



## ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the steps we will be taking to fully reopen to all pupils this September and share what you need to know to help your child prepare for their return to school in the new academic year.

We understand that the return to school is vital for your child's education and wellbeing; therefore, we will ensure that all pupils can return in the Autumn term and do so safely. While the risk to children becoming severely unwell due to coronavirus is considered to be low, we will continue to put social distancing and infection control measures in place, in line with the results of the relevant risk assessments, to help keep all members of our school community safe.

### **When the school will reopen**

The school will reopen fully on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and will be open Monday to Friday. This is applicable to all pupils in all years, and any previous arrangements to limit school places during the coronavirus pandemic will no longer be in effect.

### **Attendance**

Attendance for all pupils is mandatory from the beginning of the Autumn term, including for pupils who have, so far, been advised to shield at home. Pupils who are self-isolating due to presenting with symptoms of coronavirus, or have been exposed to somebody presenting with symptoms of coronavirus, must not attend school until the self-isolation period has passed or they test negative for coronavirus. If your child presents with coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period is seven days; if a member of your household presents with coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period for your child is 14 days.

Pupils who cannot attend school at the start of the Autumn term due to sickness or self-isolation requirements will be educated remotely. If this circumstance arises, the school will discuss with you how your child can access remote education.

### **Getting to school**

The school will be using staggered starting and finishing times until further notice, to allow for effective social distancing and infection control. Children must be collected by their own parent and we ask that only one parent brings the child to the school. Parents are requested to maintain social distancing whilst waiting for children and no parents will be allowed on site.

### **Infection control and social distancing measures as of September**

It is important that we maintain proportionate infection control and social distancing measures when we welcome back all pupils and staff from the start of the Autumn term. To ensure everyone's safety, we will be enforcing the following as part of our risk management plan:

- Anyone who is unwell and displaying symptoms of coronavirus will be asked to stay at home for seven days.
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene practises will be encouraged and enforced.

- Enhanced cleaning will be undertaken as necessary, including cleaning any frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
- Large gatherings will be avoided, e.g. assemblies.
- Children will remain in their class “bubbles” and contact between bubbles will be avoided
- Classrooms will be arranged to allow for social distancing wherever possible
- Pupils will be asked to remain at least two metres away from members of staff, where practicable.

Should any of the above protective measures change at any time, including the need to close the school due to a local lockdown, we will contact you as soon as possible.

### **If your child becomes unwell**

If your child becomes unwell at school and develops a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste, you will be contacted to collect them. Please ensure we have your up to date contact details.

If your child becomes unwell at home and is presenting with symptoms of coronavirus (listed above), we ask that your child does not attend school and instead stays at home for the next seven days or until they test negative for coronavirus. We encourage all parents whose child is presenting with coronavirus symptoms to get their child tested and, where required, their family.

Please contact the school office to notify us that your child will not be attending school. We also ask that you notify the school office as soon as possible with the results of any coronavirus tests your child has undertaken.

### **Supporting pupils with SEND**

We understand that some pupils with complex needs may find this transition back into school and a new routine challenging or stressful; however, we are committed to supporting each individual pupil fully as they return to school. To help support pupils with SEND transition back into school, the headteacher and SENCO will meet to discuss additional provision and training which can be put into place.

### **Catering arrangements**

School kitchens will be fully open from the start of the Autumn term and will serve both hot and cold food. Free school meals (FSM) will be provided as normal. Pupils will stay in their groups at lunchtime and will eat their lunches in the classroom. They will then play outside (weather permitting) in a designated area and only with their class bubble.

### **School uniform**

In line with our policy it is expected that all children will return to school in school uniform. The policy can be found on our website [www.stpauls.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.stpauls.wirral.sch.uk)

I would like to thank you for your continued hard work and co-operation during the coronavirus pandemic. We are committed to supporting you and your child as they transition back into school routine. We have really missed the children and look forward to welcoming them back in September.

I hope that you and your family are safe and well and that you enjoy a rest during the summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Fenna  
Headteacher