



29th November 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope this letter finds you, your extended family and loved ones safe and well as we continue to face the challenges of Covid-19, especially with the latest developments.

Yesterday the Government issued guidance on the reintroduction of face coverings. From tomorrow, Tuesday, 30th November, staff, visitors and students are to wear face coverings in communal areas of the school, unless they are medically exempt. This measure is being taken to slow down the spread of the variant while the Government gathers more information.

We would ask for your support in ensuring that your child has a face covering when attending school, and when using public transport. If your child is exempt, please contact Mrs Nelson [Medical Inclusion Co-ordinator] michelle.nelson@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk, and exemption arrangements will be put in place.

As a precautionary measure we are asking that visitors only attend the school if necessary and by appointment. If you are required to visit, please also come prepared with a face covering, unless you are exempt.

It is essential we continue to act on the existing measures to prevent and reduce the risk of transmission. To this end I would remind you that if your child displays any of the symptoms that have been linked to Covid -19 you must keep them at home and book a PCR test.

Possible symptoms include:

- A high temperature of 37.8 or above
- A new continuous cough: coughing a lot more for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change in, sense of smell or taste; a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Sore throat
- Stomach upset
- Persistent headache

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support in testing twice weekly using the LFTs at home with your child. Please continue to do so and report any positive results to both the Academy's attendance officer, Mrs Jahans, vicky.jahans@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk and NHS Test and Trace



The Department for Education continue to encourage the take up of the vaccine including boosters. Vaccines are the best defence against Covid – 19. They help protect young people and adults and benefit those around them.

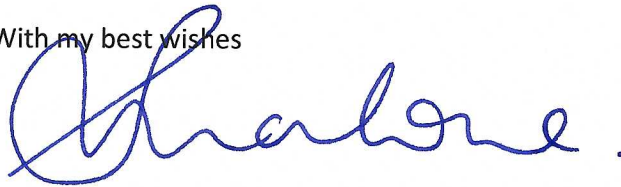
Thank you for your continued support in making sure you child has everything they need for school each day including:

- Pre filled water bottle, as the water fountains in school remain turned off as a preventative measure
- School Planner and Swipe Card
- Personal Sanitiser
- Dark coloured coat with a hood and umbrella. Due to the need to ventilate the classrooms, students are being allowed to wear their coats in classrooms and around the building
- Face coverings
- Full school uniform, and the correct St. Paul's PE uniform, which is to be worn on the days when a PE lesson is scheduled, another preventative measure to avoid changing in close and enclosed proximity to others.

The Academy's Health and Safety Risk Assessment is on the website for further clarification and information.

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes; it is greatly appreciated by myself and all the staff of St. Paul's.

With my best wishes



Miss S Malone

Principal