



# St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear All,

I hope this Newsletter finds you safe and well.



I often write about the busy weeks we have in school but nothing has ever come close to the amount of work involved in trying to safely open school more widely to the seventy-one Year 6 pupils who are due to return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The effort that has gone into putting in place measures to mitigate the risk of infection has been significant and we have a detailed and very comprehensive risk assessment, covering every aspect of the day and how we will endeavour to keep everyone, pupils and staff, safe. We are in the throes of putting the final touches to this document as we prepare every room throughout the school. As always, our staff have risen to the challenge and the last week has seen every single piece of furniture, every resource and all of our equipment moved, as well as rooms repurposed to ensure that we are able to adhere to social distancing. St Paul's is unrecognisable!



As the scientific evidence indicates, the risk to our adults is thought to be higher than to the children and, sadly, when we welcome Year 6 back, it will be with a much-diminished team of teachers, learning mentors and admin staff. We are down by 12 members of our staff team and in all cases, it is unlikely that any one of them will be safe to return before September.

School life will be very, very different to what Year 6 are used to, which is why we are making a video of some of the changes here to help them prepare for their return. Whilst we have been able to accommodate all requests we received for Year 6 children to return, and meet the sudden increase in demand for Keyworker School places, we are now full. We have alerted the local authority that our risk assessment shows we have reached the total number of children that can be safely accommodated in school and that we will be unable to offer any further spaces.

One of our team unable to return is Mrs Hamer – whilst we will be very sorry not to welcome her back to school, it is indeed for a joyful reason that she will not be joining us! She and her husband are very excitedly preparing for the arrival of their first child in July and both Mrs Hamer and 'bump' are both well and thriving! Mrs Hamer is due to commence maternity leave at the end of June and we will of course keep you posted about the impending arrival.

Mrs Taylor – Headteacher

## Support

**For families struggling to pay for food – we can definitely help. Please get in touch by ringing 0118 978 5219 or send a message to [admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk).**

St Paul's C of E Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and external agencies to share this commitment.

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Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs. J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.

## Safeguarding

With children likely spending more time online, now is a good time to remind you of the risks certain websites, apps and social media can pose, so that you are aware of the steps you can take to protect your child.

Key Support Services Ltd have set up a new safeguarding hub that allows you to access interactive guidance on setting up parental controls on your child's devices. It also features guidance on apps like TikTok, YouTube and Instagram: <https://parenthub.thekeysupport.com?uuid=d8502274-41c5-4573-8f81-17b53ac47369>

Thames Valley Police are also strongly advocating for information on staying safe the use of the NCA CEOP website [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) – this contains links to advice for children at different age groups and parents and carers. Thinkuknow have also produced some online safety activity packs which you can download by following the link [ow.ly/2PkP50zw5ea](http://ow.ly/2PkP50zw5ea)

## Get Active at Home

For more resources on how to stay active at home and an Inclusion Special Edition, see the flyers below and follow the link: <https://getberkshireactive.org/activities-for-families-with-children>



## Design a Book Token



You could win £10 worth of books for you AND everyone else in your class! Visit the website [nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class](http://nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class) to download the template and design a book token. Closing date for entries is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Good luck!

**Wokingham Borough Libraries** - <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/>

A large number of online library services are still available, including [ebooks](#), [enewspapers](#) and [audiobooks](#).

### Digital Services:

Sign up for free library membership by visiting the [Spydus](#) website to join our libraries online.

We will also be running the following on our Facebook page and keep checking as we start more activities over the coming weeks - <https://www.facebook.com/wokinghamboroughlibraries/>

- [Online Origami Club](#)
- [Online storytime every Tuesday on our Facebook Page](#)
- [Rhymetime – a rhyme a week will be coming out on Friday on our Facebook page](#)
- [Online Writing Club](#)
- Lego Club weekly challenge

## Art Challenge



Each month we will be highlighting a different artist for you to explore, then design and create your own Masterpiece! Just visit <https://wp.me/p5mHbU-4ZY> to find out more.

**E-Services** - Did you know you can borrow a range of e-books, e-audio, e-comics newspapers and magazines completely free of charge if you are a library member? Just go to <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/library-services/e-books/> or download the RB Digital app and use your library card number to create a free account with a username and password.

Press Reader -E-newspapers and magazines are available via the Press Reader App, please visit: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/library-services/e-magazines/> for more information.

Wokingham Library

## First News Online Edition

We subscribe to *First News*, the UK's national newspaper for young people. During lockdown this publication will be available online. It is full of interesting articles containing age appropriate information and a great way to introduce some non-fiction reading material into your child's diet. The latest edition can be found [here](#).



## British Library Resources

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From making a tiny tale for our virtual library of miniature books to creating their own imaginary adventures, these activities are perfect for you to share with parents and children.

[Make a Miniature Book](#)  
[Create a Mini Adventure](#)  
[Lift the Flap Book](#)

The British Library

## Fun Kids Radio



[Fun Kids](#) is a national radio station that's perfect for families! Every show is packed with stories, silliness and the best tunes around. There's lots of different ways you can listen – [mobile](#), [DAB radio](#), [online](#), [television](#), [smart speaker](#).

## Wash Your Hands in a Fun and Creative Way – Home Challenge



Medicspot has launched a new home challenge for children to learn about washing their hands in a fun and creative way.

Primary school children can share their creative ideas to help encourage frequent hand washing. A few ideas include making a poster, filming a video, recording a song, doing a science experiment or writing a poem about handwashing.

The top entry will win £500 for their primary school and 10 runner-ups will receive £100 for their primary school. This could go towards new software, books, stationery, or any other supplies for your school. Every child who completes the challenge will also receive a printable certificate.

