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Dear Parent,

### **Summer Term 10**

We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well.

#### **Latest Government Guidance**

Yesterday, the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, announced that all pupils are to return to school full-time in September, for the start of the Autumn Term.

*'It is our plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term.'*

The parental guidance for the Autumn Term, is [linked here](#) for you to read.

As a Leadership Team, we had already started looking at how we might do this, and we will continue to coordinate these plans, ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of all in our school community. We will communicate the finalised plans before the end of the Summer Term, so we can ensure everyone is ready for September.

We are able to confirm that new Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 will return for an induction day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and new Years 8, 9 and 10 will start the academic year on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Details of specific times and arrangements are being finalised and will be communicated with parents, once they have been confirmed.

There has also been guidance published regarding pupils attending out-of-school settings, the link is [here](#) to view the guidance.

Please find a link [here](#), for a letter sent by Public Health England earlier this week.

#### **Years 7, 8 and 9 Face-to-face Meetings**

Further to the invitations and communication sent at the beginning of the week regarding the meetings for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9, please see below further clarification on a number of points:



- If you have more than one child in Years 7, 8 and 9, apologies that you have been unable to complete the survey twice. Thank you to those of you who have sent an email confirming your child's attendance, if you were unable to access the survey. If you are still experiencing any problems, please email [office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk), clearly detailing the pupil name, year group and form group.
- Pupils will not be required to wear school uniform. I appreciate that for many families, uniform was last worn in March, and may now be unsuitable. Full school uniform will be required from September, but for this meeting, we ask that pupils attend dressed smartly and respectable for school.
- A small number of parents have asked if their child can attend on a different day. The schedule has been carefully prepared so that their Form Tutor is available on that particular day; on other days they may be teaching Year 10 or Year 12 or have other commitments in school. We are also limited to a certain number of children in each classroom and have to contain them in these 'bubbles'. For these reasons and to be fair to all, the day and time that you have been invited is fixed. This does also apply to where there are two or more children in the same family. Where the children are in different tutor groups they are most likely going to be on different days. Apologies again for any inconvenience this may cause, but unfortunately it cannot be changed.
- A small number of pupils are attending school at this time as part of our 'critical worker bubble'. As these children are already in school, they will not need to have the 'face-to-face' meeting. Their form tutor will meet with them separately, but they will continue to follow their current timetable, and attend as normal.
- Pupils will only need to bring a pen and bottle of water, should they wish, for their face-to-face meeting. They do not need a calculator or any other equipment.
- Please be assured that strict measures are in place to make sure school is ready to welcome your child or children in a safe and controlled manner.
- The purpose of the meeting is to reassure pupils, familiarise themselves with the site ready for September, and allow them to see their form tutor to 'catch-up' with them. We have planned a series of activities that focus on personal wellbeing and personal development. There will be no tests or assessments at all during this meeting.

In addition:

- The Microsoft Teams lessons will continue as normal where possible, but in a few cases, staff may need to change the time slightly, if they are scheduled to be in school leading a meeting. Should a pupil be in school when their teams lesson is on, a recording will be made which they can view at a later time.

### **Year 10 and 12 Lessons**

We continue to be impressed by the conscientiousness and commitment of our Years 10 and 12 pupils who are attending lessons in school and on Microsoft Teams in excellent numbers. The current arrangements and times will continue in the present form until the last day of term, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. All lessons will run as normal, including afternoon lessons on this day. Before the year concludes, staff will make sure that pupils know what they can do to maintain their knowledge and skills ready for the next academic year.

### **Message from your School Nurse – for pupils in school**

**Please inform the school immediately: If you as a parent/carer/child have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, OR you have received a positive COVID-19 test result, the clear medical advice is to immediately self-isolate at home for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started.**

Please contact 119 or access the NHS website on [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test) to arrange for the person in your household with symptoms to be tested for COVID-19.

If you live with others, then those other members of your household who remain well **MUST** stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

If your child is the one presenting with symptoms of COVID-19, then your child will not be able to return to school until they have been tested for COVID-19, and they have followed Public Health England's advice following their result.

