

## St Paul's Primary School

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**HEAD TEACHER: LOUISE A MAHER**

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted to be welcoming our Primary 1, 2 and 3 children back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. You will have already received a letter from Steven Quinn, Director of Children's Services, however, I thought it would be useful to confirm some details.

The First Minister was quite clear in her announcement that the return to school for P1-3 pupils did not signal a wider easing of restrictions and the **'stay at home'** message remains very much in place. The return of the P1-3 pupils will be monitored over the next few weeks to assess the impact on community spread of the new, more infectious variants. It is vital, as a school community, we do all we can to minimise the opportunities for any spread and keep everyone associated with our school as safe as possible.

All P1-3 children will continue to attend in the same groups as they were prior to Christmas. For example, if your child was 8.45am-2.45pm this is the time they will continue to attend. Please make sure you come for their start time and are here promptly at their finish time. Children in P1-3 within the **Anchor Base** will also start back as usual on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. School transport will be in place as normal.

Children should wear their school uniform and may bring a packed lunch or can have a school lunch. P.E. days will remain the same as they were for your child prior to the Christmas break. We will work to ensure your child is returning to their familiar space with staff they know. However, there may have to be the occasional change, depending on staffing. Please be assured we will be on hand to support your children on their return.

As many of you know, Mrs Reid is currently expecting a baby. Mr Hemphill has been working with Primary 2 from October to Christmas and he will take over as class teacher in P2 from 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Where staffing levels allow we will have additional support in classes to help with the return.

All of the safety measures we have in place for the children will remain. Children will be kept in their own stage bubbles, they will eat their lunch in the classroom and keep their belongings at the allocated space in the class. As before children will have their own zone in the playground and this will change each week.

In order to support the strict Scottish Government advice on social distancing, please ensure only one adult brings your child to school. **Please see new signage giving direction as to where children should line up in the morning. We have also added some signage for adults and would ask that you stay to these areas.** Adults dropping/collecting children to and from school must ensure they keep 2 metres away from every other adult/household. Adults are still required to wear a face-covering when dropping / collecting children. Once you have dropped your child off, we ask that you leave the area at the front of the school and do not stand and chat with other adults.



**Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn**  
Council Headquarters, South Building, Cotton Street, Paisley PA1LE



We will continue to operate a one-way system for the safety of everyone. Please follow the arrows and signs on display.

The school car park continues to be for the use of staff only, which is part of our risk assessment for re-opening. If you do not work in St Paul's Primary or Foxlea Early Learning and Childcare Centre you must not come into the staff car park. The only exception to this rule is if you are a blue badge holder. All blue badges must be displayed, at all times, for staff to see, or we will have to ask you to leave.

The school office will re-open at the normal times 8.30am – 4pm. Please call with any questions you may have. Mrs Nicholson and myself are always at the gates 8.45-9.15am. If you need to speak to either of us please wait until the children have all been signed in.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind Regards

*Louise A. Maher*

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