Find out how you can enter and win £500 for St Paul's CofE Junior School here:

[www.medicspot.co.uk/handwash](http://www.medicspot.co.uk/handwash)

## Wokingham Adult Education Courses



For a list of courses running over the summer please see the information below. To book please email [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk).

## Road Safety Online Resources for Primary Age Children

Please see below online resources consisting of videos and interactive games that parents may find useful, together with road safety resources for those transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7.

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/schools/road-safety-resources/>

5 minute film for 7-12 year olds with CITV presenter, Sam Homewood, encouraging children to be 'road ready' and be safe on the road

After watching film... Do you stop, look, listen and think quiz **and** questions on film

Take the Lead game for 7-9 year olds

Speed matters with Maddie Moate film

Stopping distances calculator

*My Journey Team, WBC*

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020



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Dear Parent/Carer,

#### Covid-19: Return to Wokingham Schools

Primary and Secondary Head Teachers in Wokingham are working with the Council to try to bring your children back to school, at least for a little while before the Summer Holidays. They agree that this may help to prepare your children for returning to school full time, which we hope will not be too far away.

However, **this can only happen when schools can be confident that your children will be safe, your family will be safe and school staff will be safe.** Wokingham Schools understand that many of you will share their desire for children to be back in school with their friends and their teacher and our desire for this to be done as safely as possible.

This means that there is a great deal of preparation work to ensure the building is safe and that staff are ready to receive your children. Schools are already working hard to support your children's learning at home and to provide support in school for children of key workers, some children with SEND and children who have a Social Worker. This will continue until everybody is back in school.

The government have said that June 1<sup>st</sup> is the earliest possible date, but this is not a definite date. **Please do not send your children to school unless your child's school has contacted you directly to offer a place.**

Any new provision may be part-time, this may mean your child is offered a place just for morning or afternoon or just for 1 or 2 days a week, but some schools may be able to offer more.

The Leader of the Council has issued the following statement in support of all Wokingham schools doing the right and safe thing for their school community.

Wokingham Borough Council recognises the Government announcement regarding schools re-opening at the earliest from 1st June, and are working to support schools in their planning for the return of children to their settings. We wholly support the benefits of children re-engaging with learning, and are also minded to the safety and wellbeing of all of our Wokingham learners.

We continue to work with all Schools and Academies in the Borough, and will support each Governing Body or Trust to make decisions that are appropriate to their school and school community to ensure the safe return of children, young

people and teaching staff. This may mean that for some schools children will not return on the 1st June, but will return when the schools risk assessments and plans determine it is right and safe for them to do so.

This will not affect the eligible children that have been continuing to attend schools since school closures on the 20th March.

Please understand what may work in one school may not work in another this means that some schools will be able to welcome more children, or more year groups than others. Your child's school will always be acting in the best interests of your child and your family. However, please note there is no mandatory obligation for you to send your child back into school, the new arrangements still provide parental choice, and the Department for Education has suspended all attendance penalties until further notice.

We will provide further updates when schools are ready to welcome back more children.

With Kind Regards,

Carol Cammiss  
Director of Children's Services  
Wokingham Borough Council

Cllr UllaKarin Clark  
Lead Member for Children's Services  
Wokingham Borough Council



#### **Special Olympics- School of Strength**

Introducing a whole new way to exercise, featuring WWE Superstar Becky Lynch. Work out with these videos five times a week to help you stay fit. Watch them in order starting with Video 1. When you can do each exercise in a video correctly, it's time to move on to the next one.

#### **Sensory Circuit from Iain Mills**

Sensory Circuits are designed to work on the fundamentals of learning and senses. By doing these regularly you should build up your strength and proprioceptive, vestibular and tactile senses. They also get you ready for learning.



#### **Change4Life Accessible Activities**

There are lots of ways to keep disabled children and young people active – start off by choosing activities your child is interested in and adapt them.

#### **Parasport**

Parasport are producing home workout routines especially designed for disabled people. New content will be added to the website all the time, so keep an eye on the latest updates.



#### **#THIS IS PE**

Each #ThisIsPE secondary PE activity comes with a downloadable learning card. All of the activities on this link are specifically designed for special schools.



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Supporting you to keep your pupils active



YST INCLUSION SCHOOLS

## TOP Sportsability

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This is a free online resource aimed at schools. It consists of video clips and downloadable content showing ideas and strategies around the inclusion of young disabled people in physical activity. Sign up required.

## Activity Alliance

Activity Alliance is sharing the top ways to adapt activities so more people can stay in and work out. The STEP tool is one of the most effective ways to use household items to be active. STEP stands for Space, Task, Equipment and People.



## Adaptive Yoga with Wheelpower

Yoga is a safe and effective way to improve both your physical and mental wellbeing. The instructor demonstrates, explains and guides you through a gentle warm up, before showing you how to complete the yoga poses. These videos last approximately 30 minutes.

## BBC Bitesize

A resource that explains how physical activity can support children with special educational needs and disabilities at home.



## Sock-ia

A School Games activity card from Boccia England adapted so you can still take part at home.



## Wokingham Adult Education Classes



**Return to Learning  
with our online, interactive courses**

**Learn more about Excel**

**Return to English and ESOL**

**Return to Maths**

**Successful Online Jobsearch**

**Help your Child with Anxiety**

**Creative Writing with your children**

**Coding for Beginners**

Each course has a choice of times and days and you will be invited to choose the most convenient time or you. For more information or to book a place call: **0118 974 3797**  
or e-mail: [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk)



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