

"Every child is a unique child of God."

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ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

Dear Families,

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Welcome back. We hope you have had a good break and a peaceful and healthy start to the New Year. Like many of you, we have been following the news regarding covid and the science behind schools reopening this term. The current situation is that Leeds remains in Tier 3 and the expectation of the DfE is that primary schools remain open. We continue to do all we can to keep our community safe and we ask that families support us in taking the following actions. Please wear face coverings on school grounds and when visiting the office; *this adds an additional layer of protection for yourself, our staff and those within the school grounds who are 'high risk.'* Where possible, only one parent/carer to bring children to school and collect them and please do not stay on the school grounds longer than necessary. Around the class entrances and exits we have marked spaces and we ask parents/carers not to cross these. If you need a meeting with a teacher, please let us know, via the Office and we will contact you as soon as we are able to. Outside of school, we ask all families to follow National guidelines and restrictions. This is imperative if we are to keep our community safe and well. If anyone in your family does test positive, please inform us and follow isolation guidelines to the letter.

If you or your children show any of these signs, please do not come into school and follow medical advice with regard to testing and isolation.

- **a high temperature** –you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it could be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

Please see our website for further information from Leeds City Council on recognising signs and symptoms of covid.

School Closures:

Should we be instructed to close school as part of a national lockdown, our children will bring home an initial pack of 'home learning' activities and we will contact families via Tapestry in Early Years and class email addresses in all other years, with timetables and home learning tasks. We will also endeavour to keep in touch via zoom on a weekly basis and phone families to check on your wellbeing and answer any queries you may have. We ask that families use these class email addresses or Tapestry to respond to us at least once a week, during any lockdown, so that we know all is well. Thank you.

As we have written to families about before, to support home learning, we have several online platforms with which you should already be familiar. Links to these can be found on the home learning page on the school website. Please don't wait until lockdown to see if you can access these resources and let us know if you are having difficulties with this. Children are already familiar with these resources.



If your child qualified for a place in school in the previous lockdown, and your situation remains the same, in the event of a further lockdown, we will contact you to arrange times when your child can attend school. If you believe your child now qualifies for a place in school, please email us at office@whinmoorstpauls.co.uk. We will require proof of your occupation and any shift patterns you work. If children can be looked after at home, they should be to help reduce the number of children and the risk in school.

Weather

As we move into the spring term, we will always endeavour to keep our school open. However, if we have a serious snowfall overnight and are not able to open, we will inform families as soon as possible by sending a text, sending a tweet and uploading information onto the school's website. We will also inform local radio stations.

Please remember that if children wear wellington or winter boots to school, they will need a change of shoes for the day. Either their black school shoes or pumps. If you can send a peg (labelled with your child's name) to keep the wellies together, we would be really grateful.

Thank you all for your support at this time. We will continue to update you when we are able to.

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