



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

This letter was originally sent on the 17th July 2020 as one of two letters. I am resending it as a reminder that I trust you will find useful. There is also a very important update on PE that must be followed by all students. This letter focuses on more general matters which are still important. I hope that by sharing information in this way that it is less overwhelming than it might otherwise be.

As we reach the end of an extraordinary schoolyear I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your efforts in responding to the challenges that we have faced with generosity, kindness, patience and flexibility. As many staff know juggling work and home schooling is not easy! Thank you for persevering and encouraging so that as much learning as possible has taken place. Thank you too for your positive responses as Government guidelines have changed and as a school we too have needed to introduce new approaches.

I really have sensed in these challenging times a strong desire from staff, students, parents and carers to work in partnership, showing courage and compassion in how we treat one another. Thank you.

Cycling to School

Have you ever considered cycling to school? Cycling is a really healthy, active and safe way to travel to School. It helps to boost mental health and wellbeing, is a great way to start the day and is fantastic for the environment too! Check out the link below to see possible cycle routes in to St Peter's from primary schools across the city. The summer is a perfect opportunity to try out and practice your cycle route to school before September.

<https://www.spexe.org/cycling-to-st-peters/>

Surveys

Thank you for the time you have taken to respond to recent surveys. We have used this feedback along with other feedback over the period of lockdown for staff, students, parents and carers to build on the success and make improvements to areas that aren't as strong as we would like them to be.

The key themes from the recent students survey were as follows and this is supported by other feedback we have been receiving.

- MHWB
- Being with friends
- Moving from out of school learning to in-school learning
- Gaps in learning
- Online learning
- Feedback from teachers
- Tik Tok challenges

The key themes from the recent parents survey were as follows and this is supported by other feedback we have been receiving.

- Communication
- Gaps in Learning

'Life to the full for everyone.'



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- Clarity of Rules/Expectations
- Feedback from Teachers and On-line Learning
- Pastoral Care

Each of these key themes show feedback that is positive as well as negative. This leads us to think that whilst there is much to be encouraged by and thankful for in each theme there are possible inconsistencies that we need to address. As a result of all of this information the Senior Leadership Team have created plans to support how we proceed in ways which respond to this feedback. Our plans aim to help students and staff to **reconnect, refocus**, build and develop **resilience** for **renewal**. We will be using forthcoming training days to use the feedback constructively.

We are really grateful to the following staff who have worked to support students and wish them well for their future adventures. Staff are moving on to promotions, teacher training and new opportunities.

Welcome to:

We have recruited strongly and are looking forward to welcoming the following new staff.

Ms Blondell	MFL – Lead Practitioner	Mrs Fison	Teacher of Maths
Miss Mardell	English – Lead Practitioner	Mrs Kemp	Teacher of Maths
Mr Thompson	Head of Year 10	Mrs Leason	Teacher of Science
Miss Selley	Teacher of Science	Miss Sutherland	Teacher of Maths
Mr Cantrill	Teaching Assistant	Miss Berryman	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Davis	Teaching Assistant	Mr Oldfield	Teaching Assistant
Miss Kirby	Teaching Assistant	Miss Parker	Teaching Assistant
Ms Hoy	Office Administrator/ Receptionist		

Internal Promotions:

Mr Wilson	Currently Maths Subject Learning Leader and from September will be Assistant Headteacher: Behaviour and Progress
Miss England	Currently Second in Department for Maths and will be Maths Subject Learning Leader from September

Changes to PE

- Given the current Government guidelines we are not able to use changing rooms as safely as we would like at the moment and therefore the following approaches must be followed whilst changing rooms are out of bounds:
 - On days when students have PE, students wear their normal St. Peter's kit (and no other PE kit) on their way to and from school for the whole of that day.
 - Students must have dry, appropriate trainers for their PE lessons for safety reasons.
 - On days when students have PE, students bring in a waterproof top as well as a spare pair of school shoes in case of wet/cold weather.

Uniform

It is expected that all students will wear school uniform as outlined by the information below

Uniform Option 1:

- St Peter's white $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeved Revere-collar blouse with school badge.
- St Peter's navy blue V-necked jumper or cardigan with school badge.
- Either: Trutex Low Moor Snr Tartan Kilt (worn at knee length)
 - Or Trutex GTB (Black Trouser)
 - Or Banner Hadley (Black Trouser)
 - Or Black tailored school shorts (with no outside pockets or cargo-style pockets)
- Low heeled plain black leather shoes (heels no more than 3 cms above the top of the sole). Canvas shoes, boots, trainers and backless shoes are not permitted and must not be worn to and from school.



