

Friday 17th July 2020

## Have an amazing summer!



Today we say a very sad goodbye to our amazing Year 6 'Class of 2020'. We are so sorry that you have missed out on your final term of learning, fun and friendships in school. We are sorry that you never got the chance to shine in your SATS tests, perform your Leavers Production, cry at your graduation ceremony and then dance it all off in your prom.

The hardship you have endured over the last few months can only make you stronger, more resilient and ready to face the challenges of your new school and later on, university and the world of work. You will have learned so much about yourselves and your families during lockdown. We hope that it has brought you closer together and more prepared to face up to whatever life throws at you as you grow into kind, caring and thoughtful adults.

As we've said all along (as soon as the time is right), you will be invited back into school for a celebration of your final year and we will be together as a family once again. In the meantime, we wish you the very best of luck in your new school. We look forward to seeing you all soon and remind you that you will always be part of the Chad Vale Family. Please keep in touch with us and let us know how you are getting on. Have an amazing summer... with love from Mr Sansom and everyone at Chad Vale.

# Return to school in September 2020

## Frequently Asked Questions



### **When will school re-open properly?**

We are planning to re-open fully on 2nd September for children in Y1-6.

### **What arrangements are there for the new reception children who start in September?**

We have created a new page on this website to help with information for our new reception starters. This can be [accessed here](#). You can also visit [www.chadvale.bham.sch.uk/receptionintake2020](http://www.chadvale.bham.sch.uk/receptionintake2020)

### **What are you doing about social distancing?**

It is very unlikely that the children will be able remain 2m away from each other at all times, but it will be encouraged and modelled by the staff. Where 2m distancing cannot be maintained, it is acceptable to use 1m+ for short periods of time (e.g. at outdoor play or teachers hearing children read). If required, teachers can provide comfort and first aid and we have suitable PPE if it's needed.

The main protective measure is that your child's class will be kept away from other children in school as far as possible. This means that your child's class becomes a 'bubble' and will have their own separate play space. We will be reducing mixing of these bubbles as much as possible so assemblies and large gatherings of children will not take place.

### **The government say the children should all be facing the front in the classroom, how will this work?**

We will be setting up all the classrooms during the summer so that all desks face the front. This is to reduce the possibility of transmitting the virus through group work. As the virus continues to reduce we will move back to group tables as soon as we can.

### **My child is vulnerable due to a medical condition/we live with someone who is shielding.**

The government have advised that all children should return to school in September. Where there is a specific medical concern please get in touch with us to discuss some flexibility in order to make it safe.

### **How can I safely get my child to and from school?**

We have planned a staggered start and end of the school day to reduce the number of people on the drive/site at any one time.

### **Will the children have to wear a mask and gloves?**

No, the use of gloves and masks by the children is not recommended.

### **Is there going to be sanitisation/deep cleaning periodically of surfaces?**

Yes- we have increased the hours of our cleaning team and have ensured that we have cleaning staff on site at all times whilst the children are here to carry out spot cleaning of touch points and toilets regularly throughout the day.

### **What about hand washing/hand sanitisation for staff and children? Will there be enough hand sanitiser?**

All classrooms have cold water and soap. All toilets have hot water and soap. We have plenty of disposable towels for drying of hands. We introduced hand sanitiser stations in the main entrance and will source additional sanitiser where possible.

### **A study has shown that the BAME population is more at risk of having a severe disease. Will there be special consideration for BAME children?**

A large majority of our children and staff come into the category of 'Black and Minority Ethnic'. Our risk assessment recognises this and is designed to ensure that all children and staff can attend safely.

### **Will you re-start WACC (and after-school clubs)?**

Yes, WACC will be re-starting in September and we will aim to place these children into smaller bubbles within WACC. All school protective measures will be in place during WACC however parents of children attending will need to recognise the increase in risk due to their child being in more than one bubble.

