

18.5.2020

The St Paul's Post

Next steps for St Paul's

The last few weeks have been some of the most challenging times the education sector has faced. With recent announcements from the government, our school and the Trust have been busy looking at how we can implement the necessary safety measures to ensure the health and safety of an increasing number of staff and pupils in school, from the proposed date of 1st June.

There are many factors involved and, as such, we are completing robust risk assessments in order to evaluate the possibility of tentatively opening to a few children at a time. It is important that we know how many pupils we are predicting to arrive (if and when we start to process) to see if we have sufficient space and staffing to make it work.

Could we please ask you to ensure that you have completed our online survey on

<https://bit.ly/stpaulsjune>

Please note that the Government has been very clear that attendance at school during this period is not compulsory for any child; we are not reporting attendance.

Things we have taken into consideration are as follows:

- Children who return to school will work in groups of no more than 10 children from their class. These groups will not change and the groups will not mix at any point during the school day. The children will be taught by the same adults each and every day. Adults will not move between groups. If a member of staff is off school poorly, the whole group/ "bubble" of pupils will not be able to attend.
- We will do our very best to encourage social distancing but feel you need to know we are not in a position to guarantee this.
- We will operate staggered drop off and pick up times for each group of children to the external classroom doors ONLY. Only one parent or carer will be able to come for drop off/ pick up and must remain 2m from other adults at all times. We will encourage you to use telephone calls to pass information on to teachers/ staff.
- We will not be in a position to open our normal breakfast club but will have breakfast available for those who NORMALLY use this- a "Grab and Go" service in each classroom.
- Our school kitchen will be able to reopen in time for 1st June and meals will be provided for all children in Reception and Year 1 and those eligible for FSM in Year 6, unless advised otherwise by you as parents in the above survey. Where children are not attending school and are entitled to Free School Meals a supermarket voucher will continue to be provided, until we are instructed not to any longer, restarting on 1st June.
- The safety of the children and staff is paramount at these times and any children displaying symptoms consistent with Co-Vid 19 will be sent home, guidance will be provided for prompt testing and a period of isolation following a positive test will follow.
- During our period of opening, arrangements could change. We may be in a position to have more children in school or we may have to close school to certain groups of children depending on Government guidance and staffing levels. Parents will be expected to respond to changes the school are required to make, even at short notice.



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- Pupils in Y6 will return first and then the other year groups will be phased in thereafter: Y1, then Rec and finally Nursery (timeframes to be confirmed). If a child cannot self-manage toileting or requires positive handling, we will be contacting parents directly about arrangements for them, whether they are able to attend or not, depending on their needs.
- Pupils in Y2, 3, 4 and 5 will remain at home in the first instance and teachers will continue to provide work for them remotely.

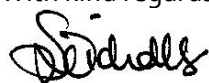
Please bear with us while we continue our work to make preparations and keep your eye out on Facebook and our new website for decisions and final plans and when/ if they take effect. We are still waiting for further guidance and reassurance from the Government, the Department for Education and also the Trust to enable us to open with confidence, as there are many questions still unanswered. We will not open unless we know it is safe to do so for the safety of our pupils, their families and our staff. If we are not confident in the number of staff available to come in to work, we may need to delay any decisions by a week from 1st June, until we have this securely in place.

Our Trust (CIT) will also be issuing a letter from the Governing Trustees Board for you next week.

Thank you for staying united and for working with the school, for your messages of support and for the work and support you are providing for your children at home.

Please stay safe and look after yourselves.

With kind regards



Miss Nicholls



News!

New Y2 Teacher for September 2020!

We are happy to announce that Miss Grace Housley-Stott will be joining the teaching team in September 2020. She has a lot of KS1 experience, especially in Y2 and has a lot of additional interests and experience to bring to the school.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming her to our school.



FSM National Food Vouchers-Edenred

St Paul's, like all CIT schools, will be **CLOSED** for the half term holiday-
Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May 2020

As this was a planned school holiday, we have been told not to issue vouchers for that week, as children wouldn't normally be in school.

If this poses a particular issue for any family, please email Miss Palmer on

Donna.Palmer@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk and we can make contact to ensure you get help if needed.

Something to make you smile

Our "Bubble" group of keyworker/ vulnerable pupils have been up to lots of different activities and sent me a photo to make me smile! I thought it would be nice to share with you too!



100% Attendance Winners 2019-2020 (Sept-Feb)

As it is not possible for us to track and monitor school attendance as normal, we thought it would be fair to draw this year's 100% attendance winners up to the end of February 2020, close to when the school closed due to CV19.

I am happy to announce that the winners are:

KS1 Ella'rose Cooper-Ellis
KS2 Kaitlin Grant

You have a £25 voucher on its way to you in the post. We will also be sending out 100% certificates to all of our pupils who achieved 100% when we send out their annual reports.

Well done everyone!

NATIONAL "THANK A TEACHER DAY" 20TH MAY 2020

I know that teaching in its usual sense isn't possible at the moment. However, our teachers are working so hard to provide continuous education and support for pupils remotely, either through learning packs or through padlets and online resources.

Teachers have had to learn new skills and adapt to the ever-changing requirements of them, using things they had never come across before!

Why not send them a "Thank You" via email??? Either send an email or message directly to your teacher via your padlets OR send through to me and I will forward it on to them! Make someone else smile and you'll smile too!

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals you will receive a £15 voucher to spend in a supermarket every week during school closure.

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, please use the following link to apply:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Great **difficulties** may be
surmounted by **patience**
and **perseverance.**

— Abigail Adams

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