

Christmas 2020

Dear Families, always live in faith and simplicity like the Holy Family of Nazareth.
Pope Francis

We pray for all families this Christmas: those together, those far apart and those missing loved ones.



Wishing you a Holy and Peaceful Christmas



Thank you for your generous donations for Billingham Foodbank, from the Faith in Action Team.

Reporting Coronavirus symptoms after the school closes for Christmas Holidays

St Paul's School will close on Thursday 17th December 2020. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus you must book a test.

If your child develops symptoms up to and including 19th December 2020 which result in a positive test up to 23rd December 2020, you must inform us by email:

office@stpauls.bhcet.org.uk

Please provide us with the date that their symptoms started.

From Sunday 20th December: if your child develops coronavirus symptoms from Sunday 20th December onwards, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace.

Contact tracing during the Christmas break

Please be aware that the school, following the guidance of the Department for Education and Public Health, will do the following for 6 days after the end of term:

Collect information from staff and pupils with positive tests and families of symptomatic pupils.

Advise families of close contact with confirmed Covid cases, and inform them of self-isolation requirements. If your child becomes ill at any other time over the holiday, please inform the school office on 4th January 2021.
Thank you

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although things are very different in school at the moment, we have had a wonderful term and so many experiences we are proud of. I am incredibly grateful to each and every person who is part of our school community.

Thank you to our children who continue to demonstrate great kindness and support for one another; they have worked very hard and adjusted to the handwashing and social distancing routines which are now second nature.

My thanks for the dedication of our staff team who continue to plan and deliver engaging lessons, as well as supervising our children every playtime and lunchtime. They are cleaning and disinfecting classrooms and are willingly giving up their own time to protect the children as much as possible. Mrs Millington and Mrs Sharkey have also worked tirelessly to ensure everything is in place from cleaning supplies to emails, phone-calls to orders...the work going on behind the scenes is immense and very much appreciated.

Our Governors also continue to support the ongoing work of the school—my thanks to the Governing Body for their dedication to their role and responsibility. Also to Fr Butters and the Parishioners of St Thomas of Canterbury. I know they have kept us in their prayers throughout this difficult year.

To you, our parents and carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and childminders too. I hope you know that your support, kindness and generosity does not go unnoticed. Thank you for all you do, and all I know you will continue to do, to support us so we can provide the best possible experiences for your children.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, holy, restful, peaceful and safe Christmas and the blessings we all hope for in the coming year.

With very best wishes,

Sheena Sinclair
Head Teacher

