

## Saint Paul's Catholic High School

7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you with regard to concerns raised regarding lunchtime arrangements here at St Paul's.

Please be advised that school has worked extremely hard to ensure that students, staff and visitors to school are kept as safe as possible whilst on the school site during these uncertain times.

Students at Saint Paul's are at the forefront of our priorities and are treated with respect and dignity at all times. To help keep our students safe and in line with Government guidelines, we have split year groups into 'bubbles' which means we have had to allocate separate student year group areas in school at break and lunch times. Our outside space has had to be utilised for student recreation time as our canteen is unfortunately not big enough to house all students to ensure social distancing takes place.

Our COVID-19 policies and procedures will constantly be revised during this academic year and I am pleased to advise you that our lunch time arrangements were reviewed over the weekend and agreed today. We will make arrangements for students to be seated should they wish to do so during lunch times from today, Monday, 7th September 2020.

#### Lunch 1 - Years 7, 8 and 9 only

- Year 7s
  - Will go to lunch 10 minutes early
  - Use the main toilets
  - Proceed to the canteen where they will choose a sandwich, drink and snack and eat these whilst seated in the canteen
  - Any pupils that want to go directly to their zone can do so (Undercroft sheltered)
- Year 8s
  - Will go to lunch 5 minutes early
  - Use the sports hall toilets
  - Proceed to the sports hall where there will be seating and be able to choose a sandwich, drink and snack and eat these whilst seated in the sports hall
  - Any pupils that want to go directly to their zone can do so (Main yard or sports hall in case of severe weather)

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#### Year 9s

- Will go to lunch at usual time
- Use the main toilets
- Proceed to the canteen where they will choose a sandwich, drink and snack and eat these whilst seated in the canteen (socially distanced from year 7s)
- Any pupils that want to go directly to their zone can do so (MUGA or main assembly hall in case of severe weather)

#### Lunch 2 - Years 10 and 11 only

#### Year 10s

- Will go to lunch at usual time (2<sup>nd</sup> lunch)
- Use the main toilets
- Proceed to the canteen where they will choose a sandwich, drink and snack and eat these whilst seated in the canteen (by now year 7s and 9s will have vacated)
- Any pupils that want to go directly to their zone can do so (Astro or canteen in case of severe weather)

#### Year 11s

- Will go to lunch at their usual time
- Use the sports hall toilets
- Proceed to the sports hall where they will choose a sandwich, drink and snack and eat these whilst seated in the sports hall
- Any pupils that want to go directly to their zone can do so (at the side of the sports hall or in the sports hall itself in case of severe weather)

I hope this assures you that all students have the opportunity to enjoy their lunch, seated and indoors, and that we have adequate plans in place should we experience severe weather.

We would ask you that should any parents and carers have any concerns at all with COVID-19 issues, please can you contact school directly as it can be distressing to other parents / carers / students to see speculation on social media forums. School staff are best placed to provide an accurate reflection about what arrangements are in place around school, whether these are COVID-19 related or not.

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As always, thank you for your support during this time. We realise the importance of working with parents and carers to ensure that we all remain safe and happy here at St Paul's.

Kindest regards













