



## Back to school

It has been lovely to welcome our children back to school over the last two days. School has felt like it is supposed to: vibrant, busy, loud and exciting. I would also like to place on record my thanks for the warm welcome I have received from children, parents, staff and Governors. The children are a wonderful advert for Caton St Paul's – they have been friendly and open with me and are very excited at my failed attempts to learn their names. Moving forward, I look forward to working closely with you to ensure your child's time with us continues to be fulfilling – I am often to be found on the playground before and after school if you need to ask me anything.

Mr Gittins

## Covid-19 update

Thank you for ensuring that drop off and pick up have run smoothly for the last two days. Please keep trying to ensure that there is a 2m distance between you and the person you are talking to. We are encouraging parents and children to leave the school site immediately after picking up your child/children. Only one adult should be on site with a child.

If your child has symptoms of Covid-19, please don't send them to school. You should ring 111 for advice and book your child in for a test: the rest of the family do not need to be tested.

If you are unsure about any of the guidance, please see our risk assessment on the website for further information.

## Equipment in school

All children will have been given their own set of stationery this week: this is to ensure that cleaning is easier and the risk of transmission is low. Children can bring lunchboxes, coats, bags, book bags to school as usual.

When we restart Forest Schools, we are asking for children only to bring their Forest Schools kit on the day they need it. It can then be sent home that evening. We will update shortly regarding which days your child needs their Forest Schools kit.

## Jewellery and uniform

This is a quick reminder that there is to be no jewellery worn in school due to safety reasons. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, please let us know the date their earrings will be able to be removed. Until this time, they will not be allowed to take part in PE lessons.

Thank you for your support with this.

It was lovely to see all children in the correct uniform this week: they looked smart, happy and ready to learn. Again, thank you.

## Wraparound Care Club

A reminder that our fantastic WAC club returns on Monday. Please email [longhornj@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:longhornj@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk) if you require a place. As we are not quite back at full staffing levels yet, there is no after school provision on Friday 11 and Friday 18 September. Please accept our apologies for this.



## EYFS start time

Further to the email that was sent last night, please be aware that Reception children can now arrive at school any time between 9:00am and 9:30am on their allotted days. This is in recognition that the 9:30am start is difficult for some parents, but others might want to bring them to school when the playground is quiet. This also gives you the opportunity to use WAC club before school if needed.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Staff are working hard to organise a range of extra-curricular clubs for the children. These need to be bubble specific so there won't be quite as many opportunities as usual for the foreseeable future. Keep an eye out for the list of clubs that will be sent out shortly.

## PE

PE lessons will start next week. Children need to ensure they have full kit in school on the following days:

Diamond: Wednesday and Thursday

Ruby: Tuesday and Friday

Topaz: Wednesday and Friday

Emerald: Tuesday and Wednesday

Sapphire: Monday and Wednesday

Amethyst: Monday and Thursday

Please remember to name every item of clothing.

## Reading books

Reading books need to be 'quarantined' in school on return: for this reason, we may not be able to change them as regularly as usual. Remember, children can read other books at home.

If you have any school reading books at home from the Spring term please can these be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Curriculum updates

Due to the current situation, we will not be able to hold our meet the teacher evenings in the usual manner. However, we are formulating plans for a socially distanced opportunity to meet your child's teacher so watch this space. Teachers are busy creating curriculum newsletters which will give you more information about your child's learning this term.

## Allergy Reminder

As we have children in school with Nut allergies it is vital that under no circumstances are any food items containing nuts brought into school. This includes, all snack bars, nutella and any other products containing nuts.

## Parking

Please can you ensure you park responsibly around our school site: this is to ensure the safety of our children, as well as the sanity of our neighbours. Parking further away and walking is definitely the better option.