

# Adlington St. Paul's Church of England Primary



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**'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart'. Colossians 3 v 23**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

## COVID-19 Return to School Arrangements

**RE: Return to School in September 2021**

Dear parents/carers,

As you may be aware, government guidance has been updated [Government guidance](#).

I am writing to let you know arrangements for our safe return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. As a school, we will continue to follow government guidance and local public health advice. This may mean that the below information is subject to change and review.

### **The School Day**

The school day will continue to be staggered.

**8.30am** – Years 1, 3 and 4.

**8.45am** – Years Reception, 2, 5 and 6.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enter from their own classroom door.

Year 3 and Year 6 will enter via the main office.

Year 4 and Year 5 will enter via the KS2 playground.

We ask parents to be at the relevant entrance points promptly at **designated times** to support the organisation of the school day. Ensuring your children are in school promptly has a huge impact on their learning. Children begin learning as soon as they enter the classroom to maximise learning opportunities. As before, siblings may arrive at the earliest time.

### **Collecting children at the end of the day**

School finishes at staggered times.

**3.00pm** - Years 1, 3 and 4

**3.15pm** - Years Reception, 2,5 and 6

Parents should wait at the relevant points to drop off/collect children in an organised and orderly way. As a school community we wish to continue to show respect to others and keep our school community as safe as possible. As with all school procedures, we will be evaluating this as we move through the autumn term.

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## **P.E**

Getting changed for P.E is a key part of children becoming independent. We are therefore asking that all P.E kits are once again brought into school for children to get changed into on the days they have lessons planned. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit. If you require any support with this, please contact the school office.

## **Lunchtimes and Break Times**

Children will be eating together in the hall and mixing with other year groups outside. As a school we may make some internal decisions on how we structure lunchtimes and playtimes for the benefit of the children to make break times and lunch times a positive experience for all our children.

## **Collective Worship**

We know the importance of physically coming together as a whole school community and will be offering a blended approach of live worship in the Hall or Church and high-quality pre-recorded sessions over the next term. We will continue to work closely with St. Paul's Church and the children will take part in Family Services on Sunday's.

## **School Events and Clubs**

We will inform you via the newsletter of upcoming events and at the end of the first week we will inform you of any extra-curricular clubs available.

## **Key Control Measures**

As school reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 we will continue to have key control measures in place to prevent transmission of the virus which are in line with Government guidance.

<b>Key Government Advice on control measure</b>	<b>Key school control measures</b>
<b>1.Ensure good hygiene for everyone</b>	
<b>Hand hygiene</b> Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.	All children to clean hands on entry to school and at key points during the day including break times and lunch times by washing with soap and water or using hand sanitiser.  School ensures adequate supplies of soap and hand sanitiser are available.  Hygiene rules to be discussed with children regularly and posters displayed around school.
<b>Respiratory Hygiene</b>  The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.	The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach is promoted in school and discussed with children.  Tissues are available and all children are briefed on procedures for blowing noses and disposal of waste. Bins are provided in each area for waste disposal.  Children are briefed on the importance of behaviour and school rules are revisited with all classes. School rules have been refreshed to reflect COVID – 19 and are discussed with all children and are evident around school.
<b>Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)</b>  Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. The guidance on the use of <a href="#">PPE in education, childcare and children's social care settings provides</a> more information on the use of PPE for COVID-19.	All staff in school have access to PPE as required and will use in line with government guidance.
<b>2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents</b>	

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<p>You should put in place and maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This should include regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.</p> <p><a href="#">PHE has published guidance on the cleaning of non-healthcare settings.</a></p>	<p>Each classroom has its own cleaning materials. All surfaces are cleaned at the start of each day, during the day, after each lesson and at the end of each day.</p> <p>Cleaning procedures are in place and monitored at start and end of the day and a daily evaluation of cleaning is carried out by SLT. Cleaning procedures include regular cleaning of touch points.</p> <p>A daily health and safety check is done by Headteacher and Site Supervisor. These are done before the start of school each day to check all aspects of cleaning.</p> <p>Deep cleaning planned during school breaks and before wider reopening.</p>
<b>3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated</b>	
<p>When your school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.</p> <p>Refer to <a href="#">Simple steps to Good Ventilation</a> and the <a href="#">Ventilation Checklist</a></p>	<p>All rooms in the school have windows which are opened to create air flow and ventilation. Where possible windows will be left open during lessons, if this is not practical, windows will be fully opened when unoccupied to fully purge the air.</p> <p>At key points in the day ventilation is also improved through opening classroom internal doors. All doors and windows will be closed at the end of the day. Any areas of school where there is poor ventilation will be identified and concerns raised and addressed.</p>
<b>4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19</b>	
<p>Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice.</p>	<p>School will continue to work within Government guidance regarding Covid-19. In particular the following procedures are in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular asymptomatic staff testing, to be reviewed at the end of September</li> <li>• Isolation and testing of symptomatic members of the school community</li> <li>• Regular updates and reminders to parents of Covid-19 symptoms and school and government procedures</li> <li>• children do not attend school with Covid-19 symptoms</li> </ul>

#### **Outbreak Management Plan**

In the case of a Covid-19 outbreak it may be necessary to revert to a different school organisation once again. These procedures would be similar to those we have worked in during the last 18 months so parents/carers and children should feel confident and at ease with them. Any procedures within this aspect of our management plan would be adapted to meet the needs of our children following ongoing risk assessments and changes in government, local public health and DfE guidance. If any changes need to be made, these will be communicated as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support during recent times. We look forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, with some of our reception intake beginning on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. As always, the safety of our children, staff and their families remains at the heart of all we do.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's return to school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office 01257 480276 or [bursar@adlingtonstpauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@adlingtonstpauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

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