



# St. Paul's Newsletter

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## Keeping Warm

The weather has started to turn colder and wetter. Please ensure your child is properly equipped for school, especially since all doors and windows in the classrooms are open to aid ventilation at the moment. They will get cold if sitting still at their desks. We are continuing to review this arrangements and may need to reconsider/relax the uniform . I will keep you updated on this.

## Washing hands

Children are washing hands at key points in the day and this must continue in order to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus as much as we can. Some children's hands are getting sore, but not as an allergic response, more that they are becoming dry and chapped. Please apply cream at home only. We will now only be able to accept prescribed creams in school. (please see email sent 30th Sept for further information)

## Possible Symptoms

You will all be familiar now with the 3 main symptoms of Coronavirus:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of sense of taste and smell.

If your child develops any of these symptoms they will need to isolate for 10 days (or until tested) and the household should

isolate for 14 days, unless they develop symptoms, then they can be tested.

If you are not sure if your child is not well enough for school or may need testing, please first look at the NHS page we circulated via text last week. It is easy to use and helpful in helping you understand if your child is well enough to go

to school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

**On this note if your child is too unwell to go out at playtime or participate in PE, they should NOT be in school. We are unable to accommodate these kinds of requests due to maintaining the bubble integrity.**

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## Contacting a teacher

I know that it is difficult to speak to a teacher at the moment.

This week there have been lots of messages being left on the door with the teachers. This can not continue to happen.

If your message is urgent please speak to a member of staff on duty on the playgroup, there should always be at least 2 of us out there.

If your message is

confidential please phone it in or arrange a call back from the relevant member of staff.

Unfortunately, we have had to move people along and out of the blue boxes last week and this week.

The purpose of this arrangement is to protect staff from too many contacts and to keep the classroom door free and accessible to children coming into or out of the building. I know you think your question or

comment will only take a minute, but if every parent does that, that is an additional 30 contacts that the teacher has to have and it puts them in danger.

Many of you are emailing and phoning in with queries which is great and we welcome that. Many teachers are phoning parents back at lunchtime and after school. We need accept that we are working in a different way now and that we need to make the most out of a difficult situation for all.

## Attendance

We have updated and amended our attendance policy. All requests for absence will now have to be recorded formally and evidence of the appointment provided. Absence for holiday in term time will NOT be authorised. Please be aware we do monthly monitoring of attendance and you will be contacted as soon as attendance dips under 95%.

Most children have missed a lot of formal education in the last few months so we need to do all we can to keep them in school.

A copy of the attendance policy will be available on the school website.

## Fundraising Giveaway

As a school we are not handling cash any more and really need as many people as possible to be registered on the School Gateway to be able to make payments.

There will be some fundraising events coming up, including raffles which will also require contributions via the School Gateway. So as an incentive everyone who has the School Gateway App by October 31st will be entered into a draw to win £20 Amazon voucher. (Existing users will also be entered into the draw)

