



# St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

## This letter shares with you three important developments:

1. Learning Enrichment Week and Residentials
2. September and Beyond
3. Key Dates for the Autumn Term

### Learning Enrichment Week and Residentials

As well as doing your best with subject work in the final week of term, I hope that you will make time to enjoy a virtual LEW/Residential experience. Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 should be St. Peter's Learning Enrichment and Residential week. Sadly, we are unable to complete the planned activities, and so a **Race Across the World** competition has been developed for all students. You will need to log on to Google Classroom and join the group by using the code: **6ykdmpc**

In this group students will find two resources. The first resource '**Race Across the World Booklet**' guides students through each of the five challenges:

FIND IT!

COOK IT!

BUILD IT!

DRAW IT!

PLAY IT!

These will lead them on a Race Across the World. To evidence their journey, they will need to record each completed challenge. The evidence should be recorded in the second resource named '**Passport**'. Students do **NOT** need to submit the '**Race Across the World Booklet**' but they **MUST** submit their Passport back on Google Classroom by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 3:30pm to enter the competition. Each completed entry will receive a certificate and winners will be chosen from each year group. Prizes will be awarded in assemblies in September.

We hope you enjoy the challenges that Mrs Kenshole has created for you.

### September and Beyond

**We are planning for a full return, in line with Government guidelines for all staff and all students.**

As we come to the end of the 2019/20 academic year, I wanted to thank you for your continued support and encouragement of staff as we have worked together as a community through the current Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you too for your responses to our recent survey. Your feedback is informing our future planning. We have developed a blueprint that seeks to **reconnect, refocus, build and develop resilience for renewal**. I am now able to share with you a brief outline of our plans for September and beyond. We will share a lot more detail with you in the near future as the plans and risk assessment are developed.

*'Life to the full for everyone.'*





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The latest Government guidelines from 02/07/20 can be found here and this is what we must work with.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

**The great news is that our plans mean we can operate a full timetable from September with all core and specialist subjects, with specialist teachers whilst still meeting the government guidelines.** This means timetables will be as planned but with some compromises to ensure we follow the guidelines, for example:

## **'Bubbles'**

- Year groups will be given specific entry points to the site and school buildings that they must keep to.
- Year Groups will be in 'bubble' zones for the majority of their lessons.
- Staff will need to move between lessons more than usual, in order to reduce student movement and reduce the potential mixing of 'bubbles'.
- Specialist practical classrooms will be available to teach specialist subjects e.g. computing, D&T, Food, Art, Drama, PE, Music, Photography, Graphic Design.
- Core subjects will take place in their Bubble zone which won't necessarily be the core subject room.

## **Social Distancing**

From September 2020 students will not need to socially distance with one another but must keep in their year group 'bubbles'. Students must 2m socially distance with staff and staff must follow 2m social distancing with one another.

## **Cleaning**

The new cleaning regime that has been employed this term has been successful. Our approaches to cleaning will mean that we will continue to do all we reasonably can to keep everyone as safe as possible.

## **Break and Lunch Zones**

These will run in a very similar way to how we have run them this term.

## **Food and Drink**

Where possible, students will need to bring their own packed lunch, snacks and named water bottles. Because mixing of 'bubbles' is not allowed and the canteen is a natural place for year groups to mix we are strongly encouraging packed lunches please. There will be canteen food but we are prioritising staff time to support learning opportunities rather than dining arrangements.

## **Equipment**

Make sure for every lesson you have, in a bag large enough to carry A4-type folders:

- Your exercise books or files
- Your planner
- Any text books or revision guides
- A scientific calculator
- PE kit when necessary
- Technology apron when necessary



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## **A clear pencil case, including:**

- Pens (green pens, black pens)
- Coloured pencils
- Protractor and pair of compasses for Mathematics lesson
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- An eraser
- A ruler
- Glue stick
- Highlighters
- Coloured pens (optional)

**Mobile phones** *must* be switched off and in bags or lockers; they are not allowed to be used on the school premises.

## **Behaviour Policy**

We will make further amendments to our behaviour policy. There will be new strict rules designed to keep everyone safe. If these are not adhered to students are most likely to be excluded because we cannot allow anyone to compromise the safety of our community.

## **Attendance**

In line with Government guidelines we expect all students to attend school full time. We will not open if it is not safe to do so and I trust this will give everyone confidence.

## **Contingency Plans**

We will ensure that there are plans in place in case of a full or partial lockdown. Inevitably this will mean building on the successful online approaches taken thus far and learning how we can use student and parent feedback to improve online provision with clear expectations of how these will operate for staff, students, parents and carers.

## **Calendar**

Due to Covid 19 we are adapting the calendar to ensure we meet government guidelines. We will be sharing more information as soon as possible.

## **Public Transport**

In line with Government guidelines public transport is discouraged. Safe walking, cycling with a helmet or travel by car are encouraged. On arrival parents should stay in vehicles please.

## **Uniform**

With regard to September an email from our uniform supplier was sent out earlier this term. If plans change and we don't return as usual in September and students may have grown out of their new uniform by later in the term I wouldn't want any families to experience difficulties. With this in mind when purchasing items please check the suppliers returns policy suits your circumstances.

I wish you and your families a happy and healthy summer and look forward to welcoming you all back. Year 7 and Year 11 will start term in school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Years 8, 9 and 10 will start term in school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.



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We will of course be in touch with more detailed information with regard to September plans in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Phil Randall'.

Phil Randall  
Headteacher

## **Some Key Dates for Autumn Term 2020**

Training Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 – no students in school

Training Day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – no students in school

Students in Years 7 and 11 first day of Autumn Term in school – Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  
September 2020

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 first day of Autumn Term in school – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
September 2020

Training Day 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 – no students in school

Training Day 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 – no students in school

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – non pupil day – school closed