



St. Paul's
C.E. Primary School
Learning Together

16th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

School plans for September

I am writing to share lots of information about the new school year. Please read through this carefully and contact the office if you have any questions or queries.

Changes to the structure of the week

Firstly, I would like to inform you of some changes to the structure of the school week at St Paul's, starting in September. These changes will be introduced on a temporary basis until February half term 2022. The governors of the school have approved that we have a formal consultation with all stakeholders in the Autumn Term when we have all had the opportunity to experience the changes to the school week and how they affect us.

The plans from September will be:

- The school day will start at 8.40am and finish at 3.15pm.
- Lunchtime in school will be 45 minutes for all pupils.
- School will finish at 1:10pm on Friday afternoons.
- Childcare will be offered for families where both parents work. Childcare will be free of charge until 3:15pm on a Friday. Following this, the after school clubs will be available, as normal.

As you are aware, we have all experienced a very challenging year and as a school we have a great deal of work to do to ensure that our pupils' education is not affected by the pandemic. We therefore find ourselves in exceptional times and feel that these changes to the working week will allow us to develop our practice further and support our pupils in the best way possible. We believe that adjusting the timings of the day will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education.

The benefits are as follows:

- By re-working the timetable, children will receive more learning time than they have done previously.
- With this model, the teachers will be able to carry out their statutory Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) on Friday afternoons in their classrooms. PPA is currently covered in a variety of means and we would prefer children to be taught as much as possible by the class teacher.

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- It allows class teachers to meet with their support staff on a Friday afternoon and share important information from the week whilst planning for the next week together.
- It allows the whole teaching staff to work together, when appropriate, and share good practice and expertise.
- Support staff will be able to access training every Friday afternoon which will enrich our provision for the children.
- It will allow children to leave earlier at the beginning of the weekend/holiday, thereby reducing travel times and traffic congestion if families are going on holiday.
- Appointments can be made for pupils at the dentist/doctors on a Friday afternoon and they will not need to come out of school time to be able to attend.
- In online articles related to other schools who have already taken these steps they have reported that it has had a positive impact on pupils' and staff mental health and well-being.

If you have any questions or views that you would like to express regarding these changes then please do not hesitate to contact myself in school to discuss it further. Please be re-assured that the alterations to the weekly timings will not affect your child's educational entitlement and we feel that all of us will benefit from these temporary changes.

If your child will need a place in the care club on a Friday afternoon because both parents work, please contact the school office to discuss this further with Miss Moore.

Our Bradford

Starting from September, we are planning to give each class a name. We are linking this with a special idea to create a bespoke curriculum at St Paul's- 'Our Bradford'. Each September, for approximately two weeks, every class will learn about a different area of Bradford; the geography, history and influential people from that area.

The class names will be as follows and this will be the area of Bradford that they will learn about and visit when they go into that class:

Reception-**Class Wibsey**

Year 1- **Class Keighley**

Year 2- **Class Shipley**

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Year 3- **Class Manningham**

Year 4- **Class Saltaire**

Year 5- **Class Haworth**

Year 6- **Class Little Germany**

The work completed during these September projects will be presented to parents and other pupils through class assemblies so that the whole school community will benefit. This unique curriculum will enable pupils in school to build their local knowledge and when they leave St Paul's they will know lots about the city that they live in.

Staffing news

Firstly, congratulations are in order as Miss Wassell, our School Business Manager, is expecting a baby. Miss Wassell will be leaving us in September to go on maternity leave and will return to St Paul's sometime next year. We have successfully appointed a temporary Business manager, Ms Phipps, who will start with us at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

Miss Skirrow has secured a teaching position at Moorside Community Primary School in Halifax and we wish her well in her new role.

Miss Moreton will be joining us on a permanent basis from September and will be teaching our new Reception class. Miss Riley, currently a teacher at Brackenhill, will also be joining us to teach our Year One class in the Autumn Term.

Also, after 21 years of service at St Paul's, Mrs Lupton will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term. On behalf of the whole staff team and school community I would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work and we all hope that she has a fantastic retirement!

September staffing

When planning for the next academic year at St Paul's, we felt that it would be a really positive step to enable our pupils to remain with their current teachers, where possible. Our teaching staff know the children really well and this approach to whole school planning will enable us to build on the individual pupils' strengths and provide focused support for their areas of development, following this challenging year. With this in mind, the table below shows the teachers and support staff allocation for next year.

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Current year group	September class and name	Teacher	Support Staff
N/A	Reception- Class Wibsey	Miss Moreton	Mr Daynes Mr Westwood
Reception	Year 1- Class Keighley	Miss Riley	Mrs Browne/ Mrs Kilmartin, Mrs Shaw
Year 1	Year 2- Class Shipley	Miss Weller	Miss Beaumont
Year 2	Year 3- Class Manningham	Mrs Darbyshire/ Miss Charles	Mr Collier
Year 3	Year 4- Class Saltaire	Miss Galtress	Mrs Safianyuk Mrs Broadbent
Year 4	Year 5- Class Howarth	Miss Briggs	Mrs Barraclough
Year 5	Year 6- Class Little Germany	Mrs Hallworth	Mrs Rawlinson

Mrs Darbyshire and Miss Charles will be sharing a class so that they both have dedicated time to further develop our staff team, curriculum areas and intervention programmes.

In addition to whole school development work, Mrs Timms will be teaching maths in Year Six and some curriculum music lessons in upper Key Stage Two.

Mrs Broadbent will be running interventions in Key Stage Two in the afternoons in addition to supporting Class Saltaire in the mornings.

After-School Clubs and Breakfast Club

We are beginning to put plans in place to run a range of after school clubs in September. This will be similar to the programme of activities that were available to our pupils prior to March 2020. More details will follow soon with the specific clubs/ days and the cost to parents. These clubs will run until 4:15pm and will commence the week beginning 13th September.

We are intending to be able to offer Breakfast Club in September, as we have done this year. There will be a slight change, as limited places will be made available from 7:30am. There will also be a tiered costing system in place, so if your child attends from 7:30am the cost will be £3.00 per day and the cost will be £2.00 per day if your child attends from

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8:00am. Breakfast Club will commence the week beginning 6th September and a booking form will be issued to families soon.

We are very excited about the potential return to a more usual way of working for our pupils and families and are hopeful that all of our plans will be realised. However, we are mindful that some of the additional clubs and activities that we are planning for September could possibly be delayed, due to COVID. Pupils and staff may also need to continue working in 'bubbles' when we return in September so we are planning for all eventualities. Please be re-assured that we will endeavour to communicate with our families in a timely way and give as much notice as possible of changes to any plans that are put in place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout this last year. It means a great deal to our staff to receive positive feedback and re-assurance from our families that we are meeting the needs of our school community. If there is any way that we can further support you and your family, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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