



8th January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope you and all your family were able to have enjoyable celebrations together for the Christmas and New Year festivities.

We are very much looking forward to the return of the students on Tuesday, 11th January for the start of the new Spring Term.

Ahead of the return please take time to read the following information and where necessary take appropriate action:

- In order to minimize the risk of disruption to face to face teaching and learning on site, it is vital all students take a Lateral Flow Device [LFD] Test at home on Monday, 10th January and only return to school on Tuesday if the result is negative.
- If the result of the LFD Test is positive your child will need to self-isolate according to Government guidance. If your child is well enough they will be able to access the remote learning provision through Google Classroom for the isolation period.
- Under no circumstances are children to return to school if they have any symptom that is linked to COVID 19. If experiencing any C-19 symptom, they should take a LFD Test, and only come to school if that test is negative.
- Face coverings must be worn on public transport to and from school. In addition, face coverings are to be worn on site in communal areas and classrooms, unless your child is medically exempt, and you have contacted Mrs Nelson, Inclusion Admin Officer, michelle.nelson@stpauls.greenwich.sch.uk
- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide their child with the necessary face coverings to wear on public transport, and in school. The Academy has a small contingency stock of face coverings for emergencies.
- On Thursday, 13th January, the Royal Borough of Greenwich have arranged for an onsite LFD Test for all students whose families have returned the consent forms which were emailed to you before the end of last term. The consent form should be returned no later than Monday 10th January. No child will have a LFD Test without parental consent.
- We will continue to ventilate the teaching venues by keeping doors and windows open. This means students will be allowed to wear their outside coat over their school uniform including their blazer, but not as a replacement of the blazer, as this provides another layer of clothing to keep warm. The Academy's Health and Safety Risk Assessment for COVID-19 can be found on our website, which identifies the control measures we have taken and continue to take to help reduce the risk of C-19 transmission.

Every student is required to return in full school uniform [when your child has PE, they will be expected to wear their full St. Paul's Academy PE uniform to school on those days]. If you have allowed or paid for your child to have piercings during the holiday period, they will need to be removed on school days, and not worn to or from school. [See School Planner pages 14 – 15 for the Academy's Uniform requirements as well as page 17 for equipment required and forbidden items which are not allowed on site].

Each student must be in possession of the following, as there will be equipment and uniform checks next week:

- School Planner
- Swipe Card
- Refillable water bottle [Fountains are still turned off as a C-19 control measure]
- Personal reading book

Thank you for your support, understanding and prayers in what continues to be uncertain and challenging times. I close with a blessing for you and all your family and loved ones.

God of Love,

You are always close to us, particularly during times of difficulty and change.

As we enter into this New Year, with excitement and some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion for us, your holy presence with us, and your healing love for us.

We thank you for the talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others who keep us safe and who call us to become the best version of ourselves.

Be with us as we journey that we may support one another.

As we rejoice in this season of your birth may we work together to bring new life and healing to one another.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who in all time, walks alongside us. Amen.

With my very best wishes for a grace filled and blessed 2022.

Siobhan Malone

Principal