



## COVID-19 Update

We are now at the end of our first full week of term under the current covid restrictions. Please could we remind all parents of the following:

- In order to maintain secure bubbles, it is **essential** that all parents observe our drop off and collection times.
- Our early close on Wednesday is to enable the school to have an enhanced clean. If children are not collected on time, we are unable to adequately clean the classrooms and common areas.
- Parents are only able to collect other children from within the same house bubble. For example, if you child is in Air, you can only collect a different child in Air. You cannot pick up someone else's child in Earth or Water.
- We have had some complaints that parents are congregating at the school gates after dropping their children. Please support us by leaving the area around the gates **as soon as your child** has entered the school. We only have a small, narrow pavement area in front of the school and congestion causes significant problems for parents of the next group of children. It also hinders other pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with pushchairs. When coming to collect your child, to avoid congestion please do not arrive before your allocated time
- This week the government issued new guidelines about social grouping. From Monday it will be unlawful for groups of six to meet, either inside or outside. This means that, for example, two households of four people cannot meet. **Please help us restrict the spread of Covid-19 in our community by not meeting up with other households outside of school unless you are part of an official support bubble.**
- Covid-19 symptoms to be aware of are: a new, continuous cough, a temperature of over 37.8°C and a sudden change to your sense of taste or smell. We know that at this time for year children may suffer from colds, tummy bugs and other mild sicknesses. If your child is unwell without the Covid symptoms please let us know in the usual way, for example if your child has a sickness bug they will need to be off school for 48 hours.
- **If your child start to show symptoms of Covid-19 they must stay off school and be tested as soon as possible.** They can return to school as soon as a negative result is confirmed. Our governing body has requested that we have evidence of a negative test—this can be emailed to [admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk). If someone else in your household has symptoms your child does not need to be tested but must still stay off school until a negative result is confirmed for that person.
- Always remember that government guidance is subject to change: please make sure you keep up to date with the latest developments. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Governor News

Please join us in welcoming Reverend Ruth Fitter as our new Chair of Governors. Rev Ruth, who you will know from her visits to school, was previously Vice Chair of Governors and so has considerable experience. Our thanks to Mr Brian Bartlett for all his hard work and dedication to St Paul's during his time as Chair.

If you are interested in joining our enthusiastic and committed governing body as a parent governor, please let us know by either calling the office on 01452 521872 or emailing us at [admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk)



We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Sherbourne Lock and Mrs Potts to St Paul's this term following their maternity leave!

## A Note for Year 6 Parents

We have been asked to let the parents / carers of our Year 6 pupils know that secondary schools are unlikely to be able to offer on site tours / open days or open evenings this year.



## Walking home from school and Child Collection Forms - A Reminder



As in previous years, pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are able to walk home from school. If you haven't already done so and wish to give permission for this, please complete the 'Walking Home from School' permission form and return it to school. If you wish to allow someone else to collect your child (in the same house bubble!) please complete and the Child Collection Agreement form.

Both of these forms can be found on our website under Parents / Useful Forms

## Snacks at School

Our staggered timetable this term means that some pupils are eating lunch a little later than usual. Although we are really pleased to re-introduce our breakfast service for all pupils, there can be a long time between breakfast and lunchtime!

Under the governments 'Schools Fruit and Vegetable Scheme' all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a free snack at morning break time. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to bring in a healthy snack to eat at break, but please note, no sugary snacks, chocolate or crisps please!



## House Bubbles—Changes to Pupil Allocations

As we 10 days off school for our October half term, we may be able to rearrange some class bubbles. If you would like to request a change, please email the office at [admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk). letting us know which house you wish to move to and why you wish to move. Please note any changes cannot be guaranteed and will only be considered for reasons such as parent work patterns, childcare or other commitments.