Year 1)
Tuesday, 21st July: Stay and Play sessions (new Nursery and Reception)

During these sessions children will complete transition activities with their new class teacher and re-establish friendships: we encourage as many of our children to attend these events, were possible. It is essential that you confirm your child's attendance in advance and adhere to the session dates and timings: please refer to our transition letters and Dojo updates.

From September, school is will be organised following the guidance issues by the government and the completion of a thorough risk assessment. Further information will be shared next week outlining our safety measures in more detail, however, for now, I would like to bring your attention to the following.

Dress Code and Lunches

All children will be expected to:

- Wear their **full school uniform**;
- Come to school on their PE day wearing their full PE kit; *(further information will be shared)*
- Bring their St Chad's Book Bag to school every day;
- Bring their own named water bottle to school every day; *(further information will be shared)*

LOVE God LOVE Neighbour LOVE Self

ST. CHAD'S CofE NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL
Gordon Road, Derby DE23 6WR
Tele: 01332 345997
E-mail: admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk
Headteacher: Ms. K Leach



- Eat a school dinner or a suitable packed lunches from home: home dinners are still not permitted (*further information will be shared*).
- No other items from home are permitted on school premises e.g. toys.

Day-to-day organisation

- Children remain in their 'bubble' class groups;
- To avoid the mixing of groups, there are no large gatherings such as Collective Worship;
- Where appropriate, children sit at desks side by side and facing forwards;
- Staggered break times and lunch times are timetabled to avoid mixing with other bubbles;
- Each bubble have allocated toilet cubicles;
- There is a strong emphasis on hand and respiratory hygiene – regular hand washing, tissues available in all rooms (catch it, bin it, kill it), hand sanitisers located throughout the entire school;
- There is enhanced cleaning regime including more regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces;
- There is regular cleaning of any shared resources;
- Social distancing is encouraged with all children. Social distancing measures are in place both inside and outside of school. Children and parents are expected to adhere to social distancing when dropping off and collecting children; (*further information will be shared*)
- No visitors are permitted on site without pre-authorisation from the Senior Leadership Team.
- No one will be allowed to attend school who has symptoms of COVID-19. Children who display any symptoms will be isolated and parents will be contacted to arrange immediate pick up.

Arrangements for parents

- Entering and exiting the school has been carefully considered to minimise movement around school and crossing of bubble; (*further information will be shared*)
- There are specific drop off and pick up times for classes and where needed, siblings: parents will be asked to adhere to these times; (*further information will be shared*)
- Parents are not permitted to enter through the main school gate without pre-authorisation from the senior leadership team;
- In the majority of cases, contact between staff and parents is over the telephone or via Class Dojo;
- Only one parent/carer is able to drop/off pick up the child(ren) at the start and end of day.

I hope that at this stage, this gives you an idea of what school will look like for your child from September. I will send out further information next week clarifying drop-off and pick-up arrangements and more detail on our school organisation.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

K. Leach

Ms. K Leach Headteacher

LOVE God LOVE Neighbour LOVE Self

ST. CHAD'S CofE NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

Gordon Road, Derby DE23 6WR

Tele: 01332 345997

E-mail: admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk

Headteacher: Ms. K Leach

