



St Paul's C of E Primary School, New Street, Gloucester, GL1 5BD Tel: 01452 521872 email: admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk www.st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk

COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT MEASURES

New — Face coverings for drop offs, collections and visitors to school.

With an upsurge in national coronavirus cases and recent changes to the wearing of face coverings from the government, we have made the decision that from Monday 12th October, all staff will be required to wear a face covering (shield, not mask) when on the school gate. While we love talking to our parents and members of the St Paul's community, we are conscious that it is not always possible for staff to keep at a safe distance of 2 metres and so we are taking this extra precaution in order to keep our staff safe. We will also be asking all visitors to the school to wear a face shield for any meetings, including visiting parents. The use of face coverings will not apply to teachers during the school day or to any pupils (including during drop off and collection time) or to those people who are exempt from wearing a face covering.

Social distancing at drop off and collection times!

Apologies for the grumble but we are observing an increased number of parents to the school that are not maintaining social distancing at drop off and collection times. **You must make sure that when you drop off and collect your child, you maintain a distance of 2m.**

Congestion!

Now we have been joined by our new Reception children, we have noticed that the drop off and collection areas at school are becoming particularly congested. As such, we are asking that only one parent/adult brings your child on to the school premises at drop off/collection.

These measures are for your safety, that of our staff and our wider community and we thank you for your understanding.



Car Parking at the School Gate



We unfortunately have again had several instances of inconsiderate and illegal parking on, and near, the school zig zags. We must insist that cars **DO NOT** park on the zig zag area around school, or on the pavement in the close area. This puts pupil, parents, pedestrians and other road users in significant danger. We are recording the registration numbers of these cars and will report them to the appropriate authorities.

We must also remind parents that pupils **MUST NOT** be allowed to leave a moving car. Cars should be parked with care and children delivered to the school gate in safety.

Exciting News—The Kindles Are Coming!

As we promised at the start of this term, we are very excited to let you know that we are now nearly ready to start distributing our Kindle Fire tablets to the children in Years 2- 6.



The Kindles have been set up with the common apps that we use to support learning at St Paul's including Mathletics, MyON/Accelerated Reader, a QR scanner, Silk internet browser and Microsoft Office 365 (so that the children can access their school email address).

This is an excellent opportunity for your child to be able to access online learning and a wealth of resources, both for homework and for use in the event of self-isolation/lockdown.

We are asking all parents to read, understand and agree to the St Paul's Kindle protocols (see attached).

Unless the parental agreement has been signed by all necessary parents, we will not allow your child to bring the device home.

You must ensure that your home network (Wi-Fi) has the necessary parental controls set. This can be done by logging onto your service provider account (e.g. BT Internet, Sky) and following their instructions. This site offers full set-up advice for all providers (ISPs) and ranges of specific equipment - all on drop down menus, however, if you need any advice or further information, please don't hesitate to contact us. <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Harvest Celebration and Virtual Service: As we are unable to visit the Church for our Harvest Festival this year, we will be holding a virtual service on Thursday 22nd October at 2pm. All of the children will be contributing to the service and the link will be available for you to view on the Phase blogs on the day. As usual, we are asking for donations of non-perishable foods to support Gloucester Foodbank. A 'drop box' will be placed in each classroom during the week beginning 12th October and then quarantined before taking to the Foodbank during half term. Please send your child into school with a tin/packet/box of food (not fresh!) at some point next week. Thank you.



School Meals



We are very pleased to confirm that the protocols we introduced for our hot school meals have been successful. We are therefore going to reinstate our School Meals Policy after half term. From November **ALL** children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a hot meal unless they have a certificated medical need. Thank you for your understanding.

STARS OF THE WEEK!



Stars of the Week

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| Phase 1 Air | William—for being a fantastic role model for his class |
| Phase 2 Air | Jacob - for perseverance leading to brilliant writing |
| Phase 1 Earth | Sofija - for working hard, good listening and being a good role model in the class |
| Phase 2 Earth | Mason - for excellent journey writing |
| Phase 3 Earth | Antoni - for applying himself fully to all his learning. |
| Phase 1 Water | Lucas - for being a great role model , and very helpful in the classroom |
| Phase 2 Water | Mohammed B - for a fantastic attitude to his learning |
| Phase 3 Water | Sarah - for an excellent attitude to her learning and great perseverance too |

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work 😊