



17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the autumn term I would like to update you on a few things. Firstly, as we all know, this term has been unprecedented and despite the challenges faced by all of us, we have been able to continue to provide high quality learning experiences and a great deal of enjoyment for our pupils. The continued support that we receive from our families makes all of this possible and on behalf of the whole staff team, I would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks.

We are also delighted to share that our whole school attendance for this term is 96%- a fantastic achievement! Next term we will be re-introducing our incentives and rewards linked to good attendance to reinforce how important it is that we are in school every day. In addition to this we will be re-introducing homework tasks that will be set by teachers via Class Dojo; information about these extended learning opportunities will follow in the new term. With this in mind, there will be a 'research-based question' uploaded to Class dojo tomorrow linked to your child's learning in the spring term- it would be great if they could complete this activity over the holidays!

#### Festive fun day

Please be reminded that the 'festive fun day' will take place for all classes tomorrow (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020). There will be Christmas activities throughout the day, party snacks, a virtual pantomime and a few surprises!

#### Christmas Performance is live!

We are proud to share the virtual Christmas performances are now live to watch online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zStM28Wp65M&feature=youtu.be>

We hope this virtual celebration can be enjoyed by all during the Christmas break. Please note that this recording will only be available to watch until 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.

#### Before and after-school care club

The before-school breakfast club will continue to begin at 8.00am (please note that the school gates will not be unlocked until this time). The after-school care club will close daily at 4.00pm. If you require either or both of these care clubs, please complete the booking form on the website and return by email to [office@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk). Payments for the wraparound care clubs should be made via ParentPay.

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### ParentPay

Many families have now activated their ParentPay accounts and are using this quick and easy method of sending payments into school. From 4<sup>th</sup> January, all payments due to school will be able to be made through ParentPay. If you would like help in activating your ParentPay account, please contact the school office.

### During the Christmas break

To enable effective contact-tracing across our school community, it is important that cases of confirmed coronavirus are reported promptly to the Head Teacher. Please be aware that if your child develops symptoms and has a positive coronavirus test up to and including Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, you should:

- Email [head@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:head@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk) with the following details; your child's full name and year group, when their symptoms began, when they received their test result

Upon receipt of this information we will then be able to follow our contact tracing protocols as necessary.

School will re-open following the Christmas break on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If your child or anyone else in the household is displaying coronavirus symptoms or awaiting a coronavirus test result on this day, please keep them at home and inform school in the usual way by telephoning 01274 679183.

### FOOD CRISIS PROVISION IN WIBSEY DURING THE FESTIVITIES

**Salvation Army:** open only Mon 21st Dec, Tue 22nd Dec, Wed 23rd Dec, from 9am to 12 noon (collection at the Salvation Army Citadel, Holroyd Hill). Salvation Army re-opens on Mon 4th Jan.

**St Paul's Food Bank:** will stay open every day. Call 07936023093 to arrange delivery to your house.

**For children eligible for free school meals, the Sandale Trust will arrange free lunch packs for you, that can be delivered:** Mon 21st Dec, Tue 22nd Dec, Wed 23rd Dec, Mon 28th Dec, Tue 29th Dec, Wed 30th Dec. Text your name to 07732309852 the day before; and indicate that you want St Paul's church to make the delivery.

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### Looking forwards...

As we look forward to the New Year, we reflect on the great things our school has achieved during what has been a difficult time for all communities across the country. The attitudes and resilience shown by our pupils has helped them adjust wonderfully to our new routines within their learning environments.

Although our additional safety measures and procedures will continue into 2021, we are pleased to share that we are able to recommence some further activities in the Spring Term, including our Year 5 class beginning their swimming lessons at Sedbergh Sports Centre. We are also able to continue with our extensive music provision across school and look forward to creating more performances to share with families in the future.

I'm also pleased to share that following the recruitment process, undertaken this term, we successfully appointed a Deputy Head Teacher. Rachel Timms is an experienced Assistant Head Teacher, currently working at Farnham Primary School, and she will start work with us in January 2021. The Governors and I are delighted to be able to welcome her to join our thriving staff team.

Finally, on behalf of all staff, I would like to wish you all a relaxing and restful festive period and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely,

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