



# <sup>05.06.2020</sup> The St Paul's Post

# A Happy, Safe and Successful start to a Phased Return!

Following a very successful and safe return of about 50% of our Y6 class, we are confident that we can start to reintroduce our first group of Y1 children and accept a few more Y6 pupils who wish to return. Feedback from parents of Y6 has been very positive and they are reporting that their children are happy to be back and are enjoying school and their learning.

As of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, we will be welcoming back our first small bubble of Y1 pupils. They have been notified that they have a place via our text service. **Year 1 hours in school will be 9.15am -2.45pm.** 

It is important that we know who wishes to return (in advance) so we can plan for our staff and the rooms we need to use. Here is the link to the survey- <a href="https://bit.ly/stpaulsjune">https://bit.ly/stpaulsjune</a> - you can resend the survey if you change your mind too- I can keep track online!

**IF YOU DON'T FILL IN THE SURVEY/ BOOK A PLACE, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN.** As we have said before- if you turn up without us expecting your child, you will be asked to take them home again. You must let us know by the Wednesday in the week before you wish them to return (e.g deadline of Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June for a return on 8<sup>th</sup> June).

Please help us to keep our staff, pupils and families as safe as possible in these new and unprecedented times.

## Welcome back Year 1 (Bubble 1)



Miss Haresign and Mrs Bailey will be leading the first bubble of Year 1 children who will return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. We are asking parents to start arriving at school **from 9am (no earlier)** and wait in the **usual Waiting Area** at the front of the school. The gate will open just after 9am. Please <u>observe social distancing</u> between families while you are waiting.

The children will be collected by their teacher and will be basing themselves in the Year 3 classroom so they have close access to the school field for outdoor activities. The classroom is also more spacious.

At collection time, please allow the children to come down to the waiting area and wait for you in a designated space to ensure we can keep <u>all</u> adults and children distanced safely. IF it is raining, we may ask you to walk down to the classroom.

If you have not notified us of your wish for your child to return through the online survey, <u>https://bit.ly/stpaulsjune</u>, your child will not be able to attend until the following week.

There will be school staff on hand to advise parents each morning and to encourage the parents and children to observe and maintain the social distancing measures rather than waiting.

Parents will be asked to remain and supervise their children until a member of staff allows them in the mornings, one at a time from the entrance points. This is to enable us to ensure that the children maintain, as much as possible, the social distancing measures in the entrances to the classrooms and then wash their hands and find their seat. Please follow the directions from staff members. Parents should not visit the school throughout the school day, unless pre-arranged and agreed by the school. E-mail or telephone calls continue to be the preferred methods to contact the school.

Children should only bring to school a coat, their bag, and lunchbox (if bringing own lunch) and MUST have a water bottle with them.

For those children in:

- Year 1 may order and receive a FREE packed lunch, as part of the Universal Free School Meals, or provide their own;
- Those in receipt of Free School meals may also order a FREE packed lunch or provide their own.

For those who receive Edenred National Food Vouchers, these will continue until we are otherwise notified by the government. You will only receive the vouchers if your child DOES NOT come back to school. Once they return to school, the vouchers will stop.

Under current guidelines we are not able to welcome any pupils in school who: require positive handling due to behavioral needs or have a record of physical actions towards others in response to their behavioral needs. In these cases, the school is working closely with the families to discuss these issues and concerns and reassure them that remote learning support will continue. A new appendix to our Behaviour Policy is now on the school website, stating that any child who hits, kicks, spits, scratches etc. or "jokingly coughs at another person" when they are in school, will be sent home immediately and will only return if there are assurances it will not happen again. If behaviours are repeated, then the exclusions part of our policy will be adopted. This is so that we can keep other children and adults safe in school. Each case is being risk assessed with individual families.

Please keep your eyes open on our school website and Facebook page for updates. Please could you also discuss the content of this letter and the proposed changes to school with your child/ren before they return to prepare them as best you can. For further information about what it will be like for children in school, **please see our earlier newsletters**.

