



## Pope Paul Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and enjoying the good weather.

Following the government announcement yesterday, we shall be partially opening Pope Paul School as planned on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The table below outlines the start date for different bubbles of children.

Start Day	Bubbles
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Keyworker/vulnerable group Bubbles A,B and C
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6 Bubbles A and B
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bubbles C and D
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Bubble A Year 1 Bubble A
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Bubble B Year 1 Bubble B

All parents were contacted last week regarding the bubble allocation for their child. If you decide that you would like your child to attend school in future weeks you will need to give at least 8 working days notice so that timetables can be changed if necessary.

### School Uniform

In order to reduce the necessity for parents in Year 6 to have to purchase new PE kits, all children may wear EITHER their summer uniform OR their school PE kits.

### Sickness and Absence

As usual, please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell. We will be following current government advice to keep our community safe and so if your child develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, ie high temperature, new continuous cough or the sudden loss of the sense of taste or smell, they will be sent home and must self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All parents of children in your child's bubble will be informed that one member of the bubble has these symptoms. This will also be the case if a staff member displays these symptoms. Fortunately, the government has advised that because they are eligible to attend school, your child, and members of your household, now have access to testing, if your child displays symptoms of coronavirus. There are several routes to access testing for you and your child. Visit the [guidance on coronavirus testing and how to arrange to have a test](#).

If your child tests negative, and they are feeling well enough, they can return to school and fellow members of your household can end their self-isolation.

Where your child or one of our staff members tests positive, the rest of the bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms. It is imperative that we all follow this government advice and the rules of social distancing to keep our community safe.

### Lunches

Your child can bring in a home packed lunch or can order a school packed lunch in the morning.

### Home Learning

I am delighted by the hard work everyone has been sharing on their Class Blogs. We can see that children and their parents are really working hard!

The online learning provision will continue after half-term via the Class Blogs but please be mindful that as staff will be in school, your child's class teacher will endeavour to keep in touch with you via email and answer emails as soon as they can.

We will now have five key elements to our home learning curriculum. These are English, Maths, RE, Reading and the wider curriculum (all subjects excluding Maths, English and RE). Each day there will be a daily Class Blog which will consist of the morning learning that will include Maths and English. The afternoon learning (wider curriculum) will be slightly different in that it will be a Topic Based approach to learning. At the end of each week, on a Friday, Class Blogs will be updated by your child's class teacher feeding back on the learning and photos that the children have shared throughout each week.

The Y2-5 classes are not scheduled to return to schools in the near future at this stage, though as the pandemic evolves and new scientific advice is forthcoming as more is learnt about Covid-19 and about how to combat it, the picture may change. We will inform parents in these year groups as soon as we hear any more regarding their future return. In the meantime, we hope that the Y2-5 children and parents will continue to make use of the Home Learning that is set on the Class Blogs.

Mrs McNamara has prepared a Back to School Power point to help the children who will be returning on Monday; please share this with your child. This will be available on the Whole School Blog. Please also refer to the letter sent on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May with detailed information about next week.

Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time.

Liz Heymoz