



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Opportunity to come into school and meet with your Tutor

We have really missed school as we used to know it and having students on site learning full time and all of the vibrancy that goes with that. It has been particularly frustrating for us that some year groups have missed more time in school than others. I hope that everyone understands that we have needed to work within the Government guidelines and as soon as announcements have been made, staff have sought to find ways that maximise the amount of specialist teaching on site as well as encourage as many students as possible to attend. Waiting for, interpreting and actioning Government guidelines has required methodical and creative team approaches. We know what we have provided is not perfect but by continually utilising student, parent and staff feedback we have done the very best we can. It's certainly a challenging time that is far from ideal for all of us whatever our walk of life.

However I have some good, if not perfect news. Following the Government's announcement on the 15th June 2020 allowing more students to come into school if they could be safely accommodated and staffing levels are appropriate I am delighted to share that we plan to offer all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 the opportunity to meet with their tutor before the end of term.

All vulnerable students, critical workers and Year 10 students, in line with Government guidelines have been given the opportunity to attend school for some time this term. **We have constructed an ambitious plan that meets all of the Government guidelines to offer all Year 7, 8 and 9 a one hour tutorial with their Tutor** which with the time remaining we can only just accommodate, given the very large numbers of students we are hoping to see.

Guidance for Secondary School Provision from 15th June 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

Invitation to meet your Tutor

We really want to see every Year 7, 8 and 9 student in school this term. We will be in touch with you about a specific time and date for your one-hour tutor session in a 'bubble' with a maximum size of 10. Please arrive promptly and leave site immediately after your session unless you are in the vulnerable student or critical worker group on site that day.

Unfortunately, we cannot be flexible with the times, dates or the 'bubbles' you will be in and hope that you will all prioritise attendance at the time given to you.

Aims

- To provide a welcoming on-site experience with tutors
- Reconnect with school
- Refocus learning
- Reflect on opportunities for resilience and renewal

'Life to the full for everyone.'



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- Send students home with challenges for the summer to boost and secure learning as well as looking forward to September when we hope to fully return to a more normal school experience

Personal Responsibility Challenges

During the tutorial students will be provided with a Personal Responsibility booklet to help them secure and boost their learning over the coming weeks and summer months in their subjects. We trust that this will also assist parents and carers in their endeavours with continuing to support school work at home.

Google Form

Prior to coming in to school we would like all students to complete a very short google form called 'Reflections and Reconnections.' The form asks students to reflect on their remote learning across their subjects whilst also considering their thoughts for returning to school. This will enable us to make students time in school far more productive and provide us with useful information to inform our Autumn term planning.

The link to the google form is:

<https://forms.gle/tMWV9Yp5f8tWxxKz6>

Because of the Government and Devon County Council guidelines that we must adhere to it is important that you read and follow all of the following. By doing this you will be playing your part in keeping everyone as safe as is reasonably possible.

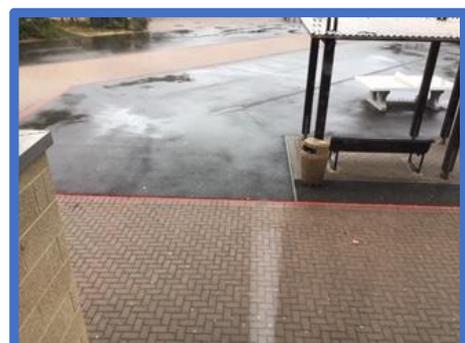
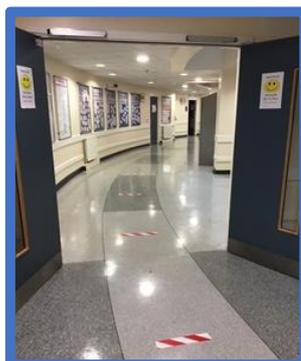
Public Transport

In line with Government guidelines public transport is discouraged. Safe walking, cycling with a helmet or travel by car are encouraged, keeping 2m social distancing at all times. On arrival parents should stay in vehicles please.

The School Site Will Look Different

Please see below some photographs to give you an introduction to some of the differences we have made to the site to support the safety of students and staff.

You will see red line markings to indicate where you should queue on entry and exit of the school site. Staff will be there to welcome you and see you off site.





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Meeting Your Tutor – staff will welcome you

- You will need to arrive promptly or we may not be able to allow you into school. This is because of the many new safety measures we have in place.
- You will need to 2m socially distance in a queue using the red lines at the main reception entrance.
- Please have your hand sanitiser ready to wash your hands and be observed doing this by a member of staff as you enter and exit the site.
- You will be registered.
- You must 2m socially distance at all times and remain with your bubble for the entire time unless you are ill, sent home or excluded.

Daily Kit and Checklist

- Please do bring one working pen
- Hand sanitiser
- Tissues
- If cycling – bike helmet and bike lock
- **Do not** bring in pencil cases, pens, rulers etc as personal named cases with the necessary items will be provided
- **Do not** bring in sports equipment e.g. footballs, tennis balls, frisbees as sharing and playing with these is unfortunately not currently permitted.
- There is no requirement to wear uniform and no ties are allowed to be worn. It is important to make it clear that students must still wear **appropriate clothing for a school day**. The expectation remains a working day in school so all other expectations regarding the wearing of sensible shoes, non-revealing clothes, levels of makeup, jewellery and hairstyles which form part of the school uniform policy will still apply. A helpful reminder might be the 3C's of Non-Uniform – **Clean, Comfortable and Covered**.

Face Masks/Visors

Staff and students will be allowed to wear face masks/ visors in school beyond the medical or intimate care masks the school will provide. If you would like to do this you will need to supply your own equipment and ensure that it will be safely worn, taken off and disposed of in line with government guidelines. The school will not provide a facility to dispose of face masks, other than those used for medical incidents.

The current guidance is as follows:

If you can, wear a face covering in enclosed public spaces where social distancing isn't possible and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet. This is most relevant for short periods indoors in crowded areas, for example, on public transport or in some shops. From 15 June, you must wear a face covering on public transport. You should be prepared to remove your face covering if asked to do so by police officers and staff for the purposes of identification.

Evidence suggests that wearing a face covering does not protect you. However, if you are infected but have not yet developed symptoms, it may provide some protection for others you come into close contact with.

Face coverings do not replace social distancing. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, and/or high temperature, and/or loss of, or change in, your normal sense of smell or taste - anosmia), you and your household must isolate at home: wearing a face covering does not change this.



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Returning School Property

There will be an opportunity for you to return any library books, school equipment etc at the time you meet your Tutor. To do this please clearly label all of the item(s) with your name and tutor group and leave it with your Tutor who will arrange for it to be collected.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming more students on site.

The pace and working hours are greater than ever. The importance of getting it right is so much more serious than any school inspection. I must pay tribute to the enormous efforts of all staff and union representatives and their "can do" attitude, in particular the incredible SLT and admin teams who continue to be solution focused, determined to provide the very best for students.

To offer and turn around the complexities of numerous timetables and a very different duty rota against a background of changing guidelines, at such a pace whilst also seeking to deal with their own personal life challenges is impressive. I am very grateful to work with "can do" staff teams and the many encouragements we have received from parents, carers and students. Thank you.

I very much look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Yours faithfully

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

Phil Randall
Headteacher