



23 August 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

Following my letter to you at the end of last term (20 July 2021) I now write to confirm the arrangements for the start of the new academic year.

The new term will start on Wednesday 8 September and Year 7 will be expected at school on the following days and times during the first week:

Wednesday 8 September	8.20am - 12 noon
Thursday 9 September	8.20am - 12 noon
Friday 10 September	8.20am - 12 noon

On Wednesday 8 September, and again during week commencing Monday 13 September, we will be facilitating Lateral Flow Testing for each child alongside their academic programme. This is in accordance with Government COVID-19 operational requirements for when students return to school and we will need to obtain your consent for your child to be tested. If you have not already done so, please complete the attached consent and return it to the School Office via office@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk by **Friday 27 August at the very latest, whether or not you give your consent.** Thank you if you have already returned your child's consent form.

If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and will be required to take a Lateral Flow Test as soon as possible. If the test is positive, you will be required to inform the school in order for necessary action to be taken to prevent further spread of the virus to other students and staff.

Although students will not be required to wear face coverings from September, if there is an outbreak of infection at the Academy, we will reintroduce this control measure.

Similarly, even though it is no longer a requirement to wear face coverings on public transport, we strongly advise your child to continue to do so on their journey to and from the Academy.

Please also ensure that your child continues with their good hygiene practices, such as frequent and thorough handwashing and following the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' regime with regard to coughs and sneezes.

Every student will receive a new School Planner on their first day in school. This is an essential piece of school equipment which students are expected to have with them at all times. Replacement School Planners are priced at £10. It contains useful information both for parents/carers and students. It would be very helpful if you and your child read sections of it together, especially pages 1 – 44. There are sections of the new School Planner which you will be required to complete/sign by **Monday 13 September:**



Page 1:	Emergency Contacts
Page 3:	Emergency Contacts (Duplicate page for your child's Form Tutor to retain)
Page 39:	ICT Acceptable Use Policy
Page 41:	Use of Images Consent Form
Page 44:	School Dog Consent

May I also remind you to look at the 'Year 6 – 7 Transition' section on our website (<https://www.stpaulsacademy.org.uk/>) which can be easily accessed from the home page by firstly clicking on the 'Parents and Carers' tab and then choosing 'Year 6 – 7 Transition.' You will find lots of key information to help guide you and your child through this process. There are also messages of welcome, advice and key information from members of staff and current students, so please do take a look before your child starts with us in September to assist you in supporting your child to prepare well for a successful start at St Paul's.

You may like to re-read Miss Duffy's letter of 16 June, along with the handbooks that were sent to you, as they contain lots of useful information about the Academy, which will help your child make a successful transition from primary school to St Paul's.

If you have not already collected your child's school uniform, you can contact the school Uniform Shop at spashop@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk to arrange a convenient time for you to come in.

I would advise you to label every item of your child's uniform before the new term starts; it is much easier to reunite a lost item with their owner if we know who it belongs to.

Students should ensure that they are fully equipped to start at the Academy in September with the following equipment:

- Reusable water bottle (filled at home)
- Hand Sanitiser
- Swipe Card
Your child will be issued with a Swipe Card when they start at St Paul's
- Reading Book
- Stationery
- School Planner
Each student will be given a new Planner on their first day and must ensure it is carried with them at all times.

Please be aware that we have a non-negotiable policy with regard to:

- The wearing of jewellery, apart from a plain wristwatch.
- The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, acrylic nails, false eyelashes.
- Extreme hairstyles and hair colour that is not of the student's natural colour, including hair extensions.

- The use of mobile phones in school. All devices must be switched off on arrival and kept in students' school bags.
- Piercings: All piercings are to be removed on school days, including on the journey to and from the Academy.

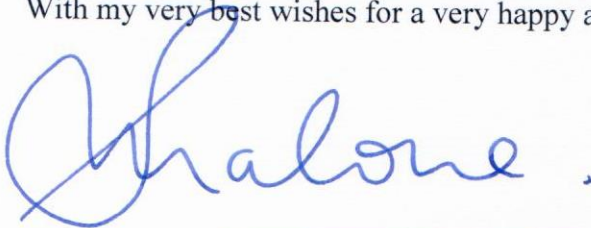
Please see the Academy website for term and holiday dates for the next academic year. This information will also be in your child's School Planner. Please also check the Academy website regularly for updates and important information: www.stpaulsacademy.org.uk

We are really excited to have the change to work in close partnership with you over the next 5 years and I look forward to welcoming your child to St Paul's on the first day of their secondary career on Wednesday 8 September at 8.20am.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please contact the Miss Duffy, the Head of Year 7 via e-mail: carol.duffy@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk

I hope you continue to enjoy the rest of the summer break.

With my very best wishes for a very happy and successful new academic year.



Miss S Malone
Principal