



# St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope that this latest update finds you and your families well and looking forward to continuing enjoying some of the greater freedoms the Government have announced will be in place from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Thanks and Praise - St Peter's Church of England School adopts TAP's free thanking platform!**

It's a huge privilege to work alongside such talented, compassionate and hardworking professionals at St Peter's. On a day-to-day basis they love, care for and educate young people to help them "live life to the full". At St Peter's we long to see all our young people learn, grow and develop. However, without flourishing adults, there will be few flourishing children. TAP's thanking platform provides an innovative way for our students' parents and carers to show their appreciation and help improve staff wellbeing.

If you'd like to show your appreciation to our school staff, please visit:

[www.thankandpraise.com/thankingwall/st-peters-church-of-england-school](http://www.thankandpraise.com/thankingwall/st-peters-church-of-england-school)

## **Face Coverings and Masks**

We will be following the latest Government guidelines regarding the wearing of faces masks in schools from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. This means that students will still be allowed to wear face masks in classrooms, corridors and communal areas if they choose to but in line with the latest Government guidance we are no longer strongly recommending that they are worn in classrooms or corridors by students.

The Government are though recommending that staff and visitors should be wearing face masks in situations in/and outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible e.g. corridors, offices, communal areas.

Importantly, the guidance also says: *"The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission. The Local Action Committee structure (Bronze/Silver/Gold) should be used in such circumstances to re-introduce the use of face coverings. Immediate outbreak response (at the level of individual settings or a cluster of settings) remains for local Directors of Public Health to advise on."*

Please be aware that students must continue to wear face coverings on all public transport until further notice.

If any student wishes to continue to wear a face covering in school, in order to protect others, then they are permitted to do so for the foreseeable future or until all national restrictions are finally removed.

*'Life to the full for everyone.'*



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## Social Distancing and Regular Washing of Hands

The importance of social distancing and regular washing of hands is now arguably even more important given the relaxation of rules around face masks. Please do ensure your children always have their own bottle of hand sanitiser to use.

## Year 11 Summer Assessments

Year 11 students approach to their summer assessments has been very positive indeed. They have shown great resilience, flexibility and a strong desire to work with staff on these latest challenges. Thank you for all the support you are providing to make these assessments go as smoothly as possible.

## After May Half-Term

We are developing plans for after May Half-Term that will enable all students in all subjects to work in specialist classrooms. More information on this will be shared in due course and I'm sure that students and staff will enjoy this development, having easier access to specialist equipment.

## Social Worker

**We are delighted to announce that Katie Moss is joining the St. Peter's Team**

"I'm Katie Moss, I've just joined St Peter's school, as their Social Worker based within the school. My role and purpose is to be a point of contact for staff members, parents and to students. I am here to offer advice, guidance and to assist the safeguarding and intervention team.



I'm here as additional support for children and parents, if you have any concerns, worries and feel you could use someone to talk to please contact me. I am based in the Intervention Safeguarding Office, I'm contactable via email, telephone, text message or please pop into the office.

I will be in school five days a week and will continue to work during the school holidays to be a point of contact for any parents or children who might need someone to talk to, I can come and visit families at home if that is deemed helpful, for example if families are having any difficulties or have concerns for their children regarding safeguarding whilst the schools are closed.

Please contact me if you would like further information.

My mobile number is 07890 039569, or contact me at [kmoss@spexe.org](mailto:kmoss@spexe.org).

With very best wishes

Yours faithfully

Phil Randall  
Headteacher