



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 3rd July 2020

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A message from your Headteacher, Mrs Silke:

School Reopening Update

It is so lovely to have so many children back in school.

We now have four 'bubbles' running really smoothly and safely due to all the measures we have put in place. Unfortunately, the Keyworker bubble has now reached full capacity at 24 children, as more of you return to work, so I have contacted the Local Authority regarding the alternative provision they may be able to provide and I will let you know when I hear back from them. We currently have this many children attending.

Keyworker Bubble 24 children, Year 1 Bubble 9 children, Year 4 Bubble 22 children, Year 6 Bubble 17 children.

September Re-opening

Guidance from the Government regarding welcoming all children back in September was released yesterday. We are now liaising with Southwark LA, SDBE MAT, the Unions to ensure that we can open the school to all of your children in a way that is safe for them, parents and carers and staff.

Any further updates regarding the reopening of the school will be put on the school website as soon as possible and I will also write to you all before the end of term.

Year 1 have settled in really well over the past 2 weeks and enjoyed some socially distanced pizza making this week in their bubble. They all had their own set of ingredients.



Mayor of London Summer Activities for Vulnerable Children The Mayor's Fund will be doing free planned activities for vulnerable children in Lambeth and Southwark over the summer break. Parents just need to sign up via the website link:

<https://www.mayorsfundforlondon.org.uk/lambeth-southwark-summer-food-fun/>

Supermarket Vouchers – Registration For DFE Free School Meals (FSM status)

You may have heard the good news that the Government has now agreed to fund supermarket vouchers for families registered for free school meals over the Summer holiday. I am very mindful that due to Coronavirus the financial circumstances for many families may have changed and so I am keen to ensure that all our families get the support they need and deserve.

All children at St Paul's are entitled to receive a free school dinner, which is an initiative unique to Southwark LA. This is totally different to having FSM status in line with the DFE criteria and it is only FSM children who are entitled to the supermarket vouchers.

Please note that in order to access the government supermarket voucher scheme you need to be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support.
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you do meet any of the above criteria and you have not yet registered for FSM status then please contact the school by emailing office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk or calling 0207 703 4896 and speaking to Sandra Bettinelli or Donna Goodes who will arrange for you to complete the necessary paperwork.

Up-To-Date Contact Details

To ensure that we can communicate with you during these uncertain times, it is **very important** that we have your **current** contact details. If you have changed your phone number, email address or have moved house please ensure that you notify the school ASAP by phone on 0207 703 4896 or by email to office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk. We are now sending this Newsletter out to all parents every Monday so if you have not received it by email it means that we do not have a current email address for you.

St Paul's Foodbank

Continued thanks must go to Mr Roy, Miss Linda May and Mr Barry Knight who are still providing a weekly food bank at St Paul's church on Tuesdays between 10 am and 2pm so that every family at St Pauls can receive a weekly bag of groceries. Mrs Crannitch and I have very much enjoyed seeing you at the food bank between 10 am and 12 noon. Please do keep coming as we love to see you there.

Weekly Home Learning

Weekly home learning will continue to be set for all year groups by the class teachers on the school's website using the following link: <http://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/home-learning-resources/>. You can also access this page by going to the school's website page and clicking on the 'Learning' link along the top and selecting 'Home Learning Resources'. There are also regular updates on the website regarding online resources that provide useful and enjoyable learning opportunities for your children. If you have a year 6, Year 4 or Year 1 child who is not coming to school then they should do the home learning for that year group.

We cry out to you

God of all,
we cry out to you for help.
In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protect us, Lord, and be with us
especially those of us most vulnerable
during this coronavirus crisis.

Move us to reach out in love
to our neighbours near and far.
So that the humble may be exalted,
the hungry filled with good things.

Grant us the courage
not to rush back to our old ways,
but to rebuild our world together,
creating foundations of justice,
with equality and peace for all.

Amen.

**Love and prayers to you all,
The St Paul's Team.**