



The St Paul's Post

Special Edition

Dear Parents and Carers of St Pauls Community Primary School & Nursery

Over the last week, we have been looking at how we will accommodate the Governments expectation to re-open our school from Monday 1st June 2020 for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, as well as **continue to offer Emergency Childcare** provision for those identified children and those children of Critical Key Workers or Extremely Vulnerable pupils.

As I am sure you are aware, we have to implement a whole series of measures in order to minimize the risk for staff and the returning children from Monday 1st June, modifying our practices and implementing new procedures. If you are unsure about whether to allow your child to return, when they are able to do so, please use this link for further information-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

I would like to begin by thanking all of our school staff for their hard-work and commitment to our school and it's community, as they have continued to provide support to their classes, our children and their families, over the last 9 weeks: working through their holidays and over weekends with no fuss. As we look to re-open the school, we have needed to ensure that our parents are well informed and that our staff are supported to return to a safe working environment.

We have decided to initially open school to **Year 6 ONLY in the first week**, Year 1 in the second week and potentially EYFS thereafter. We are busy preparing further for the return for the younger pupils as well as planning home-learning resources for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. Due to new staff and other issues around staffing levels in the younger year groups (Reception and Nursery), this is not a current possibility but will be reviewed regularly to hopefully accommodate their return as soon as too.

As next week is the scheduled May half-term and school will be **CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS**, the teachers will not be setting work for the children to complete at home, nor do parents and children have to contact their teachers throughout this week. We would like to encourage all our children to have 'a break' from their schoolwork before 'some' return to school on Monday 1st June.

For those identified year groups: Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, if and when they return to school, they can wear their full-school uniform if they wish, although we will accept a mixture of school uniform/ non-school uniform to ensure that **ALL children wear CLEAN CLOTHES DAILY** (nothing is re-worn). For this phase of school re-opening, children need only wear their indoor black shoes to and from school. They will not need to bring to school their 'outdoor shoes' e.g. trainers nor their PE kit. We would ask that these be kept at home until otherwise notified.

It is fair to say that the school may be re-opening from the 1st June, however, it will look and feel different for those children returning. Firstly, the children may not be returning to their own classrooms or to their class teacher. As you probably realize, all our classes are over the 15 children limit that the government has imposed. Therefore, all our classes are being reorganized to accommodate this guidance. In real terms, we are creating what are deemed 'class bubbles', for those children that return. Having measured out our classrooms, there will be a maximum of 10 children in each room. **Please make sure you have completed the online survey on <https://bit.ly/stpaulsjune>** to let us know of your intentions- whether or not you wish your child to return at the designated time. The purpose of this form is to gauge how many children will return to school, from Monday 1st June and the following weeks, allowing us the opportunity to re-group the children, in readiness for their return. Once these groups have been re-organized we will endeavor to inform parents of these new groupings. If, after a period of time, you change your mind and want to send your Y6, Y1, Reception or Nursery child back into school after the designated start dates, we will **require you to notify the school on the Wednesday BEFORE you wish them to return on the following Monday**, so we can make adjustments to staffing and to try to accommodate. You will not be able to turn up on any school day and expect us to take your child in, without prior knowledge. You will be asked to return home.

I can also inform you, that our usual Breakfast Club will **NOT** re-open from Monday 1st June, but we will provide a Grab and Go Breakfast in each "class bubble" and continue to provide the breakfast packs to certain families as we have done during closure.



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To accommodate the start of some children returning on the 1st June, we have needed to implement a series of changes to the start of the school day. Firstly, we ask that only 1 parent accompanies their child/ren to school from 1st June 2020. Parents should accompany their child to school and **wait with their child**, at the designated entrance points to the school and **socially distance from other parents and children**. Each class on their return will need to follow this guide:

- **W/c 01.06.2020**

Year 6- Enter the site by the **school's main playground through the grey gates at the end of the car park drive**. Drop off will be at 9.00am and school will finish at 3pm. **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO USE THE OUTDOOR GYM- IT IS OUT OF BOUNDS**. Group 1 will go to Y6 classroom and Group 2 to the Y5 classroom. If there is a need to queue/ wait- ensure social distancing of 2m is adhered to. (We will text your Group number in advance of starting).

