

# St. Paul's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to the full reopening of schools on 8<sup>th</sup> March and seeing all our children in class receiving face to face education. However, I am mindful of keeping our community safe and healthy. The following safety measures have been put in place to support a full return.

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Reception and Nursery will stay as two bubbles. For years 1-6 we will be reducing the size of our bubbles to approximately 30 pupils – reduced from the 90 pupils we had in the Autumn term. This will be for the next four weeks until the Easter holidays. Children will stay in these bubbles of 30 for all learning, playtimes and lunchtimes. Your child may have a different class teacher within their Key Stage for this time but we hope, if all goes well, to revert back to the Year group bubble of 90 after the Easter break. Following these changes, if we have a confirmed case in a bubble only the class bubble of 30 will have to self-isolate. Children who attend Kidszone will be placed in a key-stage bubble for their time there and may need to self-isolate if a positive test is recorded.

Hopefully by Easter transmission rates will be lower and more of our community will have had their first vaccine and we can begin to relax as we move towards the wider opening of the country.

In line with the school risk assessment we will continue to have **staggered drop-off and pick up times** to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave. Parents and carers must keep to these times and be punctual at drop off and pick up. Children will not be allowed to enter school before their agreed time. To support safety, we would like only one parent or carer to drop off and collect

## Staggered times:

Year 5 and 6	arrive at 8.45am depart at 3.05pm
Year 3 and 4	arrive 8.55am and depart at 3.15pm
Year 1 and 2	arrive at 8.45am and depart at 3.05pm



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Reception	arrive at 8.55 am and depart at 3.10pm
Nursery	arrive at 8.55am and depart at 3pm.

We will continue to close St Paul's road in the mornings and afternoons to traffic to help you to adhere to social distancing of 2 meters whilst you pick up and drop off. Please wear face masks at all times whilst in St Pauls Rd and if you enter the school building. It is "critical" that parents follow rules around face coverings and physical distancing at the school gate when pupils return on Monday 8th

We've all got to play our part in keeping safe and reducing transmission, not just the school environment but the surrounding community. It is vital that we do all that we can to suppress the virus.

Can I please ask that children only bring into school what is necessary e.g. coat, water bottle, book bag (when requested) etc.  
Children will continue to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day.

We are hoping to begin breakfast club after the Easter holidays if conditions are conducive.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school or if you think your child might need extra support when they return please get in touch by either calling the school office or by email to myself.

I would also like to thank you for all your support and hard work in helping your child with remote learning. I will continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Best wishes  
Ms Sorohan



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