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## Headteacher's Newsletter – 22nd May 2020 – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

I hope everyone is staying well.

The government are due to confirm that they want us to re-open by 28<sup>th</sup> June and a text will then be sent to confirm our actual opening date.

All parents being sent this information. A further letter will be sent to those parents who have indicated that they would or may like your child to return to school.

We have planned for 4 Pods of children and staff. We will support the children to continue to learn about social distancing but both we, and the government, accept that in reality young children won't keep 2 metres apart. Children will be supported to wash hands properly and reminded to keep their hands away from their faces.

There will be no mixing of children or staff from within the Pods and resources and equipment will not be shared across the Pods.

We have increased cleaning measures.

**It is vital that no child is sent to school if they are displaying any symptoms, however mild, of coronavirus.**

Children need to wear uniform on the top part of their bodies – so polo shirts and sweatshirts but would like tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts and sensible shoes or trainers on the bottom. (No laces please – as staff will not be able to help to do them up) as children will be outside a lot and won't be changing for PE.

Please do not send in coats or book bags.

Please do send a water bottle every day. You are welcome to send a single use disposable plastic bottle if you would like.

Please send a sun hat which fits into a drawer. Sweatshirts will also go into individual drawers rather than our shared "jumpers box"

We will have a staggered drop off and pick up with drop off between 8.45-9.15am and collection between 2.45-3.15pm. We will use different doors for our different Pods and this information will be sent in a separate letter. For the first two days back the finish time will be after lunch with collection between 1 and 1.30pm (If you are a keyworker in work that day, we can keep your child until the normal school finish time)

No parents will be able to come into school and will need to stay at least 2 metres away from the doors and from other parents. One parent/adult per family only please.

All communication between parents and teachers must continue to be distant – so by phone or email.

All teachers will be teaching in school. This does mean that for those children who will remain at home the amount of home learning that teachers can send will have to be less and those working with their child at home will only receive a pack/email once a week. Teachers will still communicate via email, with parents supporting their children at home, but responses may take longer as they will be teaching in school.

If you would like any further information please email me on [head@stpaulstongham.com](mailto:head@stpaulstongham.com).

Have a good half term break and enjoy our 4<sup>th</sup> “lockdown” bank holiday.