**If your child receives a negative result, please inform the school and arrangements can be made for their return once they are feeling physically well.**

### **Year 11 and 13**

We really appreciate how difficult the last few months have been for our oldest pupils. We are currently making plans for both results days and Sixth Form admissions. More details will be communicated to pupils and parents separately in the next two weeks. We can confirm the dates will remain as already planned, A Levels – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August and GCSE – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Also, in the headlines this week has been the announcement about opportunities for pupils to retake examinations in the autumn term. We are still awaiting further information, and will share this with you when we can. The school will support all of our pupils in making choices about their future pathways throughout this time.

### **Buses provided by Solihull Council**

Parents of pupils who use the buses that are provided on contract with Solihull Council may remember that last year there were significant changes to the routes and systems. Pupils wishing to use the 821, 822, 823, 894 and 895 services will need to purchase a special pass, as passengers are unable to 'pay as you go'. Details are [here](#). This does not apply to the 876, 877 and 898 services, which are run commercially by National Express. Pupils are able to use their bus pass or cash, as and when required.

### **Assembly**

Last Sunday, was the Solemnity of the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. This is our school feast day and in more normal times we would have celebrated with large whole school masses, had treats for the children in the canteen and delivered a wide ranging programme of activities in our retreat week. Unfortunately, whilst we still joined together in prayer, the celebration was limited to watching Holy Mass on-line. However, three of our Year 7 pupils, Daniel, Caughlan and Shay, used their acting skills to help Mr Williams with this week's Assembly: Our School, Our Patron and can be viewed here. <https://youtu.be/L-abvHzpaMo>

### **Notices from Birmingham Diocese Education Service**

**Resilience Calendar for July:** Action for Happiness have created a calendar which may be of use for your child(ren). You can download a pdf copy here <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/jump-back-july>

**KYT:** Both Alton Castle and the Soli Centre for Youth Ministry, are offering action-packed, outdoor fun family holidays, where you get to stay in the beautiful 19th century, Pugin designed castle, or Soli, retreat / conference centre which has been renovated to a very high standard and all bedrooms are en-suite. Surrounded by the beauty of the Churnet Valley, a stay at the Castle or its grounds is a unique experience.

All of the stays are COVID-19 secure. Families can hire a floor of the castle all to themselves, socially distancing from staff and activity instructors, so that people can relax and enjoy their holiday in their social bubbles. The range of activities on offer include trekking, biking and archery. Head to the website for more info or to download our brochure: <http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/adventure-holidays.html>

**Summer camp:** the annual Summer camp is being held online this year. More information available here: <http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-online.html>

**Gap Year:** There is the opportunity for a gap year with KYT. They are looking for young adults aged 18-25 who are down-to-earth, ready to grow in their faith and who are enthusiastic about working with young people. A gap year with Kenelm comes with accommodation in Alton where volunteers live in community with other young Christians, so we are seeking out those who work well in a team.  
<http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/gap-years.html>

**Your Parish:** Now that our churches can reopen with certain restrictions, our parishes need help. To facilitate masses taking place, our parish priests need a lot of volunteers to help as stewards and cleaners. Their roles are vital to enable the return of parishners to their church. If you can help in any capacity, please contact your Parish Office.

### **Key Information on Covid-19 impact surveys**

Last week, you will hopefully have received an email in regards to completing a survey on the impact of Covid-19. This survey aims to help gain insights into topics like workload, communication, remote learning and to help be better prepared for future developments. As a part of the review, Edurio will prepare a UK wide report. More information about the survey and the research Edurio plans to do afterwards can be found here: <https://home.edurio.com/covid19-impact-review>

Timeline: The survey will take place between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Links:

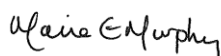
Parents - <https://edurio.com/poll/j5az8D>

Pupils - <https://edurio.com/poll/YJ4Ugm>

In case of questions: In case you have any questions about the technical aspects of administering the survey, contact Edurio at: [support@edurio.com](mailto:support@edurio.com).

Have a relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully,



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