



St Jude & St Paul's
Church of England Primary School

24th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for a phased return to school for Year 4 and Year 5 children

We can now update you with arrangements for more children to return to school. Thank you for letting us know your plans last week.

To ensure that we welcome children back as safely as possible and allow for children and staff to learn new routines, we have planned for staggered return dates.

Year 4 and Year 5 children to return on Monday 6th July. We can welcome children back full time.

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our children, their families and our staff. We have been working hard to ensure that in line with government, Public Health and local authority advice, the return to school is as safe as possible. To do so, we will be changing some of the ways we operate as a school at present.

Some of the measures that will be in place to maintain a safe environment for welcoming your child:

- **Children must not attend school if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).**
- **Children should not attend school if they are unwell.**
- Parents will be asked not to enter the school building (apart from one adult at a time to visit the office area).
- All children will be allocated a 'bubble'. This will be a group of no more than 15 children - less if this is possible. Children in their bubbles will learn, play and eat together. They will have different play and lunch times from other bubbles/groups. They will have their own play equipment which will be regularly cleaned.
- Continued regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser.
- Extra cleaning of frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Providing staff training on PPE, rubbish disposal, mental health and well-being
- Staggered start and end times for different year groups (see below). Parents will be asked to maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting.
- We ask that children do not bring in toys and books from home.

So that we minimise contact between different bubbles/groups, unfortunately, we are unable to offer breakfast and after school provision at present.

Children should continue to wear school uniform to school. Please send your child in with a named water bottle as our shared water fountains in the playground will be out of use for safety. Children can also bring in a healthy snack to have during morning break.

Changes to drop off and collection arrangements

Children should **arrive at school between 9.10- 9.20am**. The day will **end for children at 3.30pm**.

To help maintain social distancing during the busiest times of the school day as more children return to school, on arrival, children will now be met and welcomed at the main (red) school gates and helped by staff to their classrooms. At collection, children will be accompanied to the main gate to meet their parent/carer. On arrival and at collection, parents may need to form a queue at the main school gates and should follow social distancing guidelines. Staff will be present to support with this whilst we all learn the new routines.

Class Set Up

Due to the numbers of children returning, Year 4 and Year 5 children will be taught in mixed Y4/Y5 classes.

Ms Jodie Tucker and Patricia will lead one Y4/Y5 bubble. (Year 4 children had the opportunity to meet Ms Tucker before school closure in March).

Ms Schulz will lead the other Y4/Y5 bubble.

Many children are looking forward to seeing more of their peers and teachers again. We recognise that for some children, this change may also be unsettling for them. If you would like to talk to us about your child and any concerns you have, please, in the first instance, contact the school office to speak to a member of the senior leadership team.

If your child has an EHC Plan, please contact Ms Batchelor, who will continue to support you and your child through this next phase.

With thanks for your continued support at this time,

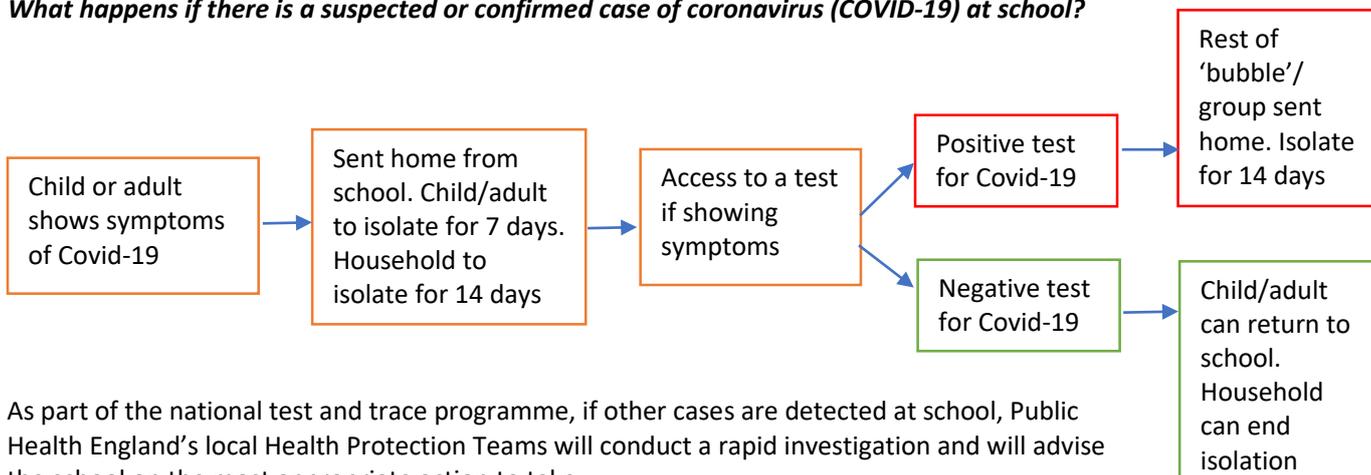
Adeola Oladejo, Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team

Some commonly asked questions:

Is it compulsory that children return to school for the remainder of the term?

Parents must make the decision that is best for their family and this may be different for every family. We will support families who choose not to send their children back to school at this time, as long as we are able to do so. Do contact us as we may be able to help or answer any further questions you have. We will continue to set home learning activities for children who remain at home.

What happens if there is a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at school?



As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected at school, Public Health England's local Health Protection Teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise the school on the most appropriate action to take.

Will free school meals and vouchers continue to be provided to children?

For children attending school, they will receive free school meals at school. For eligible children who are not returning to school, we will continue to provide vouchers through the Edenred voucher system.

How will I be able to communicate important messages to teachers and staff when I cannot meet with them?

We ask that parents telephone (0207 254 5598) or email (admin@sjsp.islington.sch.uk) the school in the first instance and the message will be passed on to the relevant staff member. Staff members will also be present to help parents and children at the main gate, but will not always be able to speak to parents at length in order to keep children moving and safe.

Will the children be social distancing?

There will be changes to the classroom layout which will allow for social distancing, particularly in KS2 classrooms when working at tables and when sitting and eating lunch. Social distancing will be difficult to manage for younger children throughout the day and all children during playtime may not social distance. We will continue with other measures as described to keep the children as safe as possible and minimise contact between different groups of children. Parents should make the best decision for their family when deciding to return to school.

Should I keep my child at home if they have an underlying health condition or live with someone in a clinically vulnerable group?

Extremely Clinically vulnerable and shielding children should not attend school

Clinically vulnerable children (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) – parents should follow medical advice before attending school

Shielding in household - only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child can follow the instructions

Household member is clinically vulnerable: (But not extremely vulnerable) can attend school

Symptomatic: Staff and children who have symptoms or are self-isolating because a household member is unwell should not be attending school

For more government information for parents and carers: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>