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# The St Paul's Post

## Welcome to Mr. Hopkins!

It is my pleasure to arrive this week at St Paul's as interim Headteacher in Miss Nicholls absence due to illness. I am an experienced headteacher with over twenty years' experience as a school leader. Most recently being headteacher of a primary school in Saltburn on the North East Coast.

We are obviously in very unusual times, but would like to meet with as many of you as possible when the gates are opened in the morning and at home time, albeit socially distanced. I will be working in school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

I look forward in working with your children, the staff and community to improve the opportunities and raise the attainment for the children.

If you need to discuss anything with me then please telephone the school office.

## Covid Updates

We would like to thank you for your incredible support with the new staggered start time for this term. I think you will agree that the new system (despite initially having a few teething problems) has been a huge success and now the start and finish times are much safer. We really do appreciate your cooperation with these changes.

Please can we remind you:

- To follow the one-way system. The yellow arrows and signage clearly show where to enter, drop your child and then follow the system back round to the gate,
- After you have dropped your child, please leave the school swiftly to avoid overcrowding,
- Ensure that only **one** adult brings your child on to site to avoid overcrowding,
- Use the new markers on the floor to ensure you are socially distanced from one another,
- To wait patiently to be called forward by the class teacher to collect your child at the end of the day,
- To report any absence to the school office between 8.30-9.00a.m.
- If you are late, please report to the school office

Due to the tighter restrictions with the Government lockdown, you will notice that our staff will not be wearing masks and face shields to protect them. We would recommend mask wearing whilst on the school premises to reduce the risks to yourselves.

	Start Time	Finish Time
<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	8.30am- 11.30am (Morning session)	12.30- 3.30pm (Afternoon session)
<b><u>Reception</u></b>	9.00am	3.00pm
<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	9.00am	3.25pm
<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	9.00am	3.30pm
<b><u>Year 3</u></b>	8.45am	3.10pm
<b><u>Year 4</u></b>	8.45am	3.15pm
<b><u>Year 5</u></b>	8.30am	3pm
<b><u>Year 6</u></b>	8.30am	3pm



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### Visitors into School

#### Masks:

Masks **MUST** be worn by any adult visitor entering the school building. It may also be supportive of others to wear one at drop off and collection times if you find it hard to socially distance.

#### QR Code:

We now have a QR Code at the main entrance that adults should scan when entering the school building.

It is easy to do so – open your smartphone's camera – hold it up to take a screenshot of the code and follow the instructions on the screen.

This is to enable the school to play its part in Track and Trace.

The NHS Covid App is also available to download on your phones – it is really simple and easy to do!!

### Half Term Fun with Inspire +



Some children from Years 3-6 took part in the half term holiday camp lead by Inspire+. Inspire+ are a local school sport and education charity which our school is working very closely with for the benefit of our pupils. The Inspire+ sports camp was fun and engaging and gave children structured physical activity, forest school activities and sports coaching in a safe environment with their fabulous qualified coaches Chris and Carl.

Activities included sports coaching, forest school act, friendly competitions, developing teamwork, social interaction, communication skills and developing multi-skills. The club gave the perfect opportunity for the children to reach their recommended government guidance of 60 minutes of physical activity whilst learning and developing a range of skills.

### Children in Need

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we invite your child to dress in non-uniform for the day. We hope to raise money for Children in Need through your donations of £1 per family. Thanks in advance for your support for this very worthy cause.



### Communication

Please can we remind you that we need 2 current contact numbers for your child should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Please can we also remind you to contact staff via email or phone, rather than in person (due to current Covid restrictions). Please contact the office or see the website for contact details if you are unsure.

### Coronavirus – What to look out for!

#### **What to do if your Child has Symptoms of Coronavirus If your child shows any of the 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

You should keep them off school and get them tested as soon as possible. We kindly ask that you inform the school of the absence and the outcome of the test. The school staff are on hand to advise and support parents if this happens.

#### **What should you do?**

- Keep your child off school.
- Contact the school and advise of absence.
- Contact 119 as it is important to get the test done within the first five days of having symptoms.
- All family members are advised to stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result.
- If the test result is negative, as soon as they are well enough, children may return to school.
- If your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus whilst at school, we will telephone you to come and collect them.
- You must then get them tested as soon as possible.

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 about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

### Year 5 Reward Afternoon



Year 5 had the highest attendance last term. As a reward, they had a treat afternoon with a film and hot chocolate! I wonder which class will receive a treat for the highest attendance next term...

