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The St Paul's Post

As we prepare to close for the Summer Break.....

Well, what a year it has been!! What an end to it too! Nothing has felt normal at all!

Normally, we would be inviting you all in for the end of term assemblies, for the Y6 Leavers events and activities and preparing your children to move into their new classes in September. Instead, we are writing to you about our Year 6 Goodbyes and for the plans for September 2020.

Year 6 have a fun-packed last two days ahead of them- assemblies, presentations and awards- as well as a few surprise treats. Those Y6 children who are not in school will have theirs delivered to their homes during the afternoons too! We didn't want ANYONE to miss out! We will miss all of our Y6's so much and wish them all the very best for their future education and careers! Remember- ALWAYS BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!



For the rest of the school, our return in September will feel quite similar for the children who have already been in school during the current summer term, but may feel very different for those who haven't been back to school since March. We have support plans for all of the children who are returning for the first time and a "Recovery Curriculum" planned so they will feel safe and be settled to learn and catch up with the learning missed. We have also placed some Transition Powerpoints onto the school website for your to show your child to ease their worries.

We have already been in touch with many of our families where we know pupils will be anxious about the return. Being anxious is perfectly natural- but as those who have been attending school have found out- the new routines and expectations soon become the new normal! We are all here to guide and support everyone throughout this! We have been busy planning staggered morning drop offs and afternoons collections, staggered break times and lunchtimes and timetables, so that each year group can stay in their class bubbles and we can meet the governments guidelines and our own risk assessments. We believe we have covered everything and the Trust is happy with all of the measures we have put in place. An easy guide to our Risk Assessments for Parents and Carers will also be posted onto the school website shortly for your information.

I do hope that you will all recognize, as I do, the huge contributions made, as well as the commitment and dedication the school staff have shown throughout the whole of the Coronavirus Lockdown and partial re-opening. They have adapted to new ways of working overnight, have learnt how to use and adapt to new technologies to deliver learning and support online, as well as providing learning packs for parents to collect, have been in regular contact with ALL families to give advice and meet additional needs, supplying hunger breakfast provision and FSM vouchers, have been working extra long hours to meet the government's guidance and have kept the school open



to both Keyworker children and those who are most vulnerable. This has been nothing short of AMAZING and I am extremely grateful for the fantastic team we have here at St Paul's. A great job well done! Thank you so much!

I also want to thank you- our families and whole school community- for keeping our pupils learning and engaged, for finding ways for them to access the technology to engage with learning online and for working with the staff with whom you have had contact with. We acknowledge the challenges that home-learning will have given you, but are grateful for your efforts and support.

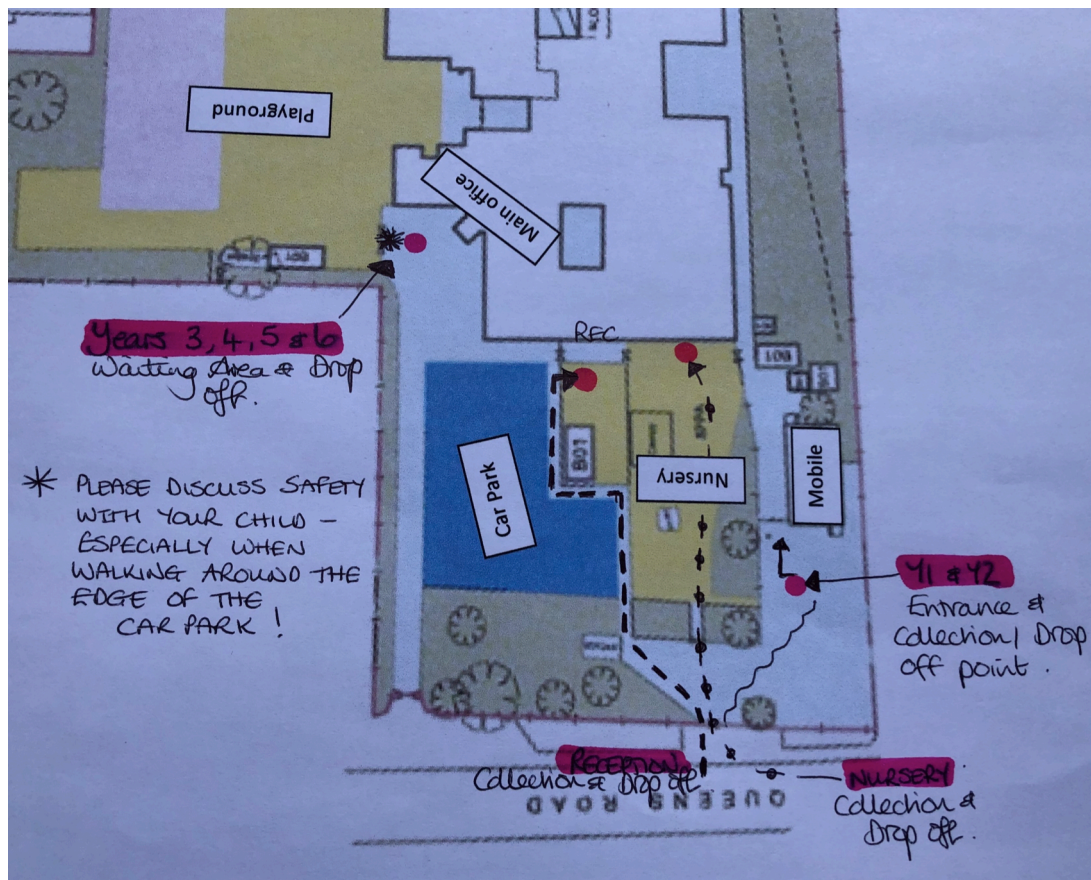
All that is left for me to say is – Have a great summer everyone and we will look forward to seeing each and every one of you in September!


