



St. Paul's  
C.E. Primary School  
Learning Together

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Opening for all pupils in September 2021**

I am writing to you for the final time before we break up for the summer holidays. On behalf of myself and all the staff I would like to thank you for your continued support. I believe that as a school community we have worked extremely hard to ensure the safety of everyone and because of this it has not been necessary for us to close a class bubble at St Paul's during all of this academic year- an absolutely fantastic achievement!

I am also writing with further information about the arrangements for September following announcements from the government regarding Step 4 of the government road map, and how the new Department for Education guidance will impact on our school routines. The Department for Education guidance states that at Step 4 it is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent groups (bubbles), this means that bubbles will not be used in schools in the autumn term.

#### **Arrival at school:**

The one-way system will remain in use for adults and children to support the safe and calm entry and exit on to and from the school site. The barriers will remain in place for a short time at the beginning of the term, whilst families get used to the new entrances to drop off at, in line with the new classrooms that have been allocated to year groups. Staff will be on hand to help families adjust to the new system.

<b>Current Class</b>	<b>In September</b>	<b>Entrance for drop off in am</b>	<b>Classroom</b>	<b>Entrance for picking up at pm</b>
N/A	Class Wibsey (Reception)	Early Years entrance	Current Reception classroom	Early Years entrance
Reception	Class Keighley (Year 1)	Current Year 1 and 3 entrance	Current Year 1 classroom	Current Year 1 and 3 entrance
Year 1	Class Shipley (Year 2)	Current Year 6 entrance	Current Year 6 classroom	Current Year 6 entrance

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Year 2	Class Manningham (Year 3)	Current Year 4 entrance	Current Year 4 classroom	Current Year 4 entrance
Year 3	Class Saltaire (Year 4)	Current Year 5 entrance	Current Year 5 classroom	Current Year 5 entrance
Year 4	Class Howarth (Year 5)	Current Year 1 and 3 entrance	Current Year 2 classroom	Current Year 2 entrance
Year 5	Class Little Germany (Year 6)	Current Year 2 entrance	Current Year 3 classroom	Current Year 2 entrance

There will be no access to playgrounds before or after school and younger children should stay with their adult at all times. Everyone on the school site will need to stay on the pathways.

As the school site can get busy during peak times, adults may choose to continue wearing face coverings whilst dropping off and collecting children.

#### **Timings:**

In September 2021, school will operate a shorter rolling start and finish time. This will continue to give parents some flexibility with start and finish times. For pupils not attending breakfast club, you will be able to enter the school site from **8:35am until 8:40am**. Collective worship will begin at **8:45 am prompt**.

#### **Breakfast Club:**

If your child attends breakfast club, they should enter the building at the current Year 2 entrance, via the one-way system. Parents can then follow the one-way system down the slope and past the school office to exit.

#### **Late pupils:**

Children must arrive promptly at their classroom doors by **8:40 am**. If pupils arrive after this, they must go to the school office entrance. Pupils should be dropped off at the office and a member of staff will take them to their classroom or to the hall for collective worship.

#### **Lunchtimes:**

Children can choose to bring a packed lunch from home or have a dinner prepared by school. The school lunch choices will be sent home to parents and can be viewed on the school's website. We would ask that as usual, children bring

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a water bottle each day, but this must be clearly labelled with their name and is for their use only. In September we will continue to use the school hall for pupils to eat their dinners.

### **End of the school day:**

In the same routine as the mornings, parents and children should use the one-way systems at the end of the school day. Pupils can be collected from **3:10 to 3:15pm Monday to Thursday and 1:05 to 1:10pm on Fridays**. Classroom doors will be clearly marked so that parents know which door to use. To encourage the independence of older pupils, some parents may choose to meet their children at the exit near to the office. If your child walks home on their own, they can continue as they usually would and they will leave classrooms at **3:15pm**. We ask that parents be patient during home time routines as staff want to ensure pupils leave their care safely.

### **After School Clubs:**

We will be returning to our full offer of after school clubs from the autumn term for children in Years 1 to 6. The clubs will be available Monday to Thursday and will run from 3:15 to 4:15pm. Reception pupils will be able to attend clubs later in the school year. More information about the after school clubs will be sent home when the autumn term begins.

### **Collective worship:**

Pupils have not attended collective worship together for a significant length of time. During the pandemic, all of our school assemblies have been held either in class, virtually or in single class groups. As we return to 'in person worship' some pupils will need time to adjust to this new routine. To support this, we plan to gradually return to whole school gatherings, beginning with worship in key stages for the first half term. We hope to have parents in school for our family celebration assemblies in October, when the children are back in and settled. We can't wait to see you all then!

### **Equipment:**

In September, pupils can resume bringing bags to and from school each day. Book bags are preferred, if possible, as we have limited space inside the building to store larger bags. Any educational resources that your child needs will be provided by school; they do not need to bring in pencil cases or stationery. Children in Years 5 and 6 should only bring mobile phones into school if this is **absolutely necessary**, these should be handed to the teacher each morning and can be collected at the end of the school day.

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**Uniform:**

Children should wear school uniform when they return in September and we feel that it is beneficial to all if they continue to come to school in their PE kit on their PE day. This saves time changing and ensures more lesson time. PE days will be confirmed on our return in September.

**Attendance:**

In September, our usual attendance procedures will be in place. This includes recording attendance and following up any child absences by phone calls and home visits, if necessary. As usual, if your child is ill and will not be attending school, please contact the school office by telephoning 01274 679183.

**NHS Test and Trace:**

Close contacts will now be identified by NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. This means that families no longer need to email school to report a positive contact over the summer holidays.

We look forward to welcoming our pupils in Years 1 to 6 back to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and our new Reception class will begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Please be assured that if there are any further updates over the summer holidays, we will contact families via text, signposting information on our school website.

Finally, we would like to thank you all, once again, for your continued support and kindness. Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely,

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