



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents

It has been an excellent week and the children have been extremely positive in their approach and readiness to learn! They are clearly enjoying being back with their classmates and teachers. It is hard to believe that our new Year 3 pupils have only been with us for just over a week – they made transitioning into a new school look easy!

We have worked very hard to make the start and end of the day streamlined and well organised and we appreciate all of your positive feedback and encouragement. We've come a long way since the first day of term which is testament to our fantastic staff team!

Thank you to everyone who drops their child and leaves immediately. We appreciate it is tempting to wave as the children go into school or to stand chatting with other parents. Leaving straight away helps our attempts to keep our school communities safe. As one parent rightly pointed out, if kisses and bag swaps are done on the field as soon as the bell rings, parents obstructing the mouth of the gate and pavement can be avoided.

The staff have done a superb job of welcoming the children back and helping them settle back in and allay any worries they might have about being back in school.

Miss Plumley was made an Auntie again this week. Her beautiful niece, Sofia Aly Rose, arrived in the early hours of Wednesday morning, weighing a healthy 8lb and 4oz.

Have a good weekend - Mrs Taylor, Headteacher



Signs of Spring Competition Winner

Congratulations again to Emilia (6G) who won a camera for her winning entry in our 'Signs of Spring' competition last term.

A lovely photograph capturing the many different elements of Spring – well done Emilia!



Year 6 – Starting Secondary School September 2021

A ParentMail has been sent today to Year 6 parents with the following documents:

- A letter informing parents of the need to apply and the dates required for application.
- A summary pack with process details and information that parents should be mindful of when applying. There will also be information on how parents may access the School Admissions Parent's Guides online.

****The closing date for applications is 31st October 2020****

St Paul's C of E Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and external agencies to share this commitment.

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Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs. J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

The eligibility criteria for free school meals can be found at [apply for free school meals](#).

If you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please complete the form on the website [here](#) and email it to office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. We will let you know the outcome of the check made by Wokingham Borough Council as to whether or not your child is eligible.

During the Coronavirus outbreak, eligibility for free school meals has been temporarily extended to include some groups who may have no recourse to public funds (NRPF). This temporary extension will continue for the autumn term and covers both pupils who are attending school and who are at home due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

See [guidance for the temporary extension of free school meals eligibility to NRPF groups](#) for more information.

Further [government support](#) is available for families struggling as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). If families need urgent help, they can [contact the local council](#) to find out what services are available in the area.

Testing for Coronavirus

For the latest guidance on how to book a test, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Returning to Primary School – What Parents Need to Know

For the latest DfE information leaflets for parents, please follow the link below:

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/schools-/resources/parents-leaflets/>

PE/Games Day Timetable - Autumn Term 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4C	4L	3B	All Classes	3L
4M	5S	5K		3D
6N		5P		6G
				6B

PE kit for all pupils is a plain white round necked t-shirt and navy-blue shorts. A plain navy or black tracksuit may be worn for outdoor lessons. **Earrings should not be worn to school on PE days. They should be removed and left at home for safe keeping.** On PE days, pupils may arrive wearing school PE kit. As PE lessons go ahead in all weathers, your child should also bring their uniform to school on PE days in case they need to change into dry clothes at the end of the session.

Reporting an Absence

If you need to report your child's absence from school, please send an email rather than calling the school office. You can do this by:

- Using the Absence reporting facility in ParentMail.
- Sending an email to the dedicated Absence mailbox – absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. A link can be found on the website [here](#).

Please do not send an absence email to the Admin/Office mailbox.

Diary Dates 2020

Monday 5 th October	Individual Pupil Photos The photographer will be visiting school on Monday 5th October to take individual photographs only. Sadly, we will not be able to offer family photographs this time.
Friday 4 th December	Flu Immunisation for All Year Groups
Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the website here	

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/](https://nidirect.gov.uk/) CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk

EDUCATION RESTART