Many thanks for your understanding in this matter and for working with us to keep everyone safe and well during these times

Myself and Miss Haresign will be on the Waiting Area to direct you on Monday morning to ensure that we can meet the requirements of our risk assessments.

You MUST comply with the 2 metre social distancing rule when on school premises. I am still at HIGH-MODERATE RISK due to health conditions but a risk assessment is in place to protect me and keeping a distance is essential. Please help me to remain in school!



Miss Nicholls

### Information for our Reception Class and our Nursery Children

We are planning to start welcoming Reception and Nursery pupils back to school from the <u>week commencing 15.06.2020</u>. This will look a little different to our normal arrangements but we are trying to meet both your needs and the areas we need to address in our risk assessments, keeping both pupils and staff as safe as possible.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SOCIAL DISTANCING CAN BE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT GUARNATEED IN OUR EARLY YEARS CLASSES!

**OUR NURSERY**- We will be running full day sessions for those wishing to access at least some of their hours. Group/ Bubble A will be able to come in Mondays and Tuesdays 9.30-2.30, we will then close Nursery and spend Wednesdays completing a Deep Clean. Group/ Bubble B will be able to attend Thursdays and Fridays 9.30-2.30. Pupils do not have to do a full day and can be collected at lunchtime if preferred but cannot be introduced to the bubble midway through a day. We are **UNABLE to accept those under the 2yr old provision** currently as we are waiting to receive further government guidance on this. However, we will now be in a position to support those pupils who require assistance with toileting/ intimate care through additional PPE, which will be worn by staff. This will include apron, gloves, mask and face shield (which will also be used when dealing with "little accidents" in Reception if and when they happen.

Pupils will come into school through the usual gate but there will be marker on the ground to indicate where to wait until your child is taken into Nursery. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch with them, preferably in a disposable container and also a waterbottle. If you would like to purchase a school lunch, please indicate this on the online survey

**RECEPTION CLASS**- Reception Class will be open at 9.15am and close at 2.45pm to enable staff to clean resources and prepare the room for the next day. Group/ Bubble A will be based in the Reception Classroom and Group/Bubble B will be based in our Y2 classroom. Groups will be notified before they start.

On arrival, you will have to wait (socially distanced) along the pathway along the Reception fence, within the school carpark.

Please do not allow your child to bring anything into school (e.g toys/ books etc) and ensure that they are wearing a **clean set** of clothes everyday!

Your child will be entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal and this should be indicated on the survey.

### Additional information for both EYFS classes.....

If your child is upset/ distressed at the point of separating from you, please take them to one side to reassure them and encourage them to join the class. Our staff will not be able to intervene or encourage, other than verbally. If they are not able to calm or refuse to come in, you will be asked to return home with them. Adults will be able to comfort pupils from an adult height only, in order to keep themselves safe.

As with all other year groups, if your child requires positive handling and 1:1 physical support to guide and maintain their safety and wellbeing, they will be unable to return until further guidance is received. Please also note that those pupils who find change hard to manage will find the changes to their classrooms and routines hard to manage and this may adversely affect their behaviours. We will support in the best way possible but within our guidelines.

We will be posting some videos on our school website and our Facebook Page for our Nursery and Reception parents to enable you to show your child and to help prepare them for the changes in their classroom surroundings. These should be uploaded by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.





# Need to speak to someone in school ????? Please help us to protect our staff and contact school via telephone or email wherever possible. Please do not stop to "chat" with teachers or support staff- any important information will be passed to you via telephone if we need to speak to you. Here are some important contact details for different members of staff if you wish to direct questions or information to them: Miss Nicholls (Headteacher)- <u>Kira.Nicholls@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk</u> (anytime) or school mobile 07436146490 (between 8.30am and 4pm) Miss Katie James (Assistant Headteacher)- <u>Katie.James@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk</u> (anytime) or school mobile 07436146492 (between 8.30am and 4pm) Mrs Almey (SENDCo)- Louise.Almey@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk The School Office- Enquiries@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk or 01775 723326 We are here to help!