- **W/c 08.06.2020**

Year 1 will be asked to enter the school site via the usual gate on the "Waiting Area" at the front of the school at 9.15am and go to the Y3 and 4 classrooms. Further details to be released nearer the time.

- Keyworker children and vulnerable pupils will be expected to use the **Main Entrance/ Foyer as usual arriving between 9.00am**.

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 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. The school office will re-open again on the 1st June however; 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 and MUST have a water bottle with them.

Once children are in school, it is again fair to say, that the way the classrooms are organized will also be different for the children. Each classroom has been re-organized to accommodate the social distance measures e.g. tables have been moved apart, children will not be allowed to work in groups or with other children. They will need to work from their allocated seat and table. To support them, the children will be given their own equipment e.g. pencil, ruler and rubber which will remain at their place for their use only, while working.

Once children are in school and have washed their hands, they will remain in their new 'class bubble.' Each child will sit in their designated place in the classroom, where they will engage within the learning and activities for the day. The teachers in school will follow a Recovery Curriculum to ensure pupil wellbeing and then an expanded Curriculum, following the school's curriculum, on the class pages of the school website as to not disadvantage those year groups who are not allowed to return to school yet. Pupils will be asked to regularly wash their hands and observe the 2m distancing rules.

The school day will feel a little different at first. There will be allocated opportunities for the children to use our outdoor spaces either as part of play or to work, within their 'class bubbles'. The Government have advised that 'class bubbles' do not interact with each other, as far as possible, therefore children will not be able to play with other children from other 'class bubbles.'

To further minimize movement around the school and contact between the children we will not be using the hall for Collective Worship/ assemblies/ P.E or lunch. Children should bring a packed lunch from, or pre-order a school lunch / Universal free school meal etc. using the online survey, <https://bit.ly/stpaulsjune> They will eat in their classroom and not mix with other children during lunch or break times. Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE school** and that it is your responsibility to ensure that we are updated with any changes to our records about your own child's food allergies and medical issues.

For those children in:

- Year 6: parents may purchase/ order a packed lunch from our school kitchen, or provide their own;
- Reception and 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.

For those children who require transport to school, provided by the Local Authority, please note that TAXIs would not be allowed on school site during this period as this mode of travel does not comply with the Governments guidance, unless taxi firms can provide reassurance to school. It is also extremely important that if anyone uses public transport to travel between home and school, that they observe social-distancing rules and notify the school that they have used this method of travel.

Under current guidelines we are not able to welcome any pupils in school who: require toileting support on a daily basis, 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 will be released, 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.

What will happen if a child shows any symptoms of Coronavirus while they are in school?



This will be dealt with swiftly and safely, whilst all the while supporting the pupil. The child will be isolated and a member of staff will supervise them, wearing full PPE. The parents will be called and they will be expected to collect their child immediately. Parents should then seek an official Coronavirus test and isolate themselves. Only if a positive test is returned, we will then close the whole "class bubble" and staff and children from that bubble would need to isolate for 14 days. Whilst waiting for the test result, parents will be informed there is a suspected case but the children may continue to attend until the result confirmed.

Please note that you must let us know if your child or anybody in your house has symptoms of the virus and it is a parent's duty/responsibility to inform school immediately if their child is tested and is formally diagnosed with Covid-19.

I understand that our parents may have concerns about their child/ren returning to school from Monday 1st June. All I can do is reassure you that we are following the Government's/ Department for Education's guidance very closely, discussing the needs of the school with the Trust and modifying our school's systems and procedures, as recommended.

I hope to see many of our Year 6 pupils return to school, from Monday 1st June, and the other year groups as per the plan- IF the school re-opens. Please keep your eyes open on our school website 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.

I will continue to keep you up to date and will write to you shortly with further updates- posting these on the school website and our Facebook page. Please also keep your eye on the news for any national information about school's opening.

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

Have a good half-term break!

Miss Nicholls
Headteacher

