



Message from the Headteacher

Contact tracing during the school holidays

The Government have stated that schools must continue to carry out contact tracing for 6 days after the end of teaching. **This means that school should be notified of any pupil who develops Covid symptoms on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December and subsequently tests positive for the virus (up to and including 24th December).**

Contact with school, during the school holidays, for reporting a positive test is to be made only via the dedicated email covid19@cdatstpaulsprimary.co.uk

If this happens, we will need to get in touch with parents of any pupils identified as contacts and advise that their child will have to self-isolate for 10 days from the last day of contact; this will be done via the school spider email system only. Please be aware that we will not be phoning parents or responding to email queries during the holidays.

The covid19@cdatstpaulsprimary.co.uk will be checked daily, up to and including Thursday 24th December, at 9.30am, it will not be checked after this time and date. No other email addresses will be monitored over the Christmas holiday period.

It has been a very difficult year and we hope and pray that we do not have to contact you. As always we wish you and your family good health and hope that you have a lovely Christmas.

Free School Meals

The family of every pupil eligible for benefit related free school meals has been sent, via the school spider email system, a voucher to cover the Christmas break. This has been organised by our Local Authority. The vouchers are for Tesco supermarket.

Covid-19 Reminder

We are living in a time when we need to ask people to 'book a test' and stay at home if one of the main Covid symptoms is present. These symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If someone in your household is displaying symptoms, then all members of the household (and anyone in your support bubble) needs to stay at home and you need to book a test. Please inform us of the results when you have them.

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 still 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 at <https://www.st-paulsstalybridge.co.uk/page/virtual-office/53089>

Angels

Just a reminder that, Emma, our vicar is inviting you to take the ribbon off, from the knitted angel that the children brought home last week and use this as a prayer ribbon. It can be tied onto the two trees outside the main door at church after/before school over the next few weeks. These trees are St Paul's Church outdoor prayer trees for the community. Please follow social distancing guidance if you go to do this. **Also only attach the ribbon and not the attached card which will have your child's name on.**

Thank you, St Paul's CE Primary

Save the Date

Thursday 17th December
Christmas party in their classrooms for Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 & 10 (also non uniform day for these classes)

School closes for Christmas on Friday 18th December at normal staggered finish times for each class

School reopens on Monday 4th January 2021

The Holiday calendar is available on the school's website:

<http://www.st-paulsstalybridge.co.uk/>

*Our Christian Value Focus after Christmas is...
RESPECT*

'Love is patient, love is kind'

1 Corinthians 13:4



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