



Spalding St Paul's Community Primary and Nursery School
Queens Road
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Friday 26th February 2021

RE: Full opening arrangements from 8 March

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your ongoing support for your children and the school during this lockdown period. As you will likely be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that all school-age pupils will return to full-time on-site provision from 8 March. We would like to take this opportunity to outline our arrangements for full opening prior to this date.

All pupils will be expected to attend on-site provision from 8 March, with the exception of pupils following public health advice, e.g. if they are required to self-isolate or shield.

Attendance

From 8 March, attendance is mandatory for all pupils, and the usual rules for attendance apply, e.g. sanctions could be issued in the case of non-attendance.

If your child/family member is **showing symptoms of Coronavirus:**

- A new persistent dry cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A high temperature of 37.8C or above
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

What should you do?

- Contact 119 as it is important to get the test done as soon as possible,
- All family members are advised to stay at home and isolate until you get the test result,
- Notify the school by calling the office 01775 723326

We appreciate that not every child with a cough or high temperature will have the virus, but I am sure you will understand that we have to act on the side of caution, therefore we will ask you to collect your child and get them tested if they present any of the Covid-19 symptoms. It is vital that we all follow the guidelines in order to keep our school and community safe.

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions.





If your child is following public

health advice, e.g. they are shielding or have coronavirus, you will not be penalised for any non-attendance. Pupils not attending for these reasons will continue to receive remote education, where appropriate.

If your child is required to attend the school site but you are anxious or concerned, please get in touch with us on **01775 723326** and we can discuss your worries in more detail and provide any reassurance you need.

Protective measures

We want to reassure you that the school has implemented a number of protective measures to keep your child safe upon their return to the school site, including staff completing LFD tests twice a week. We have updated our risk assessment to reflect any changes in circumstances pertaining to the full return of pupils, and will communicate any future changes to you as and when we make them. A copy of the risk assessment is available on the website or you can request a copy of our risk assessment from the school office by emailing enquiries@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk.

In order to assist us in minimising risk of infection, please ensure your child is only bringing essential items to the school site each day, including:

- Lunch boxes,
- Reading books,
- School bags,
- Their own water bottle,
- PE kits to be worn on PE days

Staggered Starts and Finishes

We will be operating staggered start and finish times to minimise any unnecessary contact between parents and pupil groups. We will implement the following structure each day:

Year group	Start time	Finish time
Nursery	<u>Morning session 8.30-11.30</u>	<u>Afternoon session 12.30-15.30</u>
Reception	<u>9:00</u>	<u>15:00</u>
Year 1	<u>9:00</u>	<u>15:25</u>
Year 2	<u>9:00</u>	<u>15:30</u>
Year 3	<u>8:45</u>	<u>15:10</u>
Year 4	<u>8:45</u>	<u>15:15</u>
Year 5	<u>8:30</u>	<u>15:05</u>
Year 6	<u>8:30</u>	<u>15:00</u>

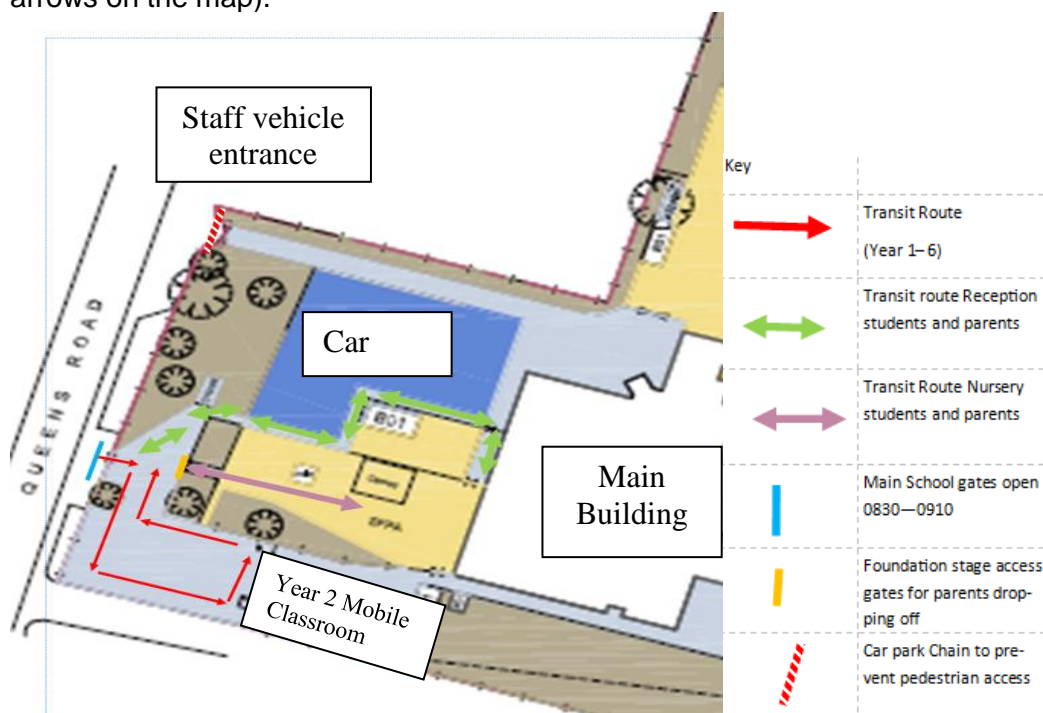




Year 1- Year 6 will enter and exit via the pedestrian gate at the front of the school. After going through the gate please turn right in to the one-way system. Please follow the one-way system using socially distanced markers round to the main gate to drop your children, who will then walk around to their classrooms independently. There will be a senior member of staff available at the gate should you have any queries. As soon as you have dropped your child at the gate, please continue with the one-way system back round to the main pedestrian gate. (See the red arrows on the map).

At the end of the school day, the children will line up inside the gate. Please enter the one-way system by turning right after entering the pedestrian gate. Please wait on the socially distanced markers. As you arrive at the gate, we will hand over your child to you and then please continue via the one-way system back out of the gate.

Receptions and Nursery will enter and exit via the pedestrian gate also. Nursery will enter via the nursery gate (yellow on the map) and walk to the nursery door (following the purple arrows on the map). Reception will walk in the pedestrian pathway next to the fencing around to the reception entrance (following the green arrows on the map).





Safety when dropping off and collecting your children

Please can we remind families that when you are dropping off and collecting children:

- Please enter via the **pedestrian gate** (not through the staff vehicle entrance),
- Please wear **face coverings** to protect your families and our staff,
- Please ensure **social distancing** is maintained, if you are in the waiting area, please use all of the space available,
- Please follow the **one-way system**,
- Please can only **one** member of the family attend to drop/collect to keep footfall on site to a minimum,
- Please do not crowd around the gate to talk to teachers. If you have a message for your child's teacher, please either email them directly, call the office or email the office and your message will be passed on,

Where possible, please scoot, walk, bike etc. as opposed to using public transport as a means of travelling to and from the school site.

Thank you for your continued support during this tough time. We appreciate your efforts, and we look forward to welcoming back all of our pupils.

If you have any queries, or would like to speak to someone, please get in touch with the school office on **01775 723326** or **enquiries@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk**

Yours sincerely,

Miss Katie James
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