

Wednesday 03 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Since the government made their announcement that schools would reopen to all pupils on 8th March, we have continued to review, update and adapt our school procedures to enable us to welcome our pupils back safely. I am pleased to now be able to share with you our plans for the full reopening of school next week. These plans are subject to change, in-line with government guidance, and we will ensure that our families are kept up to date if this happens.

Dropping Off and Collecting Children

All pupils will return to school on a full time basis from Monday 8th March 2021. Children should arrive in school between 8.30am and 8:45am each morning, Monday to Friday. Parents/Carers should collect their child/ren between 2:45pm and 3.00pm each afternoon. These timings are the same as when your child was attending school before Christmas.

The one-way system remains in place on the playground. When dropping off and collecting, only one adult from each family should come onto the school site to help minimise the risk of unnecessary contact. We recommend that all adults wear a face covering, unless exempt for medical reasons.

When arriving into the main playground, please use the following entrances, just like in the Autumn Term, whilst keeping a two metre distance from other families:

Reception Class Early Years entrance in the Early Years playground

Year 2 Breakfast Club entrance
Year 1 and Year 3 Key Stage One entrance
Year 4 Classroom fire door
Year 5 Classroom fire door
Year 6 Classroom fire door

Breakfast Club and After-School Care Club

To provide as much support as possible to families who require before and after-school childcare, we have maintained the arrangements for both a before-school Breakfast Club and after-school care club. The arrangements for these clubs are the same as in the Autumn Term, and the childcare will run within our class 'bubbles'. Places are therefore limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.



The Breakfast Club will begin at 8.00am each day, with breakfast provided, at a charge of £10.00 per child per week. The after-school childcare will run until 4.00pm each day, at a charge of £10.00 per child per week.

Book bags and rucksacks

In line with hygiene guidance, it is important that children do not bring in items from home, or take items home from school, unless essential. Children should bring a waterproof coat each day for outdoor play and outdoor lessons and also a water bottle which should be kept on their desk in the classroom. However, children must not bring book bags, rucksacks or pencil cases from home. Stationery will be provided for every child and these resources will remain in school for their individual use. Please note that if children are asked to bring something specific into school as a 'one-off', there will be arrangements in place for quarantining of these items for 72 hours before use.

School meals

School lunches will continue to be served in special 'grab bags'. Please see the school website for the latest school meal menu as there are new daily choices available.

Uniform

Children should wear their full school uniform each day, apart from the day your child has their PE lesson, when they should come into school wearing their PE kit, which will be worn for the full day. PE days will be the same as they were in the Autumn term- see table below:

Year group	PE day
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday

Regular lateral flow device testing for households and bubbles of school-aged children

We are pleased to share that the government have announced that lateral flow testing will be available to all members of a household with a school-aged child. By making LFD testing available

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to families in this way, it will further protect our school community by identifying individuals who may have coronavirus and be contagious, but are not experiencing symptoms. We encourage all adults in any eligible household to take part in LFD testing and further information about this can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff We will share more information in the coming days about how to order LFD testing kits.

World Book Day Event

All classes will be celebrating World Book Day on Monday 8th March 2021. A wide range of book-inspired activities will be taking place in school on that day including making bookmarks, writing letters to our favourite authors, creating comic strips and even..... decorating potatoes as favourite book characters!

Children are invited to wear colourful clothes or dress up as their favourite book character on this day and we are kindly asking for donations to St Paul's Church Food Bank of tinned food, dried food or UHT milk. There will be tables in the playground for donations to be placed on when children arrive for school on Monday morning. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during these challenging times. If you have any questions regarding the full reopening of school, please contact us by telephone or by emailing office@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 8th March!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Palmer Head Teacher