

St Paul's Primary School

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Dear Parent /Carer

Last week you will have received a letter from the director of Children's Services, Steven Quinn outlining the plan for children to return to school. Please find within this letter some additional information specific to St Paul's Primary.

Start Days

Pupil start dates will be as outlined in the director letter. Children should only attend school on these days specified for their year group. This includes children within the Anchor Base.

Safety

We are currently working on updating our risk assessments to ensure the safety of pupils, parents and staff. The government guidance states that a 2 metre distance must be maintained between all adults and between children and staff. For this reason many of the measures I informed you of before the summer will remain in place. There will be a cleaner on site throughout the day cleaning. Children will be required to regularly wash their hands and socially distance from staff members. Where specific risk assessments are required and more information is needed, a member of staff will be in touch to discuss with you direct. Please be aware that in terms of medical needs of your child it will be your responsibility to seek advice from your GP and pass this information directly to either Mrs Nicholson for mainstream or Mrs Murdoch for Anchor Base. This can be done via email of telephone contact.

Exits & Entry

Staggered entry / exits / breaks and lunches will be in place across the school. In June we informed you of the days your children would attend and the times they should arrive and leave. Whilst the days are no longer relevant as children return full-time, the arrival and departure times will remain in place. Therefore please bring your child to school and collect them promptly at these times. Please do not come earlier and please leave as soon as you have your child/children to prevent congestion. As previously outlined children should be dropped off at the pedestrian entrance gate and staff will be there to meet them.

Parking

Parents' / carers should not come into the school grounds and there will be no access to the school car park. This will be for staff use only. For this reason we encourage walking to school if possible or parking slightly away from the school building and walking down. Please be respectful of local residents. If you are a blue badge holder please contact the school office for further information.



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Primary 1 parents' / carers will be able to come into the playground on the first three days to support the children to settle. Parents will not be allowed in the school building. Only staff are allowed in the school building at this moment. On these days Primary 1 parents should come at their allocated time and take children in pedestrian gate 1 to the playground. They should then leave via the gate onto Brediland Rd. For collection primary 1 parents should come at their allocated time in the gate at Brediland Rd and take your child out of pedestrian gate 3. (Gates are clearly labelled).

Uniform

As stated prior to the holidays I am happy to keep the temporary policy of polo-shirts and sweatshirts for this session. I trust this provides you with some consistency and reassurance. If anyone is having difficulties with school uniform please contact me directly.

PE

For the time being all PE will continue to take place outdoors. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing – e.g waterproof jacket. Again if anyone is having difficulties with this contact me directly.

School Transport

As you know this is organised by Renfrewshire Council. Transport will be up and running but someone will be in touch to confirm details.

Anchor Base

Mrs Murdoch will be in touch with you next week to discuss individual needs and how we can best support the return to school.

Breakfast Club

St Paul's breakfast club will not be open. We will continue to review this and I will inform you when this service resumes. For the time being the focus is the safe return of children to school and following the advice of not mixing year groups.

After school clubs

These will not start immediately. We will work over the coming weeks to get some clubs back up and running as I know this is a support to many of you. Again the focus at the moment is the return of children to school and ensuring their safety within their class group.

Classes

I hope to issue information on classes and teachers early next week.

HWB

These last 5 months have been challenging for everyone in different ways. We are aware that many of our families may have experienced, illness, bereavement, job loss to name a few. I would like to reassure you that the health and wellbeing of our children will be a priority. Staff will receive specific training on the in-service days and we will be focussing on health and wellbeing with the children over the coming months. Our priority is to ensure the children feel safe returning to school and we will help them in any way we can. Karen Fraser our home-link worker will also return to support families as appropriate during this time. Carol Alexander from Place2be will return to us to offer support to our families. With our pupil equity funding we have employed three Inclusion Support Assistants to help support our children and families. If there is anything specific about your child that you feel we should know, please get in touch as this will help us to support them better.



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Lastly I would ask you to be patient with us as we work through the next few weeks and months. As we go on there will likely be changes to our procedures but please be assured these will be to ensure safety and I will provide as much notice as possible.

Kind Regards

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