### **Will we lose our school place there if we disagree with government advice and choose to home-school a little longer?**

Attendance at school in September is compulsory. If you wish to continue to home-school your child you will need to contact us to remove them from our school.

### **Are teachers/children going to be tested?**

The testing system is now up and running well in Birmingham- any children or teachers displaying symptoms will be asked to get tested. Our nearest drive-through test centre is at Edgbaston Cricket Ground and this has the facility to carry out thousands of tests per day.

**Is it going to be compulsory to send your child to school?**

Yes, from September 2020.

**Is it going to be 5 days a week/normal school time?**

Yes, We will no longer need to close early on Fridays.

**How confident is the school that they can implement social distancing across the school, without leaving my child exposed?**

We cannot minimise the risk completely but will follow all of the government's advice and protective measures.

**How confident is the school that they can ensure all the children wash their hands regularly and sanitise?**

Very confident. Children got into a good habit before the lockdown began and with increased numbers in school we have been impressed with how careful Chad Valers have been with hygiene and social distancing measures.

**Will the school have regular cleaning and disinfecting of desks, door handles etc?**

Yes

**What procedures will the school have in place should a child show symptoms for Covid 19?**

The child will be placed into isolation with a member of staff using PPE. They will then be sent home and tested. If the test is positive, we will seek advice from Public Health England. It is likely that their closest friends will need to be tested or if there are multiple positive tests from a class, the whole class may need to self-isolate.

**What will the dinner arrangement be?**

We are re-starting our hot meal service in September. We plan to run multiple dinner sittings with a year group at a time in the hall, with cleaning between each group.

**Will outdoor play be cancelled?**

No, outdoor play and learning will be encouraged. We plan to divide the field into smaller sections and each class will have their own space.

**How will children be kept apart at break times?**

Children will be reminded of the rules- they can only play with people from within their class.

**How will teachers comfort our children if needed?**

There is a recognition that children may need to be comforted at some point within the day. Limited amounts of PPE will be provided for the staff in order to do this (masks and gloves).

**How will teaching/learning continue?**

Teachers have carried out an analysis of the gaps in learning for the new teachers. Your child's new teacher will work hard to blend these gaps into the new learning to ensure the children do not fall behind.

**Have you had any Covid-19 cases since the lockdown?**

None confirmed in pupils or staff at school. We've had approximately 10 children tested since wider opening and all came back negative.

**Will you receive any hand sanitisers from the local authority?**

No but we have sourced our own supplies of sanitiser, soap, hand towels, wipes and PPE. We have a good stock of these ready for our return in September.

**When will other after-school clubs start?**

To minimise the number of bubbles that children are in we have decided to postpone the re-opening of other after-school clubs (e.g. French Clubs, Art clubs etc) until the guidance indicates it's safer to do so.

**What happens with in-school music, PE and Spanish lessons?**

As these are part of our curriculum we are able to re-start these with the usual 'visiting teachers'. These teachers will take additional precautions and ensure that 2m social distancing is maintained where possible.

**What happens with instrumental lessons in school?**

The music service have created risk assessments for re-starting of instrumental lessons in schools. These indicate the risk of starting these activities as low and the visiting teachers will maintain 2m social distancing. Where possible, small group instrumental teaching will maintain existing bubbles within school.

## Arrangements for dropping off in the morning from September

We have designed a system to 'stagger' the start of the day to reduce the number of people entering school at any one time. Please note your start time below. It's important that you stick to your start time so that we avoid too many people on site.

