

THE COMMUNICATOR

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Welcome back!

All the staff at St Paul's would like to welcome our new and returning pupils back to school.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children at St Paul's have adapted to all the changes and settled back in so quickly.

Thankyou also to all our families and carers who have helped prepare the children for their return and for adhering to the new structure of the day.

At the start of the school year we usually fill the first newsletter with information about upcoming events, information about homework and curriculum, trips, parent consultation's etc but due to the current situation, some of these events are on hold or will operate slightly differently.

With that in mind, in this newsletter we will be answering some of the questions we have received from parents during our reopening.

If you have any further queries please contact the office staff via telephone and we will be happy to help.



Academic Year 2020-2021

Half term	School closes on Friday 23 October 2020 School re-opens on Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas	School closes on Friday 18 December 2020 School re-opens Monday 04 January 2021
Half term	School closes on Friday 12 February 2021 School re-opens Monday 22 February 2021
Easter	School closes on Friday 26 March 2021 School re-opens on Monday 12 April 2021
May Day	Monday 03 May 2021
Spring Bank	School closes on Friday 21 May 2021 School re-opens Monday 7 June 2021
Summer	School closes on Thursday 22 July 2021



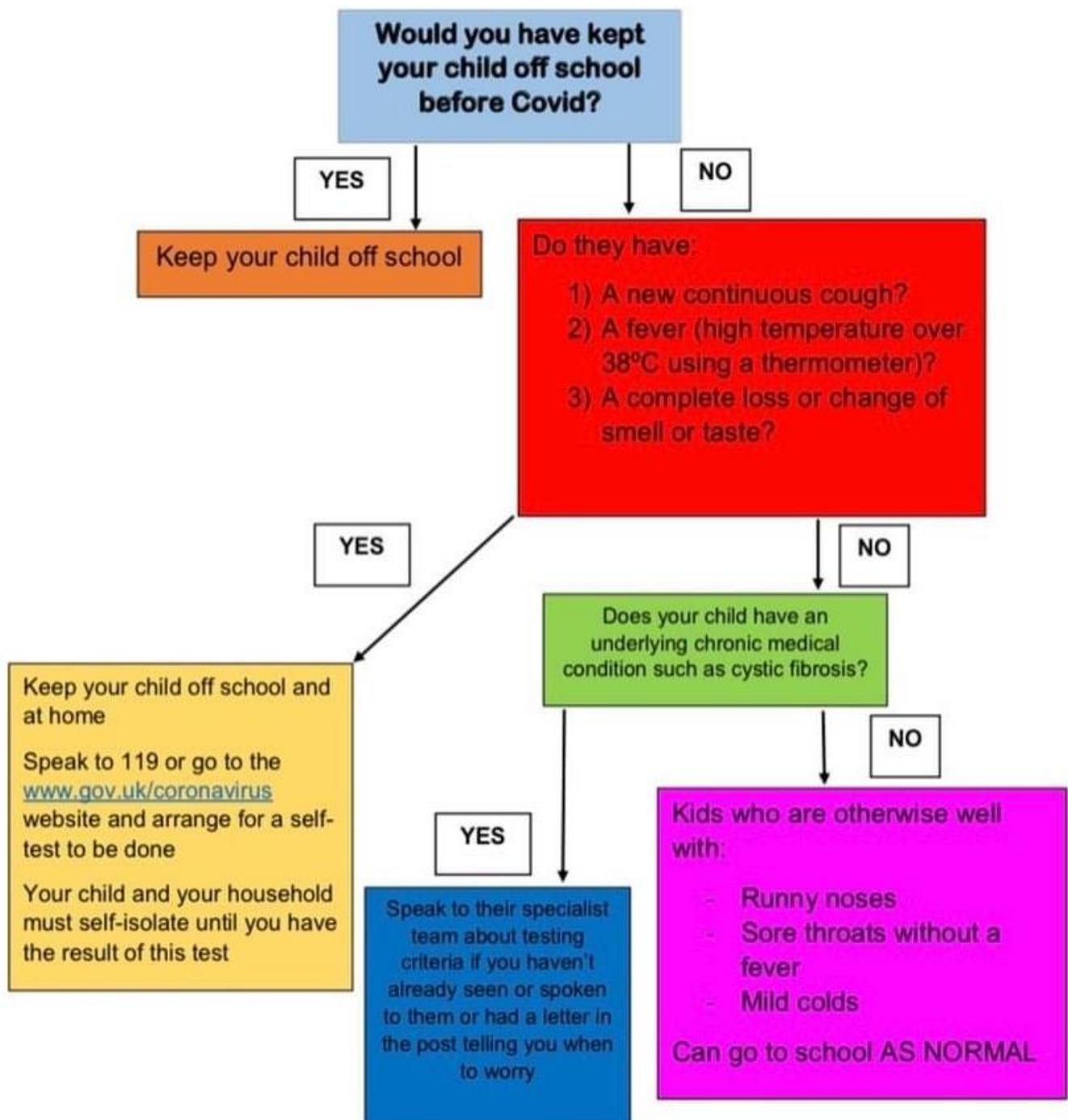
School Attendance

How do I notify the school my child will not be in school?

