



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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1st April 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Contact Tracing Over the Easter Break

To support the NHS Test and Trace process, please ensure that you report any positive lateral flow tests and positive PCR tests using the covid@spexe.org email address. This email address will be monitored up until and including Wednesday 7th April for contact tracing purposes. If after this date you need to report a positive lateral flow test/PCR test result please also use this covid@spexe.org email address so that we can inform our Attendance Officer of any possible self-isolation periods. It is important that you please also follow the instructions that you receive from NHS Test and Trace.

Thank you

This term has presented many more challenges linked to Covid and I remain grateful for the monumental efforts of staff to be flexible, generous, kind and united possibility thinkers as they have learned new approaches to teaching, become a highly professional Mass Testing Team and done an enormous number of additional duties – including the favourite toilet duties - all to provide our students with the best and safest opportunities we can. I am very grateful too for the kindness and many encouragements shared by you as parents. Your children have responded magnificently to the changes and enabled high quality learning in as safe as possible environment to occur every day. Thank you, they are a credit to you and how you have supported them through the challenges and suffering.

In his novel, Cry the Beloved Country, Alan Paton writes:

"I have learned that kindness and love can pay for pain and suffering... I have never thought that a Christian would be free of suffering... for our Lord suffered. And I come to believe that He suffered, not to save us from suffering, but to teach us how to bear suffering. For He knew that there is no life without suffering."

As we approach this Easter weekend I hope and pray that it will be a time of acknowledging suffering and moving forward into lives full of hope and flourishing.

School Budgets

There is no doubt that school budgets have been hit hard by Covid-19, with Governors and Headteachers across the country seeking further government support for costs created by Covid-19 such as cover costs for self-isolating staff, additional staffing, additional health and safety measures.

We hope that in some way if as many users of Amazon as possible can use the following opportunity to support St. Peter's our budget will be slightly healthier.

'Life to the full for everyone.'





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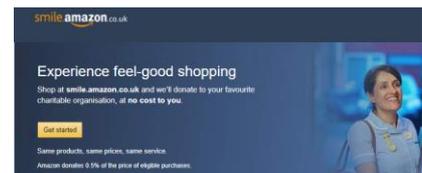
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Canteen, Cleaning and Catering

Along with the other PFI schools in Exeter we are moving to a new provider for these services. Thankfully the staff who have served our community so well at St. Peter's in these particularly challenging times will remain the same. Over time this change will bring us greater efficiency and cost benefits.

Welcome and Farewell

We welcome Alastair Smith – Assistant Headteacher: Behaviour and Safeguarding to our team after Easter. Alastair joins us after a gruelling interview process and will bring a wealth of experience to the school.



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Hazel Britton former Head of RE and part-time RE Teacher retires today after over 30 years as a teacher. Hazel is now training as a vicar and will be particularly remembered for her excellent networking that has enriched the experience of RE for thousands of students and contributed to our 'excellent' SIAMS inspection of 2019. We wish her the very best for a happy, healthy and fulfilling future.

Happy Easter

As we move closer to the Easter Holiday's, I wish all of our families a restful and happy Easter. I pray that the following words about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection will make Easter particularly special for each of us. The Easter Story is ultimately one of forgiveness, redemption and hope.

What makes this day good?

*If you have ever believed that love inevitably leads to betrayal
this day says it doesn't.*

*If you have ever believed that some people are unlovable, irredeemable
this day says they aren't.*

*If you have ever believed that there is a limit to forgiveness
this day says there isn't.*

*If you have ever believed you aren't worth saving
this day says you are.*

*If you have ever believed that you don't deserve freedom
this day says you do.*

*If you have ever believed that fear, anger, hate and despair will always win
this day says they won't.*

And this day is for you.

We hope and pray that you all have a great Easter and know the joy, peace, hope, love and generosity that the Lord Jesus brings.

We anticipate welcoming all students in all year groups back in school on April 19th.

God Bless

Phil Randall
Headteacher

Key Dates:

Easter Break: Friday 2nd April (Good Friday) – Friday 16th April – School Closed

May Day Bank Holiday – 3rd May – School Closed

May Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – School Closed

Last day of summer term for students – Friday 23rd July

Please see over for Exeter University Survey



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Our survey aims to understand what the issues have been/are in Exeter, for **you and your child/children**, and then to suggest Exeter-wide support that the university, schools, colleges and other organisations might be able to provide to help your children best from now until September.

Please be as honest as you can. Just click on the link here:
[Survey: Parents/Guardians/Carers](#) click to consent, and off you go!

We really appreciate your help - especially at this busy time. We look forward to your responses and helping your children get back on track.

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Please be as honest as you can. We really want to know what **you** think. The survey is confidential and all responses will be anonymised, so neither you, nor your school will be identifiable.

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