Miss Nicholls

Where to go and when on Thursday 3rd of September!!.....

As mentioned, we will be running staggered starts and finishes when we return in September.

Here is a map of who should wait where and when dropping off and collecting your children from school. I know this may cause some challenges when you have a number of children to drop off and collect, but this will help to maintain social distancing and help to keep EVERYONE safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!





Key points to remember.....

- Children will be expected to wear **SCHOOL UNIFORM again every day**. We would appreciate them having a fresh pair of clothes everyday to prevent any cross-contamination. Information about PE kits will be given to each year groups in the first week- please do not send them in on the first two days.
 - **EVERY CHILD is expected to attend school from Thursday 3rd September**, unless the school has specifically made alternative plans with your family. Attendance will be monitored as usual again.
 - Toys and things from home should not be brought into school unless agreed with the school in advance.
 - There will be **no whole school assemblies** for the time being- these will be held over Microsoft Teams by Miss Nicholls or in-class assemblies held by the teacher.
 - We will **ONLY CLOSE A BUBBLE IF THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE FOR CV19**. The bubbles will remain open until we have a test result.
 - Parents and Carers are asked to **continue to communicate with the school via telephone or email** – we will ensure that relevant members of staff will return your calls as soon as possible.
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School Meals by Mrs Kenny and the team!

For the first three weeks of the new school year, we will be running a **set menu for everyone**, to ensure that all guidelines and systems that have been put in place are working well.

If your child is in **RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2** - they will receive a hot meal and dessert through the **UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS**.

You will not need to order these meals and do not need to pay anything. They are entitled to this **EVERY DAY**.

If you have been in receipt of **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** (Edenred vouchers) throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic, we will now provide your child with a hot meal and dessert everyday. There will be no more vouchers and you do not need to order your meals.

If you do not fall into either of these categories, you can still order schools meals via the school office as usual. We will plan for those who used to have school meals to receive them on the first two days back.



Start and finish times for the start of the Autumn Term 2020

Initially pupils will not have the option to attend our Breakfast Club, but everyone will have the opportunity to have a "Grab and Go Breakfast when they arrive at school, delivered to every classroom. This is so that no one misses out on the most important meal of the day!!

Nursery Class- The hours will be **8:30am to 11:30am** and then **12:30pm-3.30pm**.

Reception Class – The side gate to Reception Class will **open at 8:20am**, with lessons **starting at 8:30am** and they will **finish at 3:00pm**.

Year 1 Class- The gates on the normal Waiting Area will open for at **8:30am for an 8:45am official start to learning**. The Year One class will be in the main building this year. They will **finish school at 3:00pm**

Year 2 Class- We will need Y2 to **arrive at 8:45am for a 9am** start as usual. They will be in the mobile classroom. Please keep your child with you and socially distance until Y2 are called to come through the gates by a member of staff. They will **finish school at 3:15pm**.

Year 3 AND Year 4- The gates near to the Main School Reception and the school playground will open at **8:30am** and children will be asked to walk round to their classroom and be ready to start their learning at 8:40am. They will **finish at 3pm**. Y4 parents will need to sign to say if they wish their child to walk home alone and these children will be allowed out of class first. The children being collected will be asked to line up on the playground and then parents will be allowed to collect. Parents will be directed by staff. Please be patient- your child's safety is paramount! IF it is raining heavily, parents will be allowed to collect from classrooms whilst observing social distancing.

Year 5 AND Year 6- The gates near to the Main School Reception and the school playground will re- open at **9:00am** and children will be asked to walk round to their classroom and be ready to **start their learning at 9:15am**. They will **finish at 3:30pm**. Y5&6 parents will need to sign to say if they wish their child to walk home alone and these children will be allowed out of class first. The children being collected will be asked to line up on the playground and then parents will be allowed to collect. Parents will be directed by staff. Please be patient- your child's safety is paramount! IF it is raining heavily, parents will be allowed to collect from classrooms whilst observing social distancing.

We will inform parents when we will be able to re-start clubs at lunchtimes and after school. Currently, under the government's guidelines, we cannot mix year groups.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to keep you and your child safe.



**See you all back in school on
Thursday 3rd September 2020!**

Don't be late!

**Have a great summer holiday!
Stay safe everyone!**

