



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Summer Term Update

We have made a strong start to this half term, thank you for your support in helping us to establish positive standards. Students have adapted well to our one-way system and are working well with staff. I know that students and staff are benefitting from having better access to specialist resources and that Year 7 have enjoyed visiting upstairs as well as downstairs!

Uniform, worn well is a sign of students working positively and taking a sense of pride in their school. Thank you for your support that has improved students wearing of appropriate uniform and PE Kit.

Covid Data

Cases of Covid are on the rise in the Exeter area and so we must ensure that we are doing all we can to reduce the chance of transmission to keep our children, families and community safe. Hands, Face, Space.

Lateral Flow Testing

Please continue to help us keep our community as safe as possible by ensuring that your child takes a lateral flow test (LFT) twice weekly. We will continue to regularly provide students with LFT to administer at home and these are handed out during tutor time. If you need support in administering a LFT, or need additional tests, please let the school know by emailing MassTesting@spexe.org. We recommend that tests are carried out on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Year 8 Students Celebrate their Coronavirus Heroes

During their art lessons year 8 students have been thinking about ways to show their gratitude and appreciation for others through participation in the Royal Mail Heroes stamp competition. Student considered those they would like to thank and see celebrated in a stamp form. The range of ideas was varied with designs featuring nurses, refuge collectors, vaccine scientists, farmers and cleaners, as well as specific people such as Sir Tom Moore who fundraised for the NHS, Marcus Rashford who campaigned for free school meals provision over the school holidays. Students also gave thanks to the everyday sacrifices people have made to keep others safe, such as those who wear a mask to protect others. It was also lovely to see some students selecting someone much closer to home, such as family members and people in their community.

The colourful entries have now been submitted for judging by the Royal Mail, but as you can see the results were quite wonderful, so you are all winners in our eyes. Well done year 8 artists!



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Updates following the Government Announcement on Monday 14th June

Sports Day

Unfortunately our usual whole school celebratory approach to Sports Day will not be possible due to the mixing of year group bubbles on 9th July. The PE team are exploring possibilities for how we might be able to adapt our approaches.

Year 6-7 Transition

Yr6-7 transition evening and days are regarded as a mass gathering with multiple mixing of bubbles and therefore these events won't be able to go ahead in schools as we would have liked.

However we are exploring possibilities of what is possible to do.

Government Information Issued to Schools - Transitional and Open Days

"...traditional transitional and open days are unlikely to be feasible this academic year but we are keen not to restrict individual settings from designing events which maintain the integrity of bubbles or consistent groups, and adhere to the system of controls in place."

Quarry Lane – Safety Notice

Please ensure that when dropping off and picking up children at the school site, private driveways are not used as a turning point for your vehicle. We've received reports of this happening on several occasions and are naturally keen to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours around Quarry Lane. It would also help the environment if people turn their vehicles off while waiting.

Active Lives Survey – Sport England – (Year 8 and Year 10 Students)

Our School and Sport England would like to find out about the sports and physical activities our students take part in, both in and out of school. The information collected will be used to:

- Provide a report to our school to help us understand what our students are doing and what we can do to support them
- Help Sport England invest in opportunities for children and young people to take part in and benefit from sport and physical activity

Please do share this link with your child and support them in completing this survey.

Year 8 Link - <https://ipsos.uk/IUZOF>

Year 10 Link - <https://ipsos.uk/KBZEA>

Yours faithfully

Phil Randall
Headteacher

Letter from Secretary of State for Education

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/06/18/a-letter-to-secondary-school-and-college-parents-in-england-on-continuing-regular-covid-19-testing-from-gavin-williamson-secretary-of-state-for-education/>