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Dear Parent/Carer

We are beginning to very much look forward to the summer break! The students and staff have worked so hard over these past few months and everyone deserves a good rest! The good news is that all students and staff will return in September. I am delighted that our school family will be back together again!

The government has now released full details of how all children and staff will return safely and I would like to summarise some key points below. The key issue for me to stress is that your child's health and wellbeing are our number 1 priority – we care about each and every member of our community.

Each Year group will be a bubble and will not mix with others. The Year group has been designated a specific area of the school.

Students in Years 7-11 will generally not move from class to class. Instead, teachers will move to the students' room. Your child will have Emmaus/Form time in their teaching group. These measures will limit movement in the corridors. Obviously, there will still be a need for some students to change classrooms. For example, where a pupil is in more than one main class such as 10AA/B1 for English but 10A1/B2 for maths, the pupil will move to the relevant room for each subject. These rooms will be closely located and bubbles will not mix due to the specific area designated to each Year group. Desks will be cleaned when a child moves classrooms. Where specialist rooms are required, for example, in science or design and technology, movement will take place once the rest of the students have completed movement in their designated areas.

The actual rooms for each class will be detailed on a student's timetable. Classrooms will be rearranged with desks in rows as per the government advice and a seating plan will operate so your child sits at the same desk.

The Sixth Form will be its own bubble and students will not come into contact with lower school students. Seating plans will operate but due to the nature of the curriculum students will move classrooms within the Sixth Form block. They are in much smaller groups in Years 12 and 13 and therefore the risk is lower as social distancing will be more possible.

Toilet and hand cleaning facilities will be used by each bubble in their areas. Indeed, there will be rigorous procedures in place in order to ensure that students clean their hands when they arrive at school/College, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.

There will be more frequent cleaning of rooms/shared areas that are used by different groups as well as increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

At break and lunchtime, the different bubbles will not mix.



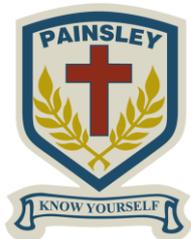
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Each bubble will use a separate entrance and exit. There will also be slightly amended times of the day for a bubble. This will allow, for example, students to use dining facilities safely. I will confirm full details with you prior to the summer holidays. For information, we will not be holding assemblies or large group acts of collective worship.

Due to our extensive home-learning over the last few months, I am delighted to inform you that the full curriculum offer will be taught to all students. PE lessons are essential for the health and wellbeing of the students. Therefore, all students in Years 7-11 will have PE lessons but all sport will be non-contact.

Teachers and support staff are advised to minimise the time they are closer than 1 metre to anyone, and away from colleagues as much as possible as if in a supermarket. This will be challenging for us! However, we have got to try to adapt to this 'new normal'. We respectfully ask parents to keep 2 metres away when approaching staff. Meetings in school will need to be by appointment only.

We will be involved in the NHS Test and Trace system and swift action will be taken if required. Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us! Please trust us when we say that we will do everything we can to minimise risks in school.

It is essential that full uniform must be worn in strict accordance with the uniform requirements. This will be strongly enforced in September.

Face coverings in school will not be allowed as Public Health England advice does not recommend them.

Any pupil who uses public transport or the school transport, must wear a face mask throughout the journey. This should be removed as soon as they leave the coach/minibus. All students who are on school transport, will receive their bus pass with a seat number on (like a reserved train or plane ticket). Students must sit in their designated seat as it will ensure that your child remains part of his/her bubble. Further details will be sent to relevant families separately.

We expect full attendance in September. The government has clearly stated that fines of up to £120 will be issued to parents whose children fail to attend school. Your child simply cannot afford to miss this invaluable time of their education. I assure you that we understand your concerns but assure you that we can reopen school safely. If you would like to discuss any anxieties regarding your child's return, please contact wellbeing@painsley.staffs.sch.uk and we will happily explain exactly how we will keep your child safe.

On a practical note, we will ensure that all students and staff are fully trained on using our remote live teaching platform. In the event of a local lockdown, all Year groups will be taught using live remote teaching from day 1 of the lockdown. This will ensure that your child's education is not disrupted any more than necessary.

There will be a revised Home-School agreement so that we are all clear on how we can support each other. This will be sent out before the end of term.



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To ensure exams and assessments next summer for Year 11 and 13 are as fair as possible, and take into account any public health requirements and the well-being of students, Ofqual (the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) will consult on proposals for next year shortly, and will confirm its decisions as soon as possible to allow time for schools to prepare. We will inform you as soon as decisions are made.

We will also be sending out a revised data collection form that we ask to be completed and returned by email by Friday 17th July (email address to be confirmed).

We are very aware of the queries, questions and enquiries regarding the status of refunds in relation to the trips, visits and activities that have had to be cancelled due to coronavirus. I am sure you can appreciate that we are all operating in unprecedented times and we are experiencing significant delays from a host of companies that we are working with to reclaim money owed. Indeed, I can assure you we are chasing responses daily and will update you further as we can. I can confirm that the following visits are currently being refunded. Refunds for these visits will be made through parent pay and will take between 7-10 days.

- Year 9, 10, 12 drama trip
- Year 9 business trip to Cadbury World
- Year 11 prom
- Year 10 Cornwall trip
- Year 9 Big Bang Fayre
- Les Misérables theatre trip
- Year 8 scholars programme launch
- outward Bound residential

All other trips and visits are in process and we will contact participants in due course.

The Sunday Gospel reads as follows this week:

Gospel:

Matthew 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.



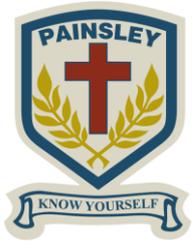
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'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

I read the Gospel with a smile! It is certainly true that the innocence of children is something to behold! It is also true that we can turn to God for support as we wearily work towards the end of term. God is with us always, when we are alone, but also in the people who help and support us. We pray that we are guided by the Spirit in all our actions and that the children continue to provide us all with the energy and determination we need to return to the 'new normal'.

God bless

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