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Dear Parent,

Summer Term 7

I hope that you and your families are well.

Information from the Government

Schools are receiving updated information from the Government in regards to the planned reopening of schools. On Tuesday 9th June, Gavin Williamson, The Secretary of State for Education, made a speech to the House of Commons. The link to read this is [here](#).

The guidance in regards to the awarding of grades for Summer 2020 has also been updated. Here is a [link](#) to the most up to date document.

Microsoft Teams

Thank you to all parents who have no doubt supported their child/children who are in Key Stage 3 to access Microsoft Teams lessons. This is a completely new way of working and learning for us so we really appreciate the patience and understanding that has been shown. We are aware that there have been a few teething problems with this platform, which is understandable given the size of the task to set up dozens of different groups and classes for our ICT department. Hopefully, some of these initial problems have been solved but the support of parents would be appreciated in ensuring the following rules are adhered to:

- Pupils should listen, watch and can make notes if they wish.
- All pupils must mute their microphones at the beginning of the session.
- Pupils cannot ask questions during the lesson but may at the end.
- Pupils cannot use the chatroom facility during the lesson but may at the end.
- The chatroom facility can only be used for asking questions to the teacher subject specific questions.
- Pupils who don't follow the Teams rules will not be invited to these lessons and will need to read up on the work themselves.

Return of Year 10 and 12 pupils

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the survey sent out last week and confirmed if their child is able to attend next week. If you have a child in Year 10 or 12 and have not let us know either way, please contact the school office.

- Year 10 pupils should arrive between 9.45 and 10am, and Year 12 pupils between 12.45 and 1.00pm. They must report to the gate they have been assigned and follow directions from staff regarding hand washing and the route to the room they have been allocated.





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- Year 10 pupils are asked to wear the PE top or blue summer shirt with their school trousers/skirt and shoes. However, the school appreciates and accepts that families will need to wear what is easy to wash and what fits at the time. Year 12 pupils don't need to wear jackets or ties but should dress as smart as they can but again, we appreciate they may need to wear what is practical.
- Expectations will be made very clear on the first visit and it is imperative that all pupils adhere to all rules. Any pupil who potentially jeopardises the health and safety of our school community will not be permitted to stay, and he/she will not be allowed back during the phased reopening of school.
- The local authority and Public Health England have specifically advised us that pupils are not permitted to bring antibacterial hand gel and any that is brought to school should be confiscated.
- Pupils who wish to ride a bike to school are welcome to do so and should wear a helmet and bring a bike lock. They will be asked to lock it at key places on their route through the site.

Safety

West Midlands Police have asked us to remind all pupils who will be travelling to and from school to remember the traditional messages about safety

- Do not walk through isolated areas alone.
- Avoid walking through parks but choose footpaths instead.
- Do not have valuables such as mobile phones on show in public.

Year 11 and 13

We are very sorry that we have been unable to celebrate collectively the successful years our Year 11 and 13 pupils have spent with us. Mr Palin and Mrs McHale have communicated separately to these year groups regarding specific activities but Year 11 and 13 are welcome to contact their form tutor, lead tutor or senior member of staff should they have any concerns about their future pathways. We would normally have celebrated special Masses for each year group and we are still intending to celebrate the eucharist together as a community as soon as it is safe to do so.

Assembly

While we have been busy facilitating the online learning for the curriculum areas, we are aware of the need to support the pastoral and spiritual learning. Mr Williams has recorded an assembly on the Holy Trinity which can be viewed [here](#).

BDES

Good Shepherd Mass: A date for your diaries: **Monday 29th June**. Further details will be sent out.





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Day for Life: This day of prayer is on Sunday 21 June. His Holiness, Pope Francis, has given this day an Apostolic Blessing www.cbcew.org.uk/papal-message-day-for-life-2020/

The God Who Speaks: the website has been updated: www.godwhospeaks.uk/ Please note that this initiative will be continuing to the end of this Liturgical year and throughout the next one too. If you wish to receive the newsletters please follow this link godwhospeaks.uk/scripture-newsletter-sign-up

The COV-ED study: learning and teaching from home during COVID-19 lockdown; an online survey for parents/carers

The University of Warwick is launching an online survey exploring the experiences of parents and carers of young people aged 11-15 with learning and teaching from home during COVID-19 lockdown, the practicalities of doing so and the impact this may be having on their mental health and emotional wellbeing. A better understanding of the experiences and challenges arising from school closures will be extremely useful and informative and help us provide better support for families and teaching staff in these unprecedented circumstances.



If you are interested in participating, please click on this [COV-ED Survey Link](#) which will take you to the survey site, where you will be able to view a downloadable information sheet which will give you further details of the survey and what it will involve for you. Once you have read the information sheet, you will be able to give your consent to take part and start the survey.

The surveys are completely online and should take no more than 15-minutes each to complete. You will not have to meet with any researchers and no identifiable data will be collected. Results from the survey will be available once the survey has been closed and data has been analysed.

Many thanks for your time,
The COV-ED Study Team – University of Warwick
COV-EDsurvey@warwick.ac.uk

St Peter's staff look forward to welcoming back Years 10 and 12 next week. We all look forward to the day our special school community can be together when it is safe to do so.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M. E. Murphy
Headteacher

