



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back!

The children have had a fantastic start back to school this week. It has been a joy to have them all back. They are settling in really well and working really hard. We understand that some children will find this time hard though. If your child is finding things difficult at all, please do contact school by phone or email and we will do everything we can to support them.

We really appreciate all your support with the staggered start and finish times and supporting each other with social distancing as adults, when collecting your child/children.

Class	Start time	Finish Time
Class 1	8.55am	3.15pm
Class 2	8.40am	3pm
Class 3	8.45am	3.05pm
Class 4	8.50am	3.10pm
Class 5	8.40am	3.05pm
Class 6	8.45am	3.10pm
Class 7	8.50am	3.15pm
Class 8	8.40am	3.05pm
Class 9	8.45am	3.10pm
Class 10	8.50am	3.15pm

- Unless you are medically exempt, we are asking all adults entering the site to wear masks whilst on school premises. We ask for your support with this. Only one adult is to enter the site to drop off and collect their child.
- When you have picked up your children, we need families to head off home, straight away. If people stop to chat, we will create crowds. We need to avoid this. Please only arrive at the relevant designated times.

The Masked Reader

Thank you to everyone who was able to complete the masked reader surveys as part of our World Book Day celebrations that spanned last week. Did you manage to guess any of the masked readers? The children have had an opportunity to see the masked readers unmasked in school and they really enjoyed it!

The craft competition and extreme reader competitions that were started during our world book day activities closes on Friday 12th March. Entries to these competitions are to be sent via 2email (in purple mash) if you are in class 2-10 or the newintake2020@cdatstpaulsprimary.co.uk email address for class 1.

Online Permissions and Updating Contact Details/Personal Information Forms

We sent home a link in November, via school spider, in regards to completing a google form in relation to permissions and consents for such thing as, photographs and videos and first aid. In September we also sent you a link to a google form for updating contact details/personal information. This form also includes information about updating us about allergies and medical matters. If you have not completed either of these forms yet, then we need you to complete them as a matter of urgency. These forms can be accessed via the virtual office section of the school website or via these links.

[Google Forms Permissions](#)

[Google Forms Contact Details/Personal Information](#)

Attendance

Attendance at school is now again mandatory. We have started back at school with attendance between 97 and 98% which is really fantastic! We do though need to share the following reminders with you all:

Holidays in Term Time

Government legislation states that only under exceptional circumstances may the Head teacher consider giving permission for a child to be absent from school at any point in the academic year. Under the legislation parents have no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in term-time.

This can lead to Penalty Notices - See below.

Penalty Notices for Non- school attendance

Section 444(A) of the Education Act 1996 empowers the local authority to issue Penalty Notices in cases of unauthorised absence from school. This means that when a pupil has unauthorised absences of 10 sessions (5 days) or more, in a 12-week period (where no acceptable reason has been given for the absence) or if their child persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration, their parents may receive a Penalty Notice of £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. The Penalty Notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the notice being served. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in prosecution (a separate penalty notice will be issued to each parent for each child).

Covid Symptoms

If anyone in your household (and support or childcare bubble) is displaying any of the main Covid symptoms, then all members of the household (and anyone in your support or childcare bubble) needs to stay at home and isolate.

Your child must not attend school in these circumstances.

The individual with symptoms needs to book a test. Please inform us of the results when you have them.

Please email school admin@cdatstpaulsprimary.co.uk and leave the following information and also phone the school:

- The name of your child (who has tested positive and attends St Paul's CE Primary)
- Name of their class and class teacher
- Date when your child was last in school
- Symptoms that were being displayed and the date they started
- The date the test was taken
- The date of the positive test

By doing this we all reduce the risk of transmission and the need to have to inform wider groups of people of the need to self-isolate.

If we have to inform you of a positive case in the school community and advise that your child would need to self-isolate, then we would do this through the school spider email system.

Thank you, St Paul's School

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'Life in all its fullness'
(John 10:10)