

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

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ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

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Dear Families,

As we move into the final few weeks of the summer term, thank you again for your support over this unique period of time. This week, an easing of lockdown has taken place across the country, however, the nature of the virus is such that it has certainly not been eradicated. The Government has announced that all pupils in all year groups in England will come back to school full time in September and we are working towards this, but we ask for your patience and understanding in that we receive information at the same time as you do and it is still not clear how this will look. As we know more, we will share with you.

Curriculum:

The pandemic has disrupted everyone's lives; school closed within a few days following the Government announcement in March and remained open for those children of Key Workers, but in a very different format. Home learning, online learning, emails and phone calls have become our methods of communication and learning. Following Government guidelines, school has partially reopened for some of our children in key year groups, but again, in a different format to what we ever envisaged school would look like.

For some families, lockdown has been a quiet, calm oasis of time to spend together, but for many families, it has brought sadness, loss, disruption, financial burdens, lack of routines and anxiety.

We still await guidance from the Government on exactly how we welcome back all our children in September (and we truly want to), however we are working on a curriculum which will support all our children and families back into school.

Upon a full return, we will ensure our children are given time to reflect on lockdown (and the changes it has brought with it) in a safe and secure environment. In this way, we can support them to re-familiarise themselves with school routines, learn new routines, settle in, quickly return to learning and make good progress. Please see our letter detailing our Recovery Curriculum, which is attached to this email.

Transition and Teaching Teams 2020/21

At the end of this year we say goodbye to Mr. Ratcliffe, who has been the Deputy Head for 11 years. He will certainly be missed by the children, families, staff and Governors. We know Harewood C of E Primary will have a wonderful Head teacher in Mr. Ratcliffe and we wish him all the best.

We are delighted that Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Wilson have agreed to take on the roles of Assistant Head Teachers until we appoint a Deputy. We know they will carry out their roles with expertise, professionalism and integrity and we thank them both.

We have also appointed a Newly Qualified Teacher, Miss Naylor, who is already supporting us in the Y1 'Bubble' of children who have returned to school. Miss Naylor comes to us with excellent references from the St. Anthony's Teaching School Alliance. Mrs. Lee will also join our full time teaching staff this year, she is a great teacher who knows us well, having worked with us for a time over the spring term. We welcome both our new colleagues into school.

Below are details of your child's teacher and class team for the academic year 2020/21. However, we ask for your understanding that given the nature of the virus and the fact that any of us can still be infected at any stage, this may have to change if circumstances change.

Nursery	Mrs. Grattan (Autumn Term)	Mrs Sharkey (Spring and Summer Terms)
Reception	Mrs Lindley (EYFS Lead)	
Supported by the EYFS team – Mrs Hirst, Mrs Adair, Mrs Spence, Mr Ferguson		
Year 1	Miss Naylor supported by Mrs Fisher	
Year 2	Mrs Vaughan supported by Mrs Priestley	
Year 3	Mrs Lee supported by Miss Kubat	
Year 4	Miss O'Shea supported by Mrs Waite	
Year 5	Miss Hamilton supported by Mrs Cannon	
Year 6	Mrs Wilson and Mrs Deverill supported by Mrs Carry	
Miss Emmerson and Mrs Boak continue to be our excellent HLTA support colleagues.		

On Monday 6th July, you will receive an email via the class email address, from your child's new teacher. Please share this with your child and help them to complete the tasks set. Thank you.

Family First Initiative

Ms Bev Fisher and Ms Suzanne Wilson continue to support us within the community at this time. Thank you to those families who have let us know how pleased you have been to receive a visit. Family First will continue to work with us in September, offering support and advice on attendance, well-being and welfare.



Thank you to all our families and like you, we look forward to the time when we can all be together in school again. We hold you and your families in our prayers.

Miss McBride
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