

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the letter from Mrs Shone our Chair of Governors on Friday, as agreed, I am writing to provide more details regarding the proposed operational process for re-opening our school.

As you are all aware, the Prime Minister announced last week the Government's plan to begin to allow specific pupils to attend school from the 1st June 2020, at the earliest. The Government, and Department for Education, have continued to release guidance this week to help schools and local authorities come to an informed decision and develop an action plan for reopening which complies with LCCs risk assessment and these guidelines.

First and foremost, I would like reassure you that any decision regarding how our children return to school, and what school will look like over the coming two months, has been arrived at by keeping in mind the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff. Governors and staff have spent the last week cautiously planning for the return of our children to school, and want to assure you that we are only taking the decision with the backing of rigorous risk assessments and with a vigilant eye on the information being provided directly to us from DFE and Public Health.

Our first step has been to write to our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 parents to determine the likely numbers of children returning to school. Now that we have the data, we have updated our risk assessment accordingly. These updates have influenced the following decisions on how we ensure staff and children return to school safely.

#### **Teaching and Learning across school**

We are planning on starting the transition back to school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June has always been a planned training day. We are therefore going to utilise this time to finalise details, with our staff team.

**EYFS** will start school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** and be taught by **Mrs Riley/Miss Turner**

**Year 1** will be taught remotely for 2 weeks and provided we are satisfied with our risk assessment, will return to school on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** and be taught by **Miss Heap**

**Year 2** will be taught remotely until further notice by **Mrs Hanger**

**Year 3** will be taught remotely until further notice by **Miss Coates**

**Year 4** will be taught remotely until further notice by **Miss Jenkinson**

**Year 5** will be taught remotely until further notice by **Mrs Sharples/Mrs Pollitt** (PPA cover)

**Year 6** will start school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** and be taught by **Mrs Richardson/ Mrs Sharples** (PPA cover)

Our highly skilled and experienced learning support staff will also be leading groups of children.

#### **Arrangements for starting back to school**

**EYFS and Year 6** to start school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**

**Year 1** to start school on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020** (provisionally)

#### **Drop off**

- Year 6 will start school at **09:00** (staggered)
- Year 1 (on the 15<sup>th</sup> June) will start school **09:15** (staggered)
- EYFS will start school at **09:30** (staggered)

*NB the staggering will be according to your child's group number. Details to follow.*

To start with, parents/carers will come in from the **church car park through the green gate** at the allocated drop off time, and wait on the cinder track facing towards school. Cones will determine 2m distancing. **EYFS will come into school via Diamond Class and Ruby Class door. Year 6 will come into school through KS1 playground, via Sapphire class door** (groups to be allocated).

Parents will leave the premises following the arrows, down the pathways/drive adjacent to school. We will be operating a one-way system.

**Please remember if a child or member of the family has symptoms, do not to bring them in to school. We have non-contact thermometers in school. YOUR CHILD'S TEMPERATURE WILL BE TAKEN ON ENTRY. They will have to return home, if their temperature is high. Children with any symptoms in school, will be isolated (with an adult) until they are collected. All children will wash hands on arrival in school, and at specified times of the day.**

### **Collection**

Again, at collection time, all parents and carers are to enter school premises by **church car park through the green gate**, at the allocated collection time (see below).

Staff will have children ready, and hand over to parents.

Parents will leave the premises the same way they did at drop off - down the drive adjacent to school

- Year 6 will finish school at **14.55** (staggered)
- Year 1 (on the 15<sup>th</sup> June) will finish school **14.45** (staggered)
- EYFS will finish school at **14.30** (staggered)

Please arrive promptly to collect your child. School will finish earlier than usual to allow time for teachers to clean equipment and to manage the home learning of other children who are not attending school.

### **Key worker childcare**

Key worker childcare will continue as it has been doing, in the hall. These children will be dropped off and collected from the hall door, from the drive adjacent to school. Key worker childcare starts at **08.50** and finishes at **15.10**. Please book for your childcare place in advance via the online booking form. Please note KWC is for children of keyworkers, and those children who are defined as vulnerable (please see DFE guidance) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people>.

### **After School Provision**

We will be discussing this further, after half term. For now, there will be **NO WRAP AROUND CARE**. Details of this will follow.

### **Updates**

We will keep you updated regarding Year 2, 3, 4 and 5. In the meantime, they will have work planned as they have been at home, and by a teacher on Google Classroom. We are rolling out 'Zoom Live Streaming' of lessons after half term, to these year groups too. Please watch out for these.

Changes and announcements are happening daily and we will respond and react accordingly. However, please be assured that any decision regarding a full opening of the school would depend on our risk assessment supporting this. We will not compromise on the health safety and wellbeing of our children and staff.

You have all been extremely supportive, and we cannot thank you enough. If you have any queries, please get in touch at [head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Kind regards



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