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Tuesday 8th September 2020

One week or 5 full days of school opening completed.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy school day I would like to thank the entire school community for your patience and support. We are thrilled that our attendance has remained high across the school at 98.0% and this is a visible sign that families have the confidence to send children to school. The measures we have taken have been refined ever so slightly but in the main all the hard work and preparation over the summer has paid off.

Of course, children will get ill. Please can I ask you not to send your child to school if they have any incidents of diarrhoea or sickness in the last 48 hours. Can I also remind you not to dose your child up with calpol or equivalent to get them through the day as inevitably they will feel quite unwell by lunch time and this may disguise important early signs of COVID 19. If your child cannot come to school please remember to give the school office a call by 9am so that we know the reasons why.

I am sure that you have seen that some schools across Teesside have had to close bubbles within the school due to a positive COVID 19 case in a member of staff or a child. If at St Paulinus we have confirmation of any positive cases in children or staff then I can guarantee that the swiftest action will be taken to ensure everyone is kept safe and well. I will work alongside Public Health England to assess the risk within the school with the operation of class bubbles and phase bubbles. Parents will be contacted immediately to inform them if they need to isolate for 14 days, or if their child remains unaffected by the positive case. With the measures we have in place with class bubbles and severe restrictions on movement it is still correct to send children to school even if there is a COVID 19 case elsewhere in the school. Please try to avoid any speculation on social media as this has caused issues in local schools with misinformation being broadcast.

If your child becomes unwell at school and the symptoms are COVID Related we will contact you straight away. Your child will be assisted by a member of staff in PPE and asked to wait in a separate room away from their class bubble. You will be asked to conduct a COVID 19 test ASAP and let the school know of the outcome. We have a collective responsibility to do the right thing in these unprecedented times and your support is both expected and required.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that if you can please try to attend the PTFA AGM meeting which will be held safely in the hall on Wednesday 23rd September at 6pm.

Also, can I remind all parents and carers about the one way system operating on the school yard. I know it means we have to walk further but think of the steps!!

Let us hope and pray that the academic year 2020- 2021 is happy, safe, successful, sparkly and shiny!

Yours sincerely,

S Geaves

Mr. Geaves
Head Teacher.