

St. Paul's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to update you on our plans for September in the light of the guidance sent by the government late last week. We will be opening to all children and all year groups on Thursday 3rd September 2020 (as long as government guidelines do not change before we return or any local lock downs are imposed). Children **new** to our school in reception and nurse have a different starting date to support their transition.

Year/class groupings will be organised as usual – 'Bubbles' will consist of two Year groups but classes will not be bigger than 30. So each 'bubble' will be N/R, Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6 within these there will be 3 classes of 30 children (except in Nurse and reception which have smaller class sizes). Each bubble will be kept separate as much as possible and social distancing will be observed where possible. Each bubble will have allocated staff who work with the bubble and each class, some staff will cross bubbles for specialist interventions or for set teaching in English and Maths as well as cover for absence or PPA. Starting / finishing school, lunchtimes and playtimes will take place in 'bubbles' – Y5/6 and Y3/4 will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes.

Start and finishing times – Please ensure prompt pick up and drop off

Y5/6 8.45 – 3.05	}	Enter and Exit through Office entrance.
Y3/4 8.55 – 3.15		

Y1/2 8.45 – 3.05	}	Enter and Exit through the Hanger.
N/R 8.55 – 3.15		

Please do not drive down **St Pauls Rd** as children and parents are using all the space outside of school in order to social distance – we will close the road on some occasions. Can I ask that just one adult brings a child to school where they will be greeted at their entrance and brought into school. Please follow the one-way system when leaving St Pauls Rd.

We will not be providing breakfast club to begin with in the Autumn term but I will review this after three weeks and inform parents of any changes. We hope to provide some limited afterschool social distanced clubs.

We will be following strict protective measures including regular handwashing, respiratory hygiene – Catch it, Kill it, Bin it and enhanced cleaning during the day. All children will be expected to follow these guidelines.



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If you, your child or anyone in your household tests positive for Covid 19 you must not attend school and follow the government guidance. If you or school suspects or your child presents with a new, continuous cough or high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell they will be sent home and parents will be asked to arrange a test and your child must self-isolate for 7 days from onset of symptoms and the rest of household must isolate for 14 days. If a test comes back negative your child can return to school following the government guidance. If you fail to take a test your child will need not to attend school for 14 days in order to keep our school community safe.

In order to accommodate lunchtimes in the school hall, times are now staggered – EYFS children will eat in their classrooms.

Y1/2 11.45 – 12.35 handwashing will begin at 11.35

Y3/4 12.45 - 1.30 handwashing will begin at 12.30

Y5/6 12.15 – 1.05 handwashing will begin at 12.05

We will continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum that excites and motivates our children, we are awaiting guidance on the swimming offer for the autumn term. Music in the classroom will continue but wider opportunities for KS2 will be suspended for the autumn term. On line learning has been a great success and we are working on ways to incorporate this into our regular curriculum offer especially for homework. We will be setting the google classroom up to commence from September and will be providing home learning if we are forced to close in the future. Activities will be provided to enjoy over the summer holidays.

From September **attendance** in school will once again become compulsory and therefore the usual attendance policies will be in operation. If a child is isolating or shielding, then home learning will be set by their teachers. If you feel your child will not be able to attend school in September, can you please email admin@st-pauls-pri.manchester.sch.uk as soon as possible with relevant information so this can be discussed further.

Please check the school website stpaulswithington.co.uk for more detailed information including a new Risk assessment which will be added next week.

I hope you all have a happy and safe summer holiday and I look forward to seeing everybody back to school in September for a new normal.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Sorohan
Headteacher



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