



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.

Please see the table below for details of when your child will be required to attend school during the first week of the new term.

	Wednesday 8 September	Thursday 9 September	Friday 10 September
Year 7	Morning: 8.20am – 12 noon	Morning: 8.20am – 12 noon	Morning: 8.20am – 12 noon
Year 8			Afternoon: 12.50pm – 4.00pm
Year 9			Morning: 8.20am – 12 noon
Year 10		Afternoon: 12.50pm – 4.00pm	
Year 11		Morning: 8.20am – 12 noon	

On the first day that your child's year group is required in school 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](mailto: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 no longer 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.



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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

In preparation for September we will be returning to full school uniform being worn and students changing at school for P.E lessons. Please refresh your memory by referring to the Academy's uniform policy which can be found on the school website at:

<https://stpaulsacademy.org.uk/about-the-school/information/policy-statements>

It is the students' responsibility to ensure that their uniform is prepared and suitable for their return to school in September.

Please also ensure that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labelled. If you do need to purchase items of school uniform, you will be able to do so via the online uniform shop, which can be accessed via the Academy website. You will be contacted when your child's uniform is ready for collection. If you would like to contact the school uniform shop directly please e-mail: [spa.shop@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:spa.shop@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk)

In addition, we would welcome donations of unwanted school uniform which can be then distributed to families in need. With the financially crippling effects of Covid-19, I can assure you that families in receipt of said donations are very appreciative of the kindness of others.

You will also be fully 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.

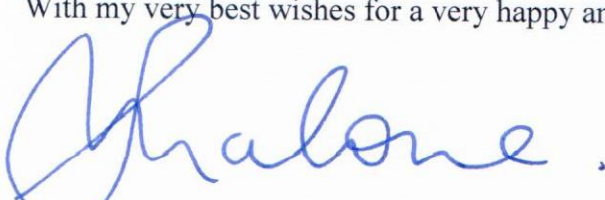
Students should ensure that they are fully equipped to start back at school in September with the following equipment:

- Reusable water bottle (filled at home)
- Hand Sanitiser
- Swipe Card
- Reading Book
- Stationery
- School Planner

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](http://www.stpaulsacademy.org.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**