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING £20!**

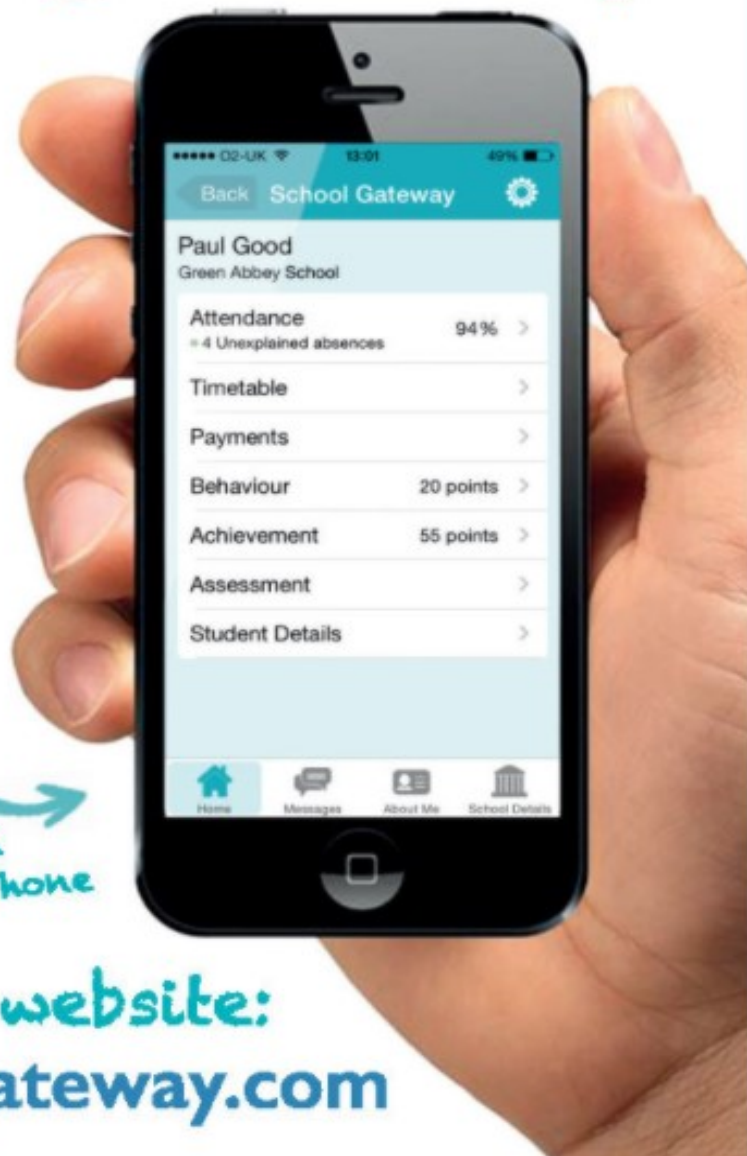
## School Gateway

# Parents, welcome to: Schoolgateway

Keeping you informed of what's going on at school.



Download the app *Android and iPhone*



or visit the website:  
[www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

**Activate your account today!**

## School Meal Update

I received some feedback last week regarding portion size and meal choice. I have met with Integra catering and you'll be pleased to hear the issue over the number of chicken goujons served has now been resolved. There should be a minimum serving size of 2 applied to Key Stage 2.

The only choice available to children is in the main course. The sides and accompanying dishes are standard. If your

child dislikes a component of the meal so much that they are unable to just eat around it, please provide a packed lunch. We are hoping after half term to offer a little more flexibility.

Pizza pasta bake will now be accompanied by Cheesy pasta to offer further choice on that day.

Please bare with us as we continue to make adjustments

### Secondary School Applications

Please note that you must complete your secondary school application by 31st October.

We are passing on any literature that the local and feeder secondary schools are giving us but you will need to contact them directly regarding any open evening information and browse the websites of the schools you are interested in.

You should apply online:

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/>

### Primary School Applications

If you have a child due to start with us in September 2021, you need to apply by January 2021. Application portal is now open.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

## Reading Book Amnesty

**Thank you for all the books that have been returned. I wonder are there anymore?!**

Now more than ever do we need as many reading scheme books as possible due to the quarantine of 72 hours for books that have been home.

We are still missing lots of school books that were not returned before the school closures.

Please have a rummage under beds and behind

sofas, in last year's school bag; anywhere a book might be lurking!

Please return via your class teacher as a few of you have already. No questions asked!

Also if you have any colour banded books that you might be able to donate, we would also be interested.

Please keep me handy!

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 21st:** Reception Class start full time  
Monday 21st: Meet the Teacher Yr3,4,5,6  
Thursday 24th: Meet the Teacher Yr R, 1,2  
Friday

### October

**Tuesday 20th:** Parents evening 4.30pm-7.00pm  
**Thursday 22nd:** Parents evening 3.40pm-6.00pm  
(arrangements to be confirmed, possibly by video calls)

**Friday 23rd:** Last day of Term 1

**Monday 26th-Friday 30th Oct: HALF TERM BREAK**

### November

**Monday 2nd:** INSET DAY (children do not attend)  
Tuesday 3rd: Term 3  
Friday 13th: Individual School Photos

**Other important dates for the year ahead:**

INSET Days (staff training, no school for children)

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 2nd November

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 18th June