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please report their absence by telephoning the school office on 01274 679183. The school office is open from 8.00am each day.

Due to current guidance from the Local Authority, our office staff will be asking some additional questions relating to the health of your child and others in your household. By obtaining this information we can ensure you are provided with the most up-to-date advice on keeping your family safe.

If you need to report an anticipated absence, linked to COVID at anytime outside of usual school hours including weekends, please email head@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk. Please also report any COVID test results out of school hours to this email address.



School reopening FAQ's

What items are my child allowed to bring to school ?

In line with hygiene guidance, it is important that children do not bring in non-essential items from home, or take items home from school. 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.

Children may bring the below items into school:

- filled water bottle
- coat
- packed lunch
- Mobile phones (**Year 5 and 6**)

Can I send money into school?

Children should hand money envelopes in at morning registration as usual which can then be dropped directly into a plastic folder to minimise handling.

The main office is not open for handing in money and should be accessed by parents/carers for urgent matters only. Parents/carers should not hand envelopes directly to staff on the entrances/exits of school.



Can my child bring sweets to school to share on their birthday?

We cannot currently accept 'Birthday' sweets or gifts into school

Can my child bring a snack for break time?

Key Stage 2 pupils may bring a healthy snack for their morning break but this must be kept in their lunchbox or in a sealed sandwich bag in their locker. Please remember all snacks and lunches must not contain nuts.

What if my child requires medicine during the school day?

Children can still bring medicine into school ,however parents/carers must first telephone the school office to discuss the requirements and arrange for a medicine consent form to be sent home and completed before this can be accepted.

Will assemblies still be held in school?

Each week one year group will attend celebration assembly in the hall, this will then be broadcast to the remaining classes in their classrooms via our interactive whiteboards. There will be frequent assemblies during the week that will take place in individual classrooms.

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Will my child be issued with reading books to bring home?

Children in Years 1 to 6 will be issued with a reading book which they can take home to enjoy. The books will go home on a Tuesday and will need to be returned to school on a Friday morning. As it is still important to minimise items being taken to and from school, we ask that children return their reading book to school only on a Friday

Will school trips be going ahead?

Some trips within the school day can resume and will be carefully planned in line with government guidance. Residential visits will be postponed until later in the school year.

Is the same behaviour system being operated in school as in previous years?

In addition to our Traffic Light behaviour system we have now added a Rainbow at the top of the traffic lights to recognise pupils who demonstrate exceptional behaviour throughout the day.

Will there be Attendance HERO weekly, termly and annual prize winners and Star of the week winners?

We will shortly resume our Star of The Week certificates however will be temporarily suspending attendance rewards until further notice.

Will my child be receiving homework?

To minimise items being brought in and out of school , pupils will not be receiving their usual homework tasks until further notice. Your child can access TT Rock stars online to practice their times tables if they choose to.

Will children still attend church on a Wednesday?

Attendance at Church is currently on hold until further notice.

Does my child have to wear indoor or outdoor PE kit to school?

As the weather continues to change children will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Please therefore provide a plain black or navy track suit with white t-shirt and suitable footwear.





PE

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tues	Fri	Tues	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed

Please ensure children wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.

Late arrivals to school

At the moment it is extremely difficult to manage lateness in school due to the children having to stay in their class bubbles. We have noticed that towards the end of this week there has been a slight increase in parents arriving or collecting late. Please ensure that pupils are dropped off and collected within the time frames for their class to avoid the need for school to refer to the Local Authority. We have avoided this in the past, but due to the situation at the moment we cannot manage persistent lateness in school.



Forgotten something at home?

If your child forgets to bring their lunch box or water bottle please do not bring them into school. If you call the office your child will be given a school dinner (£1.90). We have disposable cups in school that they can use for a drink.

This is with the exception of medication.

Text Messages

We would like to remind parents/carers that our text messaging service is not actively monitored for replies and should therefore only be used to communicate if specifically asked to do so.

Please remember to download the Teachers2Parents app on Google or the App store to ensure all text messages are received.



Coats

Please ensure your child brings a suitable coat, appropriate for the weather. We will be playing outside as much as possible during break and lunch times.



Class Dojo



By now, you will have received a letter detailing how to download, join and set up your Class Dojo account. Class Dojo is a communication system we will be increasingly using in school for recognising positive behaviours, setting home learning tasks and communicating with families.

