



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



Monday 14th December 2020

Arrangements for the end of term, start of term and for the holidays

Dear Parents/Carers/ Guardians,

I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of our wonderful families who have supported us over this very difficult term since September. It has certainly been a different experience for us all with changes to the drop off and pick-ups, implementing strategies to reduce the spread of a new virus and with welcoming back pupils following a national lockdown. We all hope with the news that there is now a vaccine that we will soon be able to return to our old routines – although now, as we get used to these new routines, they might seem strange!

I'll finish by wishing all of you a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break and good health over the coming weeks. Below you will find information about the end of term, what to do if your child tests positive over the Christmas holidays, about our return to school on Tuesday 5th January and about a slight change to planned INSET days. I hope you find the letter informative.

Thank you,

Miss Hayes

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

On Friday 18th December we will be finishing in the early afternoon with children dismissed at the following times:

11.45pm - Nursery

1pm - Bus children will be collected at 1pm (please let us know if you are going to use this service)

1.20pm – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

1.35pm – Year 3 and 4 plus younger siblings

1.50pm – Year 5 and 6 plus younger siblings



Kids club will be open from 1.50pm for any child from Reception to year 6 who needs after school care. You can contact Sara or Rachel to arrange this.

Please note there will be no Office facility after 2pm.

COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

We have been advised by the DfE to follow the arrangements outlined below if a pupil tests positive for COVID-19 over the Christmas holiday:

What to do if my child has developed symptoms over the holiday:

1. Book a test (we recommend going to a centre as postal tests take a long time to come back with the results)
2. Record the date/day the first symptom appeared (or day of the test if asymptomatic)
3. Wait for the result

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My Child's test came back negative:

Carry on with your normal plans, there are no further steps to take and treat it as a normal illness e.g. ring the doctor etc

My child's test came back positive:

1. Follow all the advice given in the message you will receive from NHS
2. Look at the date/day you recorded for the first symptom – was your child in school during the 48 hours before the first symptom? If so see below:

My child was in school 48 hours before their first symptom and tested positive (or was in school 48 hours before the day of the test if asymptomatic):

1. Email covid@stpaulinus.org
2. State your child's name, the date they had their first symptom (or test if asymptomatic), what their symptom was, their class, if they have been to kids club or travelled on the school bus and if possible who their close contacts are (this can be difficult given the age or ability of the child)
3. The school will then complete a contact tracing activity by sending out a text and letter to parents informing them there has been a positive case in their child's bubble and that they need to self-isolate. Your name will not be shared.

My child has tested positive but was not in school 48 hours before their first symptom (or day of the test if asymptomatic) e.g. anytime from Monday 21st Dec:

1. In this case you do not need to notify the school for contact tracing purposes however, please do let us know so we can update our records and know what date to expect your child or siblings back in school. Please note, we will not send out any letters if this is the case as your child will not have had contact with anyone in school during their infectious period.

Please note that the covid@stpaulinus.org inbox will not be monitored outside of working hours or after Thursday 24th December until the school reopens on Tuesday 5th January.

We really hope that no child tests positive over the Christmas break but if they do, it is vital you let us know so that others can be informed in order to protect our loved ones and families that we may see over the Christmas period.

START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

We are looking forward to seeing all children back in on **Tuesday 5th January**. The arrangements we have in place for dropping off children in the morning, for hygiene and ventilation etc will stay the same until we have notice from the Government that we can make changes – we are all looking forward to after Easter when they seem to think we can relax some of the measures. So don't forget to send your child in with their tissues (and soap if they use their own) when they first come back and, of course, they are still welcome to wear a face covering.

CHANGE OF TERM DATES

Please note, the school will now be **closed for INSET on Friday 12th February** for the staff to take part in some vital safeguarding training and so the **school will now be open on Monday 7th June**, which was originally planned as an INSET day. We hope that we have given you all enough notice for this change in days and that you will be able to arrange child care easily. Thank you for your support in this.