



# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

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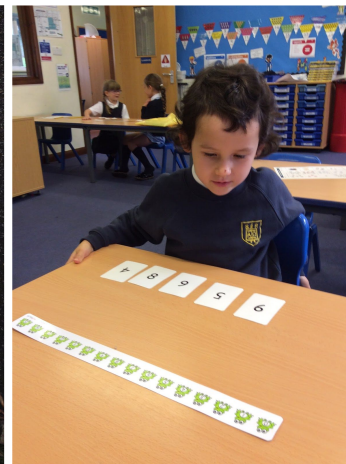
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Dear Parents/Carers

What a rainy end to the week we have had! This has not stopped the learning here at St Paul's. This week we have engaged in many outdoor learning opportunities as well as learning about wellbeing across the school. It has been wonderful to see the children's (and adults!) enthusiasm for our new writing programme and I know that our English lead, Mrs Griffiths, is particularly proud of the writing she is seeing across the school. We are making the most of the children's PE days with two sessions of PE. Coach Adam's sessions are proving very popular, as are the music lessons with Miss Matlock. This is all part of the rich curriculum offer offered here at St Paul's.



## Beginning and end of day arrangements - reminder

Thank you for your support with keeping to our staggered times. I am hugely grateful to you, our parents and carers, for being so understanding about the need for these arrangements. We only have a small

number of parents who are arriving at the wrong time and I am grateful to you for your politeness when I ask you to wait. We must keep to these times to keep everyone safe. You might see children from your child's class arriving at a different time but that does not mean that the time has changed - children with siblings have different times and, in a small number of cases, we have agreed different times for very good reasons. Please respect these decisions.

**We have managed to bring forward the time for Reception class to arrive at school because the mornings are going so smoothly. Reception class must now arrive at 9.00 am.**

Group	Start time
Year 4,5,6 (plus any siblings in years R-3)	8.45 am
Year 3,2,1 (plus any siblings in R)	8.55 am
Reception	<b>9.00 am</b>



We do ask that you keep to the social distancing requirement at all times when on site and that you leave as quickly as possible after dropping off or collecting your child. Wherever possible, we ask that you do not talk to staff at the doors - please use one of our other forms of communication. We are always happy to help but we must move you off site as efficiently as possible for everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation with keeping our school site safe.

### Afternoon snacks

Children in Reception Class, year 1 and year 2 are having an early lunch as part of our staggered lunch system. This is resulting in some children being hungry in the afternoon. We invite parents/carers of children in these classes to provide a healthy snack for the afternoon. We will continue to provide fruit for morning snack time.

### School photos

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 13th October 2020**.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer sibling photos this time but we will proceed with individual photos for all children in school. Please send your child to school particularly smartly dressed in the correct winter school uniform. This photograph will be used for your child's official records in school as well as available for you to purchase, if you so wish. **If it is your child's PE day they must bring, for one day only, their PE kit in a bag.**

### Harvest collection

Next week we celebrate Family Fast Day. The children are invited to wear mufti to school on **Friday 9th October** for a contribution of £1 to the CAFOD 'Harvest Like No Other' appeal. We would also like to receive contributions for our Harvest collection to be distributed to our local community. Please send your child in with fruit and/or vegetables for the Harvest collection on **Wednesday 7th October**. Contributions must go with your child to their classroom, not via the school office. Thank you for your support.



### Staying safe online

Unfortunately, I have had to deal with several incidents recently of children using social media inappropriately at home. We ask that you check carefully what your child has access to on their phone or on any device they might use. Many children are in WhatsApp groups and are behaving inappropriately within these. We need your support to ensure that your children are safe and that issues online at home are not affecting learning time at school. We are happy to support anyone who needs advice with increasing filters on any device.



### COVID 19 symptoms and tests

Thank you for your continued support at what is proving to be a challenging time for many of our families. It is vital that your child does **not** come to school if **they or someone in the family is symptomatic**. They might appear perfectly well but that does not mean that they are not carrying COVID 19. Isolate for 10 days (if symptomatic) and 14 days for **all other family members**. Inform us by phone or email and seek a test urgently. Please see full information in the box below:



Please remember that no adult or child must enter the school site if displaying any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- 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

Children who develop any one of these symptoms must be kept at home for 10 days and tested for COVID 19 as soon as possible. Family members must self isolate for 14 days. Please inform the school office immediately and advise us as to the result of the COVID test... It is vital that only **symptomatic children** should be tested.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

you're worried about your symptoms, you're not sure what to do

Call 111 if you cannot get help online.

Do not go to places like a GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy.

Babies and children

Call 111 if you're worried about a baby or child under 5.

If your child seems very unwell, is getting worse or you think there's something seriously wrong, call 999.

Do not delay getting help if you're worried. Trust your instincts.

Get more advice about coronavirus in children.

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

#### Mobile test centres in Devon

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Barnstaple	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Tiverton	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open
Torquay	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Launceston*	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed

There is also a drive through testing centre in Plymouth next to The Range, William Prance Road, Plymouth, PL6 5ZD but you must book a test online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

The government have said that schools should work with their suppliers to prepare meals or food parcels for pupils who are eligible for **benefits-related free school meals** and who are not in attendance for reasons

related to **COVID19** including: -

- are self-isolating
- have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)
- are not attending as a result of local lockdown arrangements

Finally, have a safe and happy weekend. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind regards

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***St Paul's Catholic Primary School***  
***Our school prayer***

*Lord, as a school family called to serve,*

*Help us to spread your love and forgiveness  
through our actions and our words.*

*Teach us how to respect one another and to show  
compassion to all we meet.*

*When we make mistakes give us the strength to ask  
for forgiveness and to forgive others.*

*Help us to protect our common home and be  
responsible for the world around us.*

*Guide us and protect us in our lives as we grow and  
give us the opportunity to share our love and help  
all those around us.*

*Amen*

***Written by St Paul's Catholic Primary School Pupil Chaplains***  
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