We hope that you find Class Dojo to be a convenient and exciting way of being made aware of how your child is getting on in school and keeping up to date with what's happening in school.

If using Class Dojo to contact your child's teacher we would like to clarify how this function should be used:

DO

- Do message your child's teacher if you want to share something positive from home or congratulate your child on something they have done in school
- Do message your child's teacher if you have a small query or would like to find out something simple
- Do message your child's teacher on Class Dojo if your child has any minor worries, for example: Jack didn't quite understand fractions today; could you speak to him about it please?

DON'T

- Please do not message the teacher to notify them of absences or illnesses – this should be done via the school office as normal
- Please do not use Class Dojo to message about any urgent or serious issues; please use the school office and normal school procedures for this
- Teachers will always endeavour to reply as quickly as possible. However, please bear in mind that school life can be incredibly busy and whilst every effort will be made to reply or acknowledge

Snacks and packed lunches

Packed lunches and snacks can contribute to almost a third of a child's weekly food intake and therefore need to be balanced and nutritious.

We would kindly ask that any snacks brought into school are healthy options such as fruit, low sugar cereals or vegetables and that packed lunches do not contain items with a high fat or sugar content.

Due to allergies in school products containing nuts must not be brought into school. Please remember to check food labels for allergens

Please see below a list of what foods and drink are not permitted in school.

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Sweets / confectionary
- Chewing gum
- Sugared / toffee/ salted popcorn
- Any packet savoury snacks high in salt and fat
- No products containing nuts**
- Energy drinks
- Chocolate spread containing nuts



Secondary school applications

The online admissions system will be available for Year 7 applications from 7 September 2020 until 31 October 2020 for children born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010.

Apply online at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/apply-for-a-place-at-one-of-bradford-districts-schools/>



Permission to walk home from school

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to walk home from school unaccompanied if we have written permission from their parent/carer.

Please contact the school office if you require a copy of this consent form .



Road safety

As we start a new school year, we would like to remind families to please ensure you use our designated crossing areas and park safely.

Please remember:

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
- No double parking
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags
- No parking on corners or junctions especially near the school entrances
- Please do not block driveways



Thank you for your cooperation

Dogs in the playground

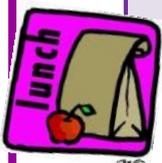


We would like to remind families that dogs, with the exemption of guide dogs, are not allowed on the school premises and must not be left tied to the gate or railings .



**School dinner Menu
Autumn Term 1 2020**

Day	Hot option	Cold Option	Dessert Option
Monday	<p>Cheese and tomato pizza with chips or wedges</p> <p>Cheese, ham or tuna panini</p> <p>Jacket potato with cheese or tuna</p>	<p>Ham, cheese or tuna in a wrap, soft teacake or sandwich bread.</p>	<p>Vanilla ice cream</p> <p>Chocolate biscuit</p> <p>Yogurt</p> <p>Piece of fruit</p> <p>Mandarin or peach fruit pot</p>
Tuesday	<p>Sausage in a bun (Quorn or Pork)</p> <p>Cheese, ham or tuna panini</p> <p>Jacket potato with cheese or tuna</p>	<p>Ham, cheese or tuna in a wrap, soft teacake or sandwich bread.</p>	<p>Bun</p> <p>Chocolate biscuit</p> <p>Yogurt</p> <p>Piece of fruit</p> <p>Mandarin or peach fruit pot</p>
Wednesday	<p>Hot meat sandwich</p> <p>Cheese, ham or tuna panini</p> <p>Jacket potato with cheese or tuna</p>	<p>Ham, cheese or tuna in a wrap, soft teacake or sandwich bread.</p>	<p>Oat cookie</p> <p>Chocolate biscuit</p> <p>Yogurt</p> <p>Piece of fruit</p> <p>Mandarin or peach fruit pot</p>
Thursday	<p>Burger in a bun (Beef or Quorn)</p> <p>Cheese, ham or tuna panini</p> <p>Jacket potato with cheese or tuna</p>	<p>Ham, cheese or tuna in a wrap, soft teacake or sandwich bread.</p>	<p>Flapjack</p> <p>Chocolate biscuit</p> <p>Yogurt</p> <p>Piece of fruit</p> <p>Mandarin or peach fruit pot</p>
Friday	<p>Fish butty with chips or wedges</p> <p>Cheese, ham or tuna panini</p> <p>Jacket potato with cheese or tuna</p>	<p>Ham, cheese or tuna in a wrap, soft teacake or sandwich bread.</p>	<p>Shortbread</p> <p>Chocolate biscuit</p> <p>Yogurt</p> <p>Piece of fruit</p> <p>Mandarin or peach fruit pot</p>



All meals are served along with a bottle of water and a packet of raisins

