



St. Paul's Church of England Primary School
Head Teacher: Mr C. M. Thornton

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware the Government announced a full opening for September, within the limitations of staying safe. This means that school attendance for all pupils in the United Kingdom, returns to being mandatory from the 3rd September. This does not mean that the Corona virus has not gone away, as Leicester has proved, and it is not likely to change in the long term. Thus, as a school, we are following strictly, the Government guidance for reopening. This means an updated and lengthy risk assessment which we are currently working alongside the Local authority to get in place for the Autumn term.

In order to make this return of over 400 pupils as safe as possible there are a number of new challenges that we have been busily preparing for:

a. Groupings - (Bubbles)

The Bubbles will be in class bubbles, of no more than 33 children, and they will remain so, both inside and outside of the classroom. This is so that if there are any Covid 19 cases, the impact is minimised. The children will sit in pairs facing the front of the classroom. Social distancing in the classroom will be relaxed. At every other point outside of the classroom a social distance in line with the government recommendations will be encouraged. We will be adopting a no touching policy- although this will be difficult amongst our younger children. Please be aware that your child may need an extra snack if their lunch is at a later time. Key stage 1 and EYFS will get their healthy snack as normal.

b. Drop off and collection

Instructions on what gates to enter and leave the school will be sent out on Tuesday 1st September. All children will be received by their class teacher/teaching assistant. Due to high numbers, unless absolutely necessary, you will need to leave your child at the school gates. Parents and carers will not be permitted into the building. Social distancing must be adhered to at all times. Each Bubble has a set time to arrive at school and a set time to finish. We strongly encourage older pupils to make their own way into school. I do have to insist that you arrive and leave the school, promptly, at the allocated times.

These times are: -

c. Resources

We will continue to provide all the resources the child needs in school. As we will not be reopening the cloak rooms it is important that anything the children bring in to school is minimised and can be stored under their table

d. Triangle

Wrap-around care will continue but will be strictly limited to 30 children maintaining two bubbles of 15. Priority will be given to the children of critical workers. The rest of the places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Risk Assessment.

You will be able to access our risk assessment from the school's website from the 24th August 2020.

Q and A sheet.

I hope you have found the FAQ sheet useful. I will produce an updated sheet and email this out to you as soon as possible.

On a less formal note

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to some members of our teaching staff. Mrs Ames, Mrs Grant and Mrs Urwin will be retiring, and Mrs Davies Owens is move to a teaching post in Lincolnshire. I'd like to express our huge gratitude for all their hard work and dedication to the pupils of St. Paul's, and wish them all the very best for the future.

Have a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to seeing all your children back on Thursday 3rd September.

Yours faithfully,

Carl Thornton
Head Teacher