




# St Peter's Catholic School



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Dear Parent,

### **Summer Term 11**

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

#### **Final Week of Term**

As we approach the final week of the academic year, we are sad that we are unable to celebrate in the usual way with our Success Assemblies where we celebrate the many gifts and talents of our fantastic pupils.

School will be open to the children of critical workers and vulnerable children from 9am until 3pm up to and including Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

- Years 10 and 12 'face-to-face' sessions and Microsoft Teams lessons will also continue up to this date. The pupils will be directed as to what they can do to maintain their knowledge and skills independently. Year 10 pupils will also experience some History or Geography lessons next week.
- Years 7, 8 and 9 Microsoft Teams lessons will also continue until the end of next week.

#### **Years 7, 8 and 9 face-to-face sessions**

It was wonderful to see so many of our Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils visit school this week, enjoying some time with their form tutor and classmates. They will have experienced using our wash stations and following our new rules regarding movement around the site. They were also provided with a 'Toolkit' to take home. Those pupils who are invited into school next week will experience the same. If you haven't confirmed if your son or daughter is attending, please let the school office know. It is important that pupils arrive between the specific times given in their letters, as we are not able to admit pupils outside these times.

#### **Results Days**

The day our pupils receive their examination results is always one we look forward to as it is a pleasure and privilege to celebrate with our pupils as they congratulate each other with their parents. Unfortunately, this year, our Results Days are required to look slightly different. As has been communicated recently, we really would like to see all of our pupils on Results Days and we will do everything we can in supporting and guiding them for the future. Further communication will be sent out to each pupil in current Year 11 and Year 13 with logistical details of the day. However, should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### **September 2020**



As per Government advice, St Peter's plans to be open for all pupils in all year groups in September 2020. The term dates for the new academic year are as follows:

### Autumn Term 2020

Term starts: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 Only years 7, 11, 12 and 13  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 School open for All pupils  
*Half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020*  
Term ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Spring Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
*Half term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021*  
Term Ends: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

### Summer Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
*Half term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021*  
Term Ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### INSET days (Teacher training)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

We are currently planning how to deliver our full curriculum, as logistically there will be a few changes in terms of routines and health and safety. We recognise that for all pupils, the transition back to school could be a challenge and therefore we plan for pupils to return in phased manner. All year groups will engage in a variety of induction and support sessions that have been planned to help all pupils return to the routines and demands of full time education. We will be writing to each year group individually with details of their transition arrangements for the first two days of term at the beginning of next week. Please be aware, there will be staggered start and finish times over these days.

Full timetables with the usual curriculum will run for all pupils with effect from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Government guidance has stipulated that schools must work through the below system of controls:

### Prevention:

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- 2) Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
- 3) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- 4) Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
- 5) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- 6) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Number 6 applies in specific circumstances.

### **Response to any infection:**

7) Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process

8) Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community

9) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Numbers 7 to 9 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.

We have been looking at every aspect of these protective measures and our detailed response will be shared with you early next week.

### **Travelling to school**

We are aware that one of the concerns for parents is the transport to and from school. Advice from the government remains that public transport should only be used if essential and other modes are not available. At St Peter's, we are aware that a large number of pupils use local bus routes to get to school. We are communicating with National Express about our school service, to make ensure that for those who do need to get the bus, the service will meet our requirements. It would be useful to know how each pupil plans to get to school. Therefore, we would be grateful if parents could let us know by completing this very short survey, by clicking [here](#).

West Midlands Police have also created this [video](#) to watch about travelling safely on public transport.

### **Pupil Wellbeing**

The Government expectation is that all pupils will return to school in September, but we recognise that many parents and pupils will be anxious about what this means. Pupils have been invited to give some feedback via the survey link [here](#). If your son or daughter has not managed to do this, they are welcome to do so up to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. It has been really useful to hear the views of our pupils in planning the support we will offer in September.

### **Safeguarding – advice for parents**

Please click [this link](#) for an excellent booklet from the NSPCC entitled 'The Talk PANTS guide for parents'. It will support parents starting conversations with their children about steps they can take to protect themselves outside the safety of home.

### **Mass**

Many of our parishes were able to open for Mass last weekend. You might want to check your parish website to view their Mass times and new safety arrangements.

### **Design the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games mascot (key stages 1-3)**

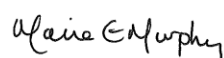
The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games has developed some exciting new learning resources to inspire school children in key stages 1, 2 and 3 to design their own mascot, which could go on to become the official icon of the games.

The resources encourage children to get creative and become mascot makers by designing a mascot for the games that is youthful, diverse, dynamic and creative: everything that the region stands for. Designs can then be entered into a national competition to win amazing prizes including tickets to the Birmingham 2022 opening ceremony. The best entries will inspire the games' official mascot.

The resources are available now. To download them and to find out how to enter the competition, please select this [link](#). The competition closes on 5 August 2020.

In what has been a turbulent four months, can I thank you for your support you have given the school and also for your adaptability in home schooling your child/children.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher