

St Paul's Primary School

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT, HONESTY, NURTURE, KINDNESS

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted to be welcoming our Primary 4-7 children back to school on Monday 15th March 2021. 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 specific school details.

The First Minister was quite clear in her announcement that the return to school for P4-7 pupils did not signal a wider easing of restrictions and the '**stay at home**' message remains very much in place. Although there is some hope of lifting some restrictions in the coming weeks. The new variant is still out there and we want our children to remain in school, therefore, 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.

Scotland's Parentclub has identified 5 steps to keep families and school communities safe;

- Wear a face covering in the school grounds and at the school gate where multiple households will be around
- Stick to one adult dropping off and picking up
- Adults keep 2 metres apart
- Avoid Car Sharing
- Self-Isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms

In order to keep everyone in our school community safe, I ask that you do not arrive too early and that once you have dropped your child at the school gate you leave the area to avoid congestion. This will ensure that all parents/carers feel comfortable when dropping their children at school.

All P4-7 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. Try to avoid coming too early as this will only encourage community mixing and potential spread of the virus.

Children in P4-7 within the **Anchor Base** will also start back as usual on Monday 15th March. The Anchor Base will operate 9.10am – 3.10pm. Some children in the base may have different start and finish times in agreement with staff. School transport will be in place as normal for the Anchor Base and mainstream.



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Children should wear their school uniform, remember to dress for all weathers. Children 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. P.E. will continue to take place outdoors, so have those waterproofs ready. 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.

Mr Hemphill will take over in Anchor 3 while Mrs Woods and Mrs Lamb share the acting PT role within the base. Mrs Woods has been working closely with him to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

All of the safety measures we have had in place since August 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. P1-4 will have lunch 12-12.45pm and P5-7 will have lunch 12.45-1.30pm.

Increased hygiene measures throughout the day will remain in place. The school will continue to provide all resources needed by pupils therefore there is no need for pupils to bring anything from home. 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 and blue badge holders 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



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