



24 February 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and in good health.

Following the Government's announcement for plans for living with Covid, I would like to update you on the situation at St Paul's.

Whilst cases are decreasing and they are less severe, we still need to be mindful that Covid has not gone away and our behaviours need to reflect that. To that effect, we are removing some of our Covid control measures whilst keeping in place others that will continue to support the school and wider community's safety and wellbeing.

From Monday 28 February, the following changes will be made:

- We have been advised by the Association for Physical Education that students can now safely change for their P.E lessons on site. All students are now to arrive at the Academy in their full school uniform (see pages 14 and 15 of the School Planner) Students are to wear school shoes and bring their trainers with them.
- Breakfast will be available in the Restaurant for students from 7.45am. The menu will include croissants, pain au chocolat, toast, fruit and hot drinks.
- Face to face year group assemblies have taken over from the virtual assembly programme.

The following procedures and practices will remain in place:

- Students and staff to sanitise on entry to the campus.
- All on campus to practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Housekeepers and Premises staff to maintain thorough and deep cleans.
- Water fountains will remain turned off, so it essential that students continue to bring to school a prefilled water bottle. This is a required piece of school equipment, along with a reading book, their Swipe Card and School Planner. If your child loses their School Planner, they can purchase a replacement as a discounted price of £5 as we are half-way through the academic year.
Swipe Cards are essential for accessing food from the Restaurant and Food Pod. Procedures for when students forget their Swipe Card will be sent to you in a separate message.
- Doors and windows will remain open to allow for good airflow and whilst the temperatures remain low, children will be permitted to wear their coats over their full school uniform, including their blazer and not as an alternative. The wearing of coats will be reviewed regularly in conjunction with the weather forecasts.
- Face coverings are optional.
- Whilst there is no longer a requirement from the Government to have a twice-weekly Lateral Flow Test, I would advise while you have access to these free tests to continue the testing. From 1 April free Lateral Flow Tests will no longer be available except to the over 75s and people over the age of 12 who have weakened immune systems.



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Anyone else will have to buy a test from a pharmacist or other retailers. The Government suggests individual tests should cost a few pounds. Boots Pharmacy chain says it will start selling single Lateral Flow Tests online for £5.99 or four for £17.00.

- It still remains the case that if your child is unwell with Covid symptoms they are not be sent to school.

We will constantly review our procedures in conjunction with Government announcements and the rate of infections.

We are looking forward to students celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3 March. Students are invited to dress as a character from fiction. This is voluntary, but please note that this is not a Mufti Day, but rather a day they can dress as a character from fiction. Students will need to either carry the book their character is from or make a sign/badge to wear, indicating the character and book.

Dates for your Diary

- On Thursday 24 March, students will leave school after lunch at 1.00 to follow a pastoral wellbeing programme, which they will access from home.
- On Friday 1 July, the Academy will be closed to students and staff in commemoration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- For this term, the Year 7 Parents' Consultative Meeting planned for 3rd March will now take place on 28th April and will take the form of a Progress Review Meeting with senior teachers.
- The Year 8 Progress Review Meeting planned for 10th March will now take place on 31st March.
- I would like to finish with a prayer for our Year 11 students, who will be beginning their second set of Pre-Public Examinations on Monday 7 March.

God of all wisdom, we pray that your spirit guides each of the Year 11s as they prepare themselves for their exams.

May their ears be open to the guidance offered to them by staff.

Calm their minds and bodies that they may concentrate on their lessons and revise effectively.

As their exams approach, grant them the confidence to know themselves to be as prepared as they can be. Amen.

Thank you, as always, for your support and co-operation.

Kind regards,



Miss S Malone
Principal