



# St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first whole school letter of this summer term. It's been really lovely to see all year groups back in school. I trust that the following are useful updates.

## **Wearing of Face Masks**

As a school that seeks to model and promote personal responsibility we continue to strongly encourage all students to wear face masks in lessons. This is to support friends, families and of course our students and staff in reducing the possibility of spreading Covid. Please do encourage your children to wear face masks in lessons. We do understand that for a few of our community there are exemptions for very good reasons.

## **Year 11**

Mr Woolnough will be sharing more details regarding plans that are being finalised as soon as he can. In the meantime we can confirm that the Year 11 leaving date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May at lunchtime. We will be sharing the plan after this time for any remaining summer assessments as well as a range of lessons, workshops and activities that will support students leaving well and starting their Post 16 careers positively.

We do have plans pencilled in for a Year 11 Prom but until this can be confirmed please do not spend any money on dresses, transport etc. Save the date for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July for the prom in case it is possible.

## **Assistant Headteacher, Alastair Smith**

At the start of this term we have welcomed our new lead for Behaviour and Safeguarding. Alastair joins us with a wealth of experience that links cohesively with our vision and ethos and we look forward to him developing these areas in our community.

## **Polling Station at School, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

The school has again been chosen to act as a polling station for the local elections which will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May. In order to minimise disruption to the children's learning as well as keep staff and students as safe as possible, this year the polling station will be a temporary structure at the side of the building, close to the sports hall and kitchen entrance and will be accessible by the normal school entrance at the top of Quarry Lane.

## **National survey of children, The Big Ask**

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

*'Life to the full for everyone.'*





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It would be great for students to share their thoughts on this survey. [complete this survey](#).

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

## **Congratulations to Esther in Year 7**

Esther has won The University of Lincoln's Schools Poetry Competition with the following poem.

### **Kindness in COVID**

This is the time to be kind,  
Smile to the strangers,  
While our lives lose promises.

Try, try as best as you can,  
And don't let others pull you back,  
Scrape from your soul,  
All kindness that possesses you,  
And give it away  
To the ones who need you.

If you remain generous  
Time will come good,  
And you will find your wings  
Again on new breezes of promises,  
Parcelled up in small, little boxes.

### **By Esther, Year 7**

I do hope that you are all able to get some rest and relaxation over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours faithfully

Phil Randall  
Headteacher