



ST. PAUL'S PEEL C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stocksfield Drive, Little Hulton, Salford, M38 9RB
Tel: 0161 790 2327

Headteacher: Miss Barker

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new pupils and families.

I can't believe that the school family have been back together a full week, it has been lovely to have all our pupils, staff and families together again.

The pupils are looking really smart in their full school uniforms and have settled in well into their new classes and the 'new' norms. 'New' routines have been put into place in line with Government and Salford City Council guidelines; for some of you, you will have only ever dropped your child off at the school gate and are now able to enter the 'blue gates'.

Staff News - I would like to formally welcome two new members of staff; Miss Hunter who is teaching in Class 1/2 and also Miss Haslam who is teaching in Class 4.

Miss Newton is now coordinating 'Home Learning' across the school (if your child is waiting for a PCR test or tests positive), she will be in contact and upload school work to be completed on Class Dojo and will be the staff member to mark and give feedback.

We also have a new school 'Well-being Companion', her name is Martha and she is a black miniature schnauzer she is putting smiles on staff and pupil faces, as well as some parents that she has already met!

Updating School Systems - I ask that you inform the office staff when and if there are any changes in your child's details including - contact details, address, telephone numbers, email address and notification of medical conditions. It is vital that these are kept up to date so we can contact you in case of an emergency at school. You should also inform school if you wish to change the adults you have listed to collect your child. If you wish to check these details, please contact the school office and a member of staff will run through what is on our system. It is now a legal requirement that we hold **at least two emergency contact numbers** for every pupil in school.

Holidays in Term Time - **All holiday requests during term time will not be granted in line with the Government's legislation.** If you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday it is important that a letter is sent into school explaining the dates and the destination that your child will be absent to avoid them being classed as missing in education. We need to know the reason for any absence from school for our records, it is very important we are aware of the real reason for the absence. These letters will not be replied to, however please remember any holidays taken which exceed 5 school days, will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer to issue the fines set in place by the Government. Please also note that the school does not financially benefit from any fines. It is the local authority that collects and keeps any fine payments.

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Drop off/ picking up - Please can I ask that parents/carers do not congregate near the school entrances when collecting children, please also appreciate that it may initially take some time as staff are getting to know your faces and we have systems in place to ensure children's' safety.

Attendance - As a school we continue to look at the attendance of each and every pupil and work closely with the EWO. At the end of each half term you receive a letter stating your child's attendance.

Can I remind all parents that children must NOT play on any school equipment before or after school.

Punctuality - School starts at 8.55 am (with the gates being opened from 8.45 am) your child(ren) should be at their entry door just before that time.

School Council - The children have been electing their new representatives on the school council. We are hoping the new School Council will be instrumental in the development of new initiatives in school. We are also keen to gain their perspective on all aspects of school life.

COVID Guidance - Please find the School COVID Risk Assessment (reviewed regularly) and any information on our school website www.stpaulspeellh.co.uk please check the website regularly. Messages will also be posted on Class Dojo, please sign up to Class Dojo if you haven't already done so.

Equipment - Every pupil in school has been given their own equipment to use (pencil cases/zip wallets, stationery) please can I ask that each pupil comes to school with a water bottle that is filled daily with only fresh water (this is in line with our Healthy Schools status).

Thank you for your continued support of school in another year during a pandemic and also working with us to ensure that all your children reach their full potential every day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Barker
Headteacher

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