

Headteacher's Update

Welcome Back!

The children have had a brilliant first day back in school. It is such a pleasure to see our classrooms full again with our children so keen to learn. Teachers and staff have taken time to explain what will be the same and what will be different for our children in Years 1-4. We had our first whole school collective worship via TEAMS with the children looking at their class whiteboard and they all seemed to enjoy it. Well done 😊 to our EYFS/Reception children who have had a super first day at school. They all seemed to be happy and settled and our older children are delighted to be welcoming “the little ones” to St Peter's.

Morning Drop Off

Thank you for all your patience this morning. Despite offering a drop off window of around half an hour, everyone was keen to be first through the gate 😊 We will open the gates at 8.25 tomorrow and you may make your way towards your classroom doors but we ask that you respect social distancing whilst waiting and queuing. Please follow the routes set out and consider leaving arrival a little later to avoid the crowds.

Start of Term Update

I am going to provide details of our summary COVID Risk Assessment and Procedures below, to remind parents/carers how things will be organised in school. I have also attached detailed government guidance on what will happen if a child or adult in school presents with COVID19 symptoms, or has someone in their household who does.

- The Risk Assessment will be reviewed each week, amended if necessary and reviewed by the St Peter's School Improvement Board (Governors) and the Rivers Trustees.
- If a POD has to close, we have an educational contingency plan to ensure that remote learning can take place to ensure continuity of learning for all pupils. (There is also planned learning provision if pupils have to self isolate because a member of their family has COVID or they have been asked to isolate through Test & Trace).
- Pupils will be organised into Year Groups PODS but will spend the vast majority of their time just with their own class. This enables some year group interventions to take place and for Teaching Assistant time to be utilised across Year Groups.
- At lunchtime, pupils with a packed lunch will eat in a classroom in their POD and any pupils eating a hot lunch will sit on a year group table with children from their Year Group POD. All EYFS pupils will eat in the hall for either packed lunch or hot meal.



- There will be no large gatherings in school, so collective worship will be in classes or for whole school worship, through TEAMS on screen.
- All curriculum areas will be taught with adaptations in subjects such as P.E and music to minimise contact and transmission.
- Enhanced and additional cleaning is in place throughout the school day in classrooms, shared areas, toilets and with the cleaning of shared surfaces and resources.
- NO P.E kits should be brought into school. Outdoor PE will begin for Years 1-4 from Monday 7th September.
- Children should wear their school PE kit on the days that they are timetabled to do outdoor P.E (home clothes/ football kits etc are not suitable). Children may wear pumps or trainers. Please refer to the P.E kit list on the school website. If parents would prefer children to wear their school jumper or cardigan on P.E days, this may be worn instead of a black sweatshirt for the day (please do not send in both). All children will have an additional physical activity session in school but are not required to wear P.E kit for this.

MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	EYFS (Starting in week 4)	YEAR 3	YEAR 4

- No pupils should wear a face covering in school but any adult visitors entering the building should provide and wear their own face covering.
- A polite reminder to avoid bringing in additional/personal items to minimise risk to all.
- As we are trying to limit the amount of items brought in from home, could we please ask that at this time children do not bring in birthday sweets or gifts to hand out to friends.

I do hope the above is helpful. I realise that it does not cover all aspects of our Risk Assessment but I feel that this should provide answers to some practical aspects of day to day life in school for our children.

Severe Peanut Allergy Reminder

We have several children in school with severe peanut allergies, so please ensure that you do not send in anything that contains nut products. Thank you.

Reading Books

All children will read to their new teacher and will then be given their reading book and diary. This may take a little longer than usual as new teacher wish to ensure that books are at the current stage. Please continue reading all of children's lovely books at home in the meantime. Thank you.

School Uniform

Orders will be open on ParentPay on Friday 4th September for school jumpers and cardigans and will remain open until Friday 18th September. Please note, returns will only be given for faulty items. Therefore, please check size and items before ordering. We are unable to allow sample items to be tried for size in the office, however, we have posted on the website pictures of uniform items and measurements to help you as best we can in selecting the correct size.

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