

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are looking forward to welcoming all children back into school next Thursday, here is a final reminder about many of the systems we have put in place to ensure children are as safe as possible in our school. Hopefully, this letter also answers the many questions I'm sure you will have had over the last few weeks.

- The risk assessment has been approved by Governors and is now available on the school website: <https://catonstpauls.com/risk-assessment/> Please do have a read through this as this letter is only a brief version.
- This letter is also available on the school website: <https://catonstpauls.com/coronavirus-letters-sent-home/> If you know anyone who hasn't received it, please direct them there.
- A diagrammatic guide to entry and exit points is available here: <https://catonstpauls.com/risk-assessment/>

The following information is about systems (you have received some of it already but there is no harm in recapping).

- Children will be split into 3 bubbles: Bubble 1 (Diamond and Ruby), Bubble 2 (Topaz and Emerald), Bubble 3 (Sapphire and Amethyst). The gates, and entry doors, will open at 8:45am and will close at 9:00am. Bubble 1 enter via drive to enter school via classroom doors: Ruby leave via drive and Diamond leave via side gate. Bubble 2: enter and exit via drive to enter school via corridor doors. Bubble 3: enter via Church gate to enter school via Sapphire class door and exit via side gate.
- The above instructions also apply for pick up. When waiting for children, Ruby class and Bubble 2 to wait on KS2 playground, Diamond class and Bubble 1 to wait on KS1 playground. Parents, and children, are expected to leave the school site immediately after pick-up (unless children are at WAC club or an extra-curricular club).
- Parents are expected to social distance at all times on the school site. There is a one-way system in place on the drive (follow the yellow arrows).
- Lunchtimes and playtimes are staggered to ensure all bubbles can eat and play safely.
- School dinners will resume for all children who wish to order one. Universal free school meals are available for infant children.
- Tuck will be available and delivered to classes at playtime in a safe manner.
- Children should NOT bring pencil cases or stationery to school: this will be provided by school for all children. This makes equipment easier to clean.
- Children CAN bring certain items to school: lunchboxes, book bags, bags, PE kit. They don't need Forest school kit to start with as we are working out how to store this

safely. Reading books will be sent home as normal: these will be rotated at school to ensure they are left for 48hrs before being sent home again.

- Children are expected to wear full school uniform.

The following information is about measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 – there is more detail in the risk assessment.

- If your child displays any of the following symptoms, they should not attend school: temperature, new and persistent cough, loss/change of sense of smell. You will need to arrange a test for your child and inform us of the results immediately (more detail is in the risk assessment).
- Enhanced cleaning measures are in place.
- Hand sanitiser is provided in every classroom and children will be given additional time to wash hands: when entering school, after break, before and after lunch, before leaving school.

The following information is about the curriculum for the first half-term:

- We are very aware that many children haven't been in school for nearly six months and may be anxious about returning: we will use PSHE and mental health and well-being resources to ensure children feel nurtured and confident in school.
- We will be following a recovery curriculum for the first few weeks of term. This is aimed at quickly identifying gaps in learning and using targeted teaching to fill these gaps. This is not intended to re-teach the previous year's curriculum but to enable children to access their year group's curriculum confidently.
- We will focus on learning behaviour as this will need rebuilding: resilience, perseverance and self-help strategies.
- If a child is self-isolating at home, work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom to ensure they can continue to learn at home. This is a recognition that children may have to be at home without being ill due to self-isolation guidance.

Personally, I would like to thank the Governors and Miss Sanderson who have worked tirelessly over the last two weeks to ensure that children can return safely to school next week. It has been an interesting start to my time as Headteacher at Caton St Paul's, but I am thoroughly looking forward to meeting the children next Thursday and getting on with what we do best – ensuring children are developing educationally, socially, spiritually and culturally.

If you have any further questions, please email head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk and I will endeavour to answer these when teachers return to school on Tuesday. Please accept my apologies for the length of this letter but I'm sure you appreciate there is a lot to cover.

I look forward to meeting you all at some point in the near future.

Kind regards
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