**Before school WACC children:** 7.30am-8.30am

**Children with surnames beginning with A-G:** 8.40-8.50am

**Children with surnames beginning with H-M:** 8.50-9.00am

**Children with surnames beginning with N-Z:** 9.00-9.10am

- Please come UP the path and DOWN the drive (one-way system)
- Parents should not enter the site (please say goodbye to your child on the path)
- Children in reception, Y1 and Y5 should enter at the **NEW** gate (being installed over the summer)
- Children in WACC, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6 should enter at the **OLD** gate (at the end of the path)
- Parents should continue up the path to the top and then leave site via the drive as soon as their child has been delivered
- Parents must maintain **SOCIAL DISTANCING** during drop-off

## Arrangements for collection in the afternoons from September

**After-school WACC children:** 3.45-6pm

**Children with surnames beginning with A-G:** 3.00-3.10pm

**Children with surnames beginning with H-M:** 3.10-3.20pm

**Children with surnames beginning with N-Z:** 3.20-3.30pm

- Please come **UP** the path and **DOWN** the drive (one-way system)
- Parents will need to **sanitise and wear a mask** to enter site
- Parents in reception, Y1 and Y5 should enter at the **NEW** gate and wait to collect their child from their classroom door
- Parents of Y2, Y3, Y4 should enter at the **OLD** gate and your child will be brought out to you
- Parents of Y6 should wait on the drive in the safe waiting area (they should not enter the school site)
- Parents/children in reception and Y1 will leave site via rear of school hall and then out via the **FIELD** gate
- All other parents/children will leave site by the **OFFICE** gate and leave down the drive
- Parents must maintain **SOCIAL DISTANCING** during drop-off
- During the first week we will be directing you so that you will know which way to go!

### Other important information

- Your child should wear **school uniform** on our return in September. Please make sure they come into school in clean uniform everyday
- On P.E days your child should come to school in **sports kit**– they will not need uniform on these days
- The Chad Vale **Uniform Shop** will be open everyday in the first 2 weeks to swap or buy uniform.





'New Gate' (to be modified over summer holiday)



'Office Gate'



'Field Gate'



'Old Gate'

## Staffing September (with corrections)

	2020-21
Head Teacher	Paul Sansom
Deputy Head Teacher	Vickie Crombie
Assistant Head Teacher	Steve Dubberley
Class R (Chad)	Mr Dubberley (Mon-Tues), Miss Geobey (Weds - Fri)
Class R (Vale)	Mr Cham and Mrs Shergill
Class 1 (Chad) Teacher	Miss Khan (4 days) and Mrs Key
Class 1 (Vale) Teacher	Miss Ahmed and Mrs Schofield and Mr Hemmings (pm)
Class 2 (Chad) Teacher	Mrs Cutts and Mrs Bagul
Class 2 (Vale) Teacher	Mrs Burnett and Miss Millward/Mr Fenech
Class 3 (Chad) Teacher	Mrs Wood and Miss Dowd/Mrs Mohr
Class 3 (Vale) Teacher	Miss Pajic and Mrs Saini
Class 4 (Chad) Teacher	Miss Latham (4 days) and Mr Woolhead (1 day), Mrs Taherian
Class 4 (Vale) Teacher	Mr Clark and Mr Hemmings (am)
Class 5 (Chad) Teacher	Mr Patel (5)
Class 5 (Vale) Teacher	Miss Begum (3 days) and Mr Woolhead (2 days), Miss Patel
Class 6 (Chad) Teacher	Miss Grosvenor (5) and Mrs Biswas
Class 6 (Vale) Teacher	Mr Pollak (5) and Mrs Biswas
Hive/SENDCO	Miss Larcombe
EALCO	Miss Sohal
PE Specialist Teacher	Mr Bowen

## What Is The Right Way To Wash Hands?

Though it's a simple activity, handwashing needs to be done properly with extra care.



**Wash Thoroughly:** Rub the soap on palm, back of palm and fingers for 15-20 seconds before rinsing it.



**Pay attention:** Finger tips, finger nails and the space between fingers need special attention.



**Scrub it away:** Apply friction between both palms to scrub away the bacteria.



**Use a soap:** Plain soaps are most recommended by doctors for frequent washing.

## Parking Reminder



Please remember to 'think before you park' in September and be respectful to our neighbours and other parents. There should also be no parent cars using the school drive at any time without a drive pass. Please remember these are rules we have with your child's safety in mind and we thank you for your co-operation on this.