



3 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and a special welcome to all our new parents in Year 7, Year 12 and from other year groups. We hope your son/daughter is settling well into school life at St Paul's.

The Covid testing is now finished in school with only 1 positive test. All students have been given additional testing kits to take home and do twice weekly. **All** positive and negative results should be reported to the NHS; full instructions are in the boxes. As a reminder, Track and Trace have now taken over the identification of close contacts so if a student tests positive from now on, Track and Trace will be in touch with you to identify any close contacts. Track and Trace then advise us who they are for attendance purposes. Track and Trace may ask us for contact details if they do not have them.

If a member of your immediate family tests positive for Covid you should arrange for your child to have a PCR test as soon as possible. If your child does not have any symptoms, that should still attend school whilst waiting for the result of the PCR.

This week we have been delighted to welcome parents back in to school. We met Year 7 parents on Wednesday for their Information Evening followed by Year 11 and Year 13 Award Winners and their families on Thursday evening for the GCSE and 'A' Level Presentation Evening. There will be some lovely photos to go on our website and Twitter shortly. Congratulations to all those who received a trophy and special congratulations goes to:

- Domie Kamanda – Year 11 Pastoral Trophy
- Sophie Riyadh – St Barnabas Trophy
- Molly Smallwood – Principal's Trophy



These students all succeeded despite everything and we are very proud of them all. A large number of Year 11's are now with us for Year 12 and we wish all the best to those who are pursuing their studies elsewhere. We also wish every luck to Year 13 who will all be starting university and/or work in the coming weeks.

We continue to use SatchelOne as our way of setting homework and as such, every student should be logging in every day to check. Parents are encouraged to download the SatchelOne app to keep track of their child's homework. Detention alerts will also come through SatchelOne. Go4Schools also remains our way of recording assessments and informing you of your child's academic progress. You can also review Positive and Negative points as well as their attendance. Please let us know if you are experiencing log in issues with either system.

School buses

I am aware that there have been some issues for some of you being unable to get a seat on the school bus and issues with payment. We are working with Ausden Clark and the Trust and you will be informed of any developments.

In the meantime, any bus related queries can be directed to egodber@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk.

Lydia's

For your information, we serve breakfast items from Lydia's Restaurant from 8.25am – 8.40am. We are unable to currently operate a Breakfast club due to staffing. If this changes, I will let you know.

Details of the school lunch menu can be found on the school website:

<https://www.st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk/lydias-menu-1st-half-term/>

This menu is available for this half term but is subject to seasonal change at short notice.

Uniform

All uniform must be worn correctly with care and pride at all times including travel to and from home.

A polite reminder that the following are not permissible:

- Hoodies
- Necklaces and bracelets
- Visibly noticeable makeup or nail varnish
- Hair colour should be within the range of natural hair colouring (no bright colours and no extreme styles).
- Jewellery should be restricted to 1 stud only in each ear and no facial piercings are allowed
- False eyelashes and false nails
- Baseball caps, Du Rags and other hats are not permitted at any time.

A uniform detention will be issued for those not wearing their uniform correctly. If a student attends school dressed inappropriately, we will contact home and reserve the right to place the student in isolation until the issue has been rectified and our expectations have been met.

Farewells

Mrs Morjaria leaves us next week. We wish her all the best for the future. We have interviews for a Teacher of Science scheduled for this coming week and Mrs West will share the tutoring of 9S with Mrs Nott in the meantime.

We also bid a very fond farewell to Mrs Currie who is retiring after 22 years at St Paul's. Mrs Currie will be known to many of you and your families as our School Nurse who has supported numerous students with bumps, bruises, sprains and the very occasional break! She will be sorely missed by us all.

E-reader/Kindle Donations

We would love to hear from anyone who either has an e-reader or Kindle they could donate or anyone who runs a company that would like to sponsor the purchase of any Kindles for the benefit of the students. Reading is the key to increased vocabulary, an increase in confidence and ultimately better life chances. One of our school priorities this academic year is to get more students reading.

We know that young people engage well with technology so if you would like to help please me on sconaghan@stpauls.leicester.sch.uk.

And Finally

As the term is now under way, I wanted to make you aware of some things coming up in school this term:

- Tuesday 7th September/Wednesday 8th September - Year 11 Think Days at the Rosmini Centre
- Wednesday 15th September/Thursday 16th September – Year 7 Think Days at the Rosmini Centre
- Monday 20th September - "Unacceptable" Tackling Sexism - Years 7, 8 & 9
- Wednesday 22nd September - Year 6 Open Evening
- Friday 24th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning - details to follow
- Wednesday 6th October – Sixth Form Open Evening
- Thursday 7th October – Year 7 Tutor Evening (this will be a remote session)
- Tuesday 2nd November - Year 9 Parents Evening (this will be a remote session)
- Thursday 11th November – Year 11 Parents Evening (this will be a remote session)
- Thursday 18th November - Year 10 Parents Evening (this will be a remote session)

- Friday 19th November – Staff Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS
- Friday 17th Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 21st December - School closes at 12.30pm

Further information will follow for arrangements for the remote Parents Evenings.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Conaghan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Mrs S Conaghan
Principal