



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **School Updates**

We would like to thank you all for your continued cooperation and efforts in keeping our community safe by adhering to the new arrival and collection time slots this week. The support from families has been wonderful and this was especially demonstrated last week by the generous Harvest donations that were collected. We are pleased to share that all the items collected have now been donated to the St Paul's Church food bank.

Please see below, some important updates and school news we have to share:

#### Welcome to New Staff

We are pleased to announce that we have welcomed two new members of staff to St Paul's; Mrs Bramham has joined us as the Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator and Miss Moreton is working with us as a Teacher to lead our Key Stage 1 intervention programmes. Mrs Bramham and Miss Moreton are very experienced in primary education and are a fantastic addition to our thriving staff team.

#### Interventions

Additional interventions programmes are being carried out across school to support the learning and progression of our pupils, following the school closure period this year. We are currently taking part in two Reading programmes that are run by Bradford City Football Club. The programmes are called Reading Bears and Reading Stars; selected pupils from Key Stage 2 will be working in small groups during these weekly sessions. Miss Moreton is teaching specialist interventions across Key Stage 1, the focus of these are phonics, maths and writing. In addition to our intervention programmes, we will continue to create opportunities to reinforce key learning through whole class teaching and direct support from our trained staff.

#### Dropping Off and Collecting Children

In order to minimise contact with other families, please remember to arrive during the designated time slots only. Our Early Years playground is a 'no waiting zone' and a member of our friendly staff team will be present in the playground at drop-off and collection times to ensure social distancing measures are being followed. Please note that this is for the safety of all our pupils and their families and we are here to help if you have any queries.

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To reduce congestion around the school site, only one adult from each family should enter the school site when dropping off and collecting children.

#### Before and After-School Care Clubs

After the half term break, the before and after-school care club will continue to run on an advance booking system. The before-school club will start at 8.00am and the after-school club will finish at 4.00pm. Please can I also remind parents to follow the one-way system when dropping off and collecting from these clubs; although this is generally a quieter part of the school day, we need to ensure the safety of all by walking in one direction around school.

Full week bookings will continue to be charged at £10.00 per child, and individual day bookings will be charged at £3.00 per child per session.

If you would like to book your child into the before or after-school care club for next half term, please complete the booking form on the school website and return by email to [office@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk).

#### Remote Learning Plan

As there will be occasions when pupils are feeling well but have to self-isolate for a period of time, we have implemented a remote learning plan to ensure that education continues to be available to your child. In the event of any form of isolation and loss of learning caused by Coronavirus, we need to stress that engagement in home learning is compulsory, as is the expectation that school makes provision available and accessible to all. However, if children themselves are too ill to attend, then they would not be expected to engage in home learning.

Over recent weeks, accounts with Class Dojo have been set up for all pupils and this platform will be used by teachers to send messages directly to parents and carers about learning tasks and activities that have been set for your child whilst they are at home. We are also in the process of creating class pages on our school website where pupils will be able to find home learning resources.

We have recently asked our families if they have any barriers to accessing home learning. It is extremely important that we understand the individual circumstances for our pupils so that we can offer practical support if this is needed. Please contact the school office if you feel that this applies to you.

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### School Photographs

Individual portrait photographs will be taken of all pupils on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Parents and carers will have the opportunity to purchase photographs and more information about this will be sent to parents and carers nearer the date.

### Parent/Carer Consultations

The first parent and carer consultation event of the academic year will be taking place in November. Although it will not be possible to hold face-to-face meetings this year, we are currently exploring alternative options to enable parents and carers to have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and well-being with their class teacher. More information about parent and carer consultations will be sent out next week.

### Hello Yellow Day

To celebrate Mental Health Awareness Day tomorrow (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020), all children are invited to wear yellow and other bright colours for a special non-uniform day. This day is simply to raise awareness and spread happiness across our school community so please note that charity or fundraising donations are not required.

If you have any questions regarding the school updates or ongoing arrangements, please don't hesitate to contact the school office (telephone lines are open 8.00am to 4.30pm each day).

Thank you again for your continued patience and support.

Yours sincerely,

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