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- Black, grey or white socks, or black tights
- The wearing of leggings are not permitted

Uniform Option 2:

- St Peter's white short sleeved shirt with school badge and St Peter's blue and red striped clip-on school tie
- St Peter's navy blue V-necked jumper or cardigan with school badge.
- Either : Trutex style TFF (Black Flat Front Plain Trouser)
Or Trutex style TVT (Black Jet Pocket Trouser)
Or Black tailored school shorts (with no outside pockets or cargo-style pockets)
- Low heeled plain black leather shoes. Canvas shoes, boots and trainer-style shoes are not permitted and must not be worn to and from school.
- Black, grey or white socks

We expect all students to wear their uniform properly, in order to create a positive reputation for themselves and for St Peter's. Failure to do so may result in sanctions including exclusion.

- **Hoodies and non-uniform jumpers may not be worn** in school at any time.
- **Hair** should be kept **neat and tidy** and of one reasonable length, style and must be of **one natural colour**. (Shaved heads, stencilled, or very short hair are not acceptable.)
- **Nail varnish should not be worn** in school and **make up should be subtle**.
- No **jewellery should be worn** apart from a watch and **not more than one plain gold or silver stud** in each earlobe, no other piercings are permitted.
- **No garment should be visible underneath** the school shirt or blouse.
- Bring your belongings in a **bag which is large enough to hold an A4-type folder** – smaller bags and handbags are not permitted.

Below are extracts from a letter originally sent on 19th June 2020. I hope they will support us in working positively in partnership together.

Communication

If you do ever have a concern please do phone or email in and we will always listen and seek to resolve any issues swiftly. As our Principles of **HOPE** brochure states, "People believe the best of me here. I am safe. I take considered risks in order to learn and grow. I bring the best of me to St Peter's and serve others to live the best life they can too." Please work with us in partnership in this way.

Communication Pathways – An Important Reminder

We are trying to communicate in clear and concise ways that don't bombard you. Below is a guide that we trust will help you and us share key information.

- **Planner** – please write a note for your child's Tutor/Teacher if you wish to use the planner
- **Subject Learning** – please email subject teachers if you have specific questions
- **Welfare needs** – please email tutors if you have specific questions
- **Text, Social Media, Website, Email and Letters** – we will try to keep these to a minimum with just key information so as not to overwhelm you

Help Available

I am sure that you will be aware through the media about the increased concerns regarding the additional risks that being at home creates for children and adults who are victims of domestic abuse. I'm quite sure that you will have seen the broadcasts on television aimed at those who are victims of domestic abuse. Please be aware that if you are currently suffering in this way, support and help for you is available. The current lock down rules do not apply in the same way and there are options available to you. We have been asked to open the school up as a place of safety for



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victims to make a phone call for help. If you need to do this please come to school and ask for a Head of Year or Intervention Support Officer. Please tell staff that you 'need a place of safety to make a phone call' and they will take you to a room where you can make a phone call to contact the appropriate help.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. There are plenty of challenges and I think, in partnership with yourselves and staff we will all do our very best to provide valuable and interesting learning opportunities in an environment that we all take personal responsibility for keeping one another as safe as is reasonably possible.

Website

Our new website will be launched towards the end of the summer holiday. It should be easier to use and more versatile on a range of devices. We hope that you will enjoy it and that it will support communication.

I wish you all the very best for time away from school over the summer. I hope you find ways to relax. Take care and keep safe.

Yours faithfully

Phil Randall
Headteacher

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

Key Dates for Autumn Term 2020

Training Day Thursday 3rd September 2020 – no students in school

Training Day Friday 4th September 2020 – no students in school

**Students in Years 7 and 11 first day of Autumn Term in school – Monday 7th
September 2020**

**Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 first day of Autumn Term in school – Tuesday 8th
September 2020**

Training Day 2nd November 2020 – no students in school

Training Day 3rd November 2020 – no students in school

Friday 27th November 2020 – non pupil day – school closed