



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

We have almost got to the end of term. I really do appreciate your huge efforts to support the school in enabling the children to attend as safely as possible.

I need to remind students to be bringing in their own hand sanitiser and face masks for use each day. Please do encourage this, a spare face mask in a bag would be really helpful too. We have unfortunately needed to provide sanctions including detentions and exclusion this week for some students not complying with face mask safety rules. We do not wish to be applying sanctions. Please do support us as we continue to insist that everyone does all they can to keep our community as safe as we reasonably can.

Ventilation Information

I'm sure you're all aware that the school follows published guidance when it comes to keeping us safe during the pandemic. Some areas of guidance are continually evolving, and this is the case regarding ventilation in schools.

I've now received confirmation from the building owners that the Air Handling Units (AHU's) that are in place in some areas of the school are suitable for us to use without the need for windows to be open in some rooms.

In these rooms, the system is set up to provide the required flow rates under current guidance. They supply full fresh air. Our AHU's draw fresh air in from outside, and pump it outside without recycling it to different areas of the school. There's no shared ducting.

This means that some of our classrooms where the AHU systems are placed will be able to be used without the need for opening windows which will help to keep us all a little warmer during lesson times.

Last week of Term

You may have seen the recent government announcement that allows schools to move INSET days to Friday 18th December. This offer has come very late in the day and suggests training days don't need high quality planning. We will not be changing the end of term date as I think it will also be unfair to families needing to find last minute childcare and disrupt their working patterns. We have already used our INSET days this year and so to change at such late notice would also cause additional disruption later in the year to families with a change to the calendar in December as well as another day in 2021.

Therefore, St Peter's won't be taking the government up on their offer and school will remain open, as planned up to and including Friday 18th December.

During the last week of term our lessons will all be focussed on relevant and purposeful learning.

'Life to the full for everyone.'





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Last Day of Term – Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day

On entry to school there will be Buckets to collect £1 donations for wearing Christmas jumpers. Donations this year are being split between two charities, Save the Children and St. Petroc's.

School will finish at 1.00pm on Friday 18th December, Stagecoach have been informed. For those who usually use the bus alternative buses will leave the site at 1.05pm.

Celebrating Christmas

We will be sharing a video with you next week as a way of marking the Good News of Christmas.

In the meantime, let's continue to pull together in the words of John Wesley:

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*

John Wesley 1703 - 1791

Yours faithfully

Phil Randall
Headteacher