



# St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

## Updated Plans for Spring Term 2021

You are likely to have heard the news by now that the Prime Minister announced last night regarding schools being open only to children of critical workers and vulnerable students as defined by the Government in the following link. We hope to see as many students as possible on site who fit these definitions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

My current understanding is that this situation will last until at least February half-term which begins on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

All other students are expected to attend tutor time at 8.30am each morning via Zoom, followed by remote learning for their normal full timetable.

If any of this information changes I will of course let you know as soon as I can.

## Year 11 Examinations

The Prime Minister also announced changes to the exams process this year. We have no further information about this yet but will keep you updated as soon as we can.

## Remote Learning

- Students should be up and dressed, ready to start their tutorial each morning at 8.30am. A register will be taken during tutorial time via Zoom. Codes will be published on the tutor group google Classroom.
- Students should then follow their normal timetable for the day, **at the times they would normally attend lessons**. Students will be registered for attendance at these times via Zoom by their teachers.
- Staff will then provide remote learning on Google Classroom and Zoom **for part, or all of the lesson**. The purpose of this will be to meet with classes remotely and discuss the work and address any questions. Time will be provided to allow students to complete the tasks set on Google Classroom.
- Where possible please make sure that students can access their **school email** from any devices that they use at home. This will help in communicating with students day to day.
- Please also ask your child to download the Google Classroom App to their device / phone so that they can receive up to date messages from their teachers and classes. Visit the Google Play store or Apple store and download from there.

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## Feedback on work completed

Students must hand in the work they have done via google classroom and the expectation will be that this work is handed in digitally.

Feedback can take many forms! The feedback could be:

- Verbal during a zoom meeting
- Verbal using a break out room in zoom with groups of students you are feeding back to.
- A google rubric attached to the assignment.
- Whole class feedback with action points for the class to address.
- Personalised annotated notes on google docs / images / slides

## How to access the Zoom lessons and remote learning tasks:

- Students should log in to their Google Classroom
- Details of Zoom codes will be communicated to students on their Google Classroom stream.

## Mass Testing

Training for Mass Testing is now well underway and plans are being developed to support the mass testing programme for all students who are allowed on site at the moment and who have given consent. Staff who give their consent will also be tested.

## Lines of Communication

We really value your feedback, whether it is to praise, query or share concerns and ask that you use the following channels to support us working constructively in partnership as we all try to do our best in these incredibly challenging times.

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
- **General Praise, Queries or Concerns** – please email SLT Admin Team
- **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
- **Safeguarding** – please email safeguarding team on [safeguarding@spexe.org](mailto:safeguarding@spexe.org)

I am very aware of the disruption and frustration these latest changes are likely to create in our community. Staff would dearly love all students to be on site all of the time but this is not possible at the moment. My hope and prayer is that we do all we can together to keep our community as safe as we reasonably can whilst also providing the best quality education we can.

Yours faithfully

Phil Randall  
Headteacher