



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we finish this academic year, we reflect on what a very different and challenging year it has been for everyone in our school community. We are forever grateful for your support and encouragement and would like to thank you particularly for your commitment during this year. During school closures, you have been required to carry out home learning with your children and have ensured they continued to make progress (along with working yourselves and dealing with the pressures of a National lockdown).

Our staff have worked tirelessly and coped with the constant changes and confusions that COVID-19 has brought and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their love, care and dedication they have given to all the children at St Paulinus. They have done everything they could to keep your children safe, happy and enthusiastic during a very difficult year where children were faced with uncertainties and worries. Our school governors have also supported us (from a distance) but have been pivotal in decision making and supporting the school leaders.

The children at St Paulinus have shown resilience and perseverance this year. They came to school in September with many changes to systems and the environment and coped with this so well. Our new Year R class settled in so well and very quickly became a part of our school community even though mixing with other classes wasn't allowed. Our Year 6 class, who are leaving us today, have shown maturity even though they have missed out on some of the usual Year 6 opportunities (meeting buddies on a weekly basis, school journeys and prefect duties). We are very proud of them all and wish them the best as they leave us to begin secondary education in September.

We are saying goodbye to two dear members of staff this year and would like to, once again, thank them both for their time and commitment to St Paulinus. Mrs Smith, for the last 23 years has brought energy, enthusiasm, determination, knowledge and experience to our school team and will be missed terribly. She has touched the hearts of so many children and families and has been an inspiration to so many children. We wish her all the best as she begins her retirement which is very well deserved. Miss McCorriston, who has only been with us for two years, started her teaching career in the year that a pandemic was forced upon us and she shone throughout it with her outstanding online lessons and videos. She also, in a very short amount of time, became a valued member of our school staff and will also be missed as she moves back home to Canada to continue her teaching career. We wish her the very best. We also look forward to officially welcoming our two new members of staff to our school team in September: Mrs Pike (Year 2 teacher) and Miss Anderson (Teaching Assistant).

In order to prepare for the next year ahead, we have started to put plans in place. These may change if there are any changes to government guidelines but these procedures are in line with the most recent messages we have received from the government. Please see below for all details in order to help you prepare for September.

Have a wonderful summer and let's hope the weather stays good!

God Bless and stay safe,

Mrs Young and Miss Salisbury



ENTERING AND EXITING

The school gates will open for all children at 8:45 and close at 8:55 in the morning. Registration will begin at 9:00.

Children in KS2 will enter school through the gate nearest to the bike/scooter store and walk down the path, past the Reception classroom and into the KS2 playground. KS2 children will enter their classrooms via the external classroom doors.

Children in Reception Class and KS1 will enter through the main front gate and walk through the door that leads into the KS1 corridor.

Reception Class and KS1 will be dismissed at 15:20 from the front of school. Parents and carers should stand in the milling area and wait for their child there.

KS2 will be dismissed at 15:25 from the front of school. Parents and carers should stand in the milling area and wait for their child there.

There will be lots of adults on hand during the first week to help everyone find their way.

UNIFORM

Our uniform policy will stay in place for September 2021 meaning that on the days that PE/Swimming is taught, children should wear their PE kits to school and remain in them for the day. School uniform should be worn on the other days of the week. Our uniform policy can be found on the school website.

PE Kit Days:

Reception Class	Wednesdays only to begin with. Reception Class begin PE lessons from Wednesday 15th September. Pupils should wear school uniform on Wednesday 8th September.
Year 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday (On Thursdays, Y4 should wear their PE kits to school and, from Thursday 16th September, they should also bring their swimming kit to school in a separate bag.)
Year 5	Monday and Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

Our updated COVID risk assessment and outbreak management plan can be read on our school website (in the Latest News section). This outlines any changes to current plans for September including the process if a member of the school tests positive for COVID.