



## ST. PAUL'S PEEL C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stocksfield Drive, Little Hulton, Salford, M38 9RB  
Tel: 0161 790 2327

Headteacher: Miss Barker

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be welcoming you all back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. **All reception pupils return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

Here are some updates so that you can prepare yourselves and your child for returning to school, in line with Government Guidelines:

### Attendance:

Attendance will return to being mandatory, as the government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we'll be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

**If your child is at all unwell, you must not send them into school.**

### Face Coverings/Face Masks:

The Government and Public Health do not recommend that primary school pupils wear face coverings.

Children in primary schools do not need to wear a face covering and they should not be asked to wear one. Dr Susan Hopkins, the Chief Medical Adviser for NHS Test and Trace, has said that "the consensus among educationalists, public health and clinical specialists is that it is not advisable for primary school children to wear face coverings. That is why Public Health England has not recommended to the Department for Education that they should be worn by primary pupils in the classroom. Children need to see facial expressions to develop their communication and language skills and practically, they can have difficulties keeping them on all day."

### Breakfast Club and After School Clubs:

We will still not be running Breakfast Club or After School Clubs due to the social distancing measures and class 'bubbles'.

### Staggered Start Times and Finishing Times:

In order to reduce contact between class groups and parents, we are still operating staggered starts, staggered finishing and allocated entrances (parents and carers are still not permitted to enter the school grounds).

**Please can parents wear face masks near the school gates and adhere to social distancing at all times.**

Class	Gate	Start Time	Finishing Time
Miss Sharp	Main Gate	9.30 am	2.45 pm
Mr Haller	Main Gate	9.15 am	3.30 pm
Mrs Scott	KS2 Gate	9.15 am	3.30 pm
Mrs Aspden	Main Gate	9.05 am	3.20 pm
Miss Green	Main Gate	8.55 am	3.10 pm

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Miss Herrera	KS2 Gate	8.55 am	3.10 pm
Miss McInnes/Miss Ashby	Middle Gate	9.05 am	3.20 pm
Miss Newton	Main Gate	8.45 am	3.00 pm
Miss Denney	KS2 Gate	9.05 am	3.20 pm
Mrs Williams	Middle Gate	8.55 am	3.10 pm
Mrs Barker	Middle gate	8.45 am	3.00 pm
Mrs Ward	KS2 Gate	8.45 am	3.00 pm

### The School Day:

Children will again be kept in the same 'class bubbles' throughout the school day. Children will be given their own set of all the school equipment they will need whilst in class. Playtime and Lunchtimes are again staggered to ensure 'class bubbles' can be kept together and do not mix with other teams in school. Pupils will still be sat in forward facing rows.

### Lunchtime:

Lunch times will be staggered. The majority of pupils will eat in their classroom. Children who are on packed lunches will need to bring these with them into class and keep them at their desk with them until lunchtime. Parents paying for school dinners will need to do so through Parent Pay. Toast will be provided but payment needs to be again by Parent Pay. We are not accepting cash at the moment in school.

### Hand Washing in school:

Coronavirus is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin so we are still operating a timetable to ensure that all children wash/sanitise their hands every time they come in/leave school and before/after any breaks and lunchtime. We will also have hand washing time within lessons as and when appropriate.

### Pupil Behaviour:

All pupils will need to adhere to all protective measures that have been put into place, for the safety of everyone:

- ✓ follow any altered routines for arrival or departure;
- ✓ follow school instructions on hygiene, such as hand washing and sanitising;
- ✓ follow instructions on who pupils can socialise with at school;
- ✓ move around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, sticking to class bubbles);
- ✓ follow school instructions about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it')
- ✓ avoid touching mouth, nose and eyes with hands;
- ✓ tell an adult if they are feeling unwell in any way or experiencing symptoms of coronavirus;
- ✓ follow the school instructions about use of toilets;
- ✓ avoid at all times, coughing, sneezing or spitting at or towards any other person

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### Bubble Closures:

If a member of a class bubble tests positive you will be informed immediately to collect your child (if it is during the school day) or sent an email at any other time. Remote Learning will then commence and if your child is entitled to free school meals food boxes will be provided.

### Asymptomatic Testing:

With about a third of individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms and potentially spreading it without knowing, targeted, regular testing will mean more positive cases within households can be found and prevented from entering schools and colleges, helping to keep educational settings safe. Staff are involved in the twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing at home: this means if a staff member tests positive the bubble will close and they have to go for a PCR COVID test; if the test comes back positive the bubble will remain closed if the result of the PCR is negative the bubble does not need to remain closed.

Primary school children will not be regularly asymptotically tested due to low levels of transmission between younger aged children but will continue to need tests if they have symptoms. The government has confirmed twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be given for free to all families and households with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people.

### Staff Absences:

Some staff are not able to be in school at the moment for various reasons, but rest assured that classes will be covered by experienced supply staff alongside our fabulous support staff (Reception Z: Mrs Turnbull, Class 2: Miss Hunter, Class 3 (Mon-Wed): Mrs Boldock, Class 5: Mr Nightingale). They will be following all our stringent coronavirus risk assessments and our school curriculum.

As always the health and safety of pupils, staff and parents is paramount and I know that you will continue to support decisions made as you have since the start of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

With best wishes,  
Miss Barker

Headteacher

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