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## Welcome Back!

It has been absolutely wonderful to have a full school this week and it was a very emotional moment to welcome you all through the gates again on Wednesday morning. I have always taught my own children that the test of a true friendship is one where you can go for months without seeing each other and when reunited, it feels as though no time has passed at all. Over the last few days, this test has been met in the way we have been able to chat with you on the gates and once again, the corridors and classrooms of our school have been filled with a buzz of excitement and the sound of fun and laughter.

I explained to the children during assembly on Wednesday that there are certain things in life that can work perfectly well in isolation but just fit much better together... like fish and chips for example!

The lockdown experience has just served to remind us that at St Paul's, our school, the children and our community are stronger when we are together. Welcome back to St Paul's. We missed you.

Mrs Matthews

## Drop off and Collections:

Please can we remind all parents that children **MUST** be dropped off and collected within the 10 minute time windows for their house at the correct access/exit point as outlined below:

Group	Start time	Finish time	Access/exit point	Classroom
Phase 1 Earth (Mrs Pandya)	8.50am – 9.00am	3.00pm – 3.10pm (W: 1.20pm – 1.30pm)	Phase 1 Entrance (The Lilypad classroom)	The Lilypad
Phase 2 Earth (Mr Webber)	8.50am – 9.00am	3.00pm – 3.10pm (W: 1.20pm – 1.30pm)	Year 2 classroom exterior	Current Y3
Phase 3 Earth (Mrs Goode)	8.50am – 9.00am	3.00pm – 3.10pm (W: 1.20pm – 1.30pm)	Corridor access from Main Playground	Current Y5
Phase 1 Water (Mrs Chambers)	9.10am – 9.20am	3.20pm – 3.30pm (W: 1.40pm – 1.50pm)	Phase 1 Entrance (The Nest classroom)	The Nest
Phase 2 Water (Miss Elliott/Mrs Sherbourne Lock)	9.10am – 9.20am	3.20pm – 3.30pm (W: 1.40pm – 1.50pm)	Corridor access from Main Playground	Current Y6
Phase 3 Water (Mr Flower)	9.10am – 9.20am	3.20pm – 3.30pm (W: 1.40pm – 1.50pm)	Year 2 classroom exterior	Current Y4
Phase 1 Air (Mrs Cook)	8.30am – 8.40am	2.40pm – 2.50pm (W: 1.00pm – 1.10pm)	Phase 1 Entrance (phase 1 foyer door)	The Beehive
Phase 2 Air (Miss Morrison)	8.30am – 8.40am	2.40pm – 2.50pm (W: 1.00pm – 1.10pm)	Year 2 classroom exterior	Current Y2

**Drop offs:** Please note that if you are late to drop your children off, they will not be able to enter school until after the end of the timeslot for the next group. **This will then be recorded in the register for your class as late and you may then be at risk of a penalty notice fine. Pupils arriving late at school will not be permitted to enter through the Main Office.**

**Collections:** It is the responsibility of parents to collect their children on time. Parents arriving outside of their allocated time slot will not be permitted to pick up their children until after the dismissal of the next group.

**Should pupils not be collected from school on time, this will be logged as a welfare concern in line with our 'Child not collected from school' policy. Thank you for your support in ensuring that children are dropped off and collected at the correct time and for understanding that these systems are necessary to keep all of our pupils, families and staff safe from Coronavirus.**

### Kindle Fire Devices:

We are delighted to share that we have recently invested a significant sum of money in purchasing a Kindle Fire tablet for every child in Years 2 – 6. These devices will be the children's own tablet to use to support their learning in school. Following feedback during lockdown, we will be allowing the children to bring these home to support their learning during the week should they need them, or in the event of any future lockdown. This will be subject to a parental agreement and further details will follow next week.

### **PE and Outdoor Learning**

We are doing lots of outdoor activities and PE this term. Therefore, we are allowing children to come in to school wearing trainers rather than school shoes These do not need to be black!



### **Covid Symptoms and Testing**

As we continue to minimise our exposure to Covid-19, please could we remind parents that they should not be sending their child to school if any members of their household are exhibiting symptoms. You will also need to isolate as recommended by the latest government guidelines.

If any family members are exhibiting symptoms, you **MUST** get the family members tested as early as possible. [Please see the accompanying sheet with information on how to book a test]. In these instances,

your child **cannot** return to school unless they have had a negative test We will need to see evidence of a negative test before we allow your child to return.

Similarly, if you tell us you are isolating because someone in your household has received a positive test, we will need to see evidence of this test. In these cases, we are happy to provide work for your child to complete at home. If we do not have this evidence, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised and



Please join us in welcoming Mr Joyner who has joined us this term as Sports Assistant and midday supervisor for Water house!

### **School Meals**

A reminder that we are only able to provide a hot meal for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are entitled to Free school Meals. However while the pandemic restrictions are still in place, we are allowing children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to bring in a packed lunch if they prefer.

