



# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parent,

## Summer Term 1

I hope you and your families are keeping safe.

Following my letter before the Easter break, I wanted to ensure you are up to date on all the information we are receiving in school.

### Wellbeing

This is a really challenging time for our pupils, yourselves and your wider families, as a school we continue to offer our support to you. Please contact school on 0121 705 3988 or via email on [office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk), if you need any help or advice. We have also received information on support services that are available to you, these have also been added to the website, for you to refer to, in the communication section.

Please see the document attached 'Support for students and parents'.

We have also received information from SISS in regards to supporting pupils with special educational needs, which we have attached.

### Communication

As part of our pastoral care during the partial closure, members of staff will be contacting families by telephone. This is simply to maintain some verbal contact with school and provides an opportunity to discuss on the phone any concerns or difficulties there may be. Please note that when school calls, the number will usually come up as 'withheld' but please do answer. We appreciate a reluctance to answer the phone to an unknown number but we would like to get in touch.

### Free School Meals

Over the last three weeks, we have provided vouchers to the families of pupils who are normally in receipt of free school meals. These vouchers will have either been emailed or posted to you, dependent on your preference. The company providing these vouchers have been processing large numbers of orders across the country, so this has been taking considerably longer than expected. All orders should now be up to date. If you have any queries in regards to this, or you think your child may now be entitled to free school meals, please contact [office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk).

- [Solihull Free School Meal application form](#)
- [Birmingham Free School Meal application form](#)

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## ParentPay update

We are in constant contact with ParentPay with regards to refunds. There have been delays with their refund process. Again, apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Examinations

We sent out the Ofqual consultation document on Monday which outlined the plans for the 'Centre assessment grading' for Summer 2020. When the process has been confirmed we will clarify the key points.

## Response to Parents' Questionnaire

Thank you to the parents who were able to respond to the parents' questionnaire, this is a great aid in helping us to plan for the next phase of the closure, to ensure our pupils are getting the right support and level of work to assist in continuing their remote learning.

## Teaching and Learning

Following the feedback from parents, I have communicated to teaching staff that work should be set in the following ways where possible:

- All work that your child is expected to complete will be logged on the student portal and you will be able to see this on Insight.
- Staff will endeavour to give clear instructions which should include;
  - The specific tasks needing to be completed
  - What the end product should be.
  - A deadline
  - How long your child should spend on the task.
- All resources such as Powerpoints, worksheets and resources will be attached to the student portal where possible although some documents will be saved in other places.
- Emails can be used to communicate individually with students. For example, if your child is stuck, they can email the teacher to ask a question. Emails can be sent via [office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk) if you don't know the specific teacher's email address.
- On the school website, there are guides to explain how to access the gateway which gives students access to their school desktop and emails. If you or they have any difficulty at all don't hesitate to email [ictsupport@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:ictsupport@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk)
- If a document is too large to be attached to the Portal, it will be on the 'T-Drive', this will be clearly referenced on the portal.
- There is no expectation that lots of work should be printed.

## Quantity

- Years 7, 8 and 9
  - Staff will aim to set approximately 1 - 2 hours of work each week per subject.
  - Should your child want to broaden their learning, the following resources are available in the following places:

- [Department for Education](#) – online education resources

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- [Oak National Academy](#) – online classroom and resource hub created by teachers
- [BBC Bitesize](#)
- Year 10 and 12
  - Staff will aim to set approximately 5 hours of work each week per subject.
  - Students who have completed work set would be wise to spend additional time revising and learning material covered throughout their course so far.
  - A presentation about '[How to revise](#)' is available as well.
  - Where possible teaching staff will be trialling the use of a software package, Microsoft Team with some Year 12 groups. Staff will contact your child regarding this.

## Online Safety

I know many children will be spending more time on-line than they would in normal times. Could I please ask parents to continue to be vigilant of their children's activities on-line and monitor the safe use social media apps. I have also included links below that may assist:

- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>
- <https://reportharmfulcontent.com>

## Year 11 to Year 12 Transition

In addition to the 'pastoral care' phone calls to home, all Year 11 students will have a telephone interview/review with a member of staff to discuss their plans for the next academic year. Further details will be posted out next week.

Subject leads are updating bespoke transition materials for Post-16 courses and these will be distributed shortly and will also be available on the school website.

## Year 13 Future Pathways

In Year 13, for any student *not* applying to university, Mrs Simmons will be making a phone call to provide any additional advice and guidance the student may require to secure their chosen pathway. For all other students, the form tutor will be making contact to check on the student's UCAS application and respond to any additional queries students may have. UCAS have informed us that there has been an extension for replying to offers as stated here "*There is now only one undergraduate decision deadline for applicants that have received all of their decisions from universities and colleges by 4 June. They will need to reply to any offers by 18:00 (UK time) on 18 June. If any applicants have been affected by this change, we've emailed them to let them know and will be updating their deadline in Track.*" All Year 13 IAG meetings will be held before the end of this half term.

If any student requires further support or assistance regarding their Post Sixth Form Plans, they may email Mrs Chander on [chanders@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:chanders@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk)

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## Mass for Careworkers

The Bishops of England and Wales are taking it in turns to celebrate Mass in their Diocesan Cathedrals each Thursday evening at 7:00pm: just one hour before the national Clap for Carers. It started last night with Cardinal Vincent celebrating Mass at Westminster Cathedral. This was livestreamed. Please share the message from Cardinal Vincent <https://youtu.be/WoeOGSHH2J0>

As previously communicated, on the [BDES website](#) you will find an invitation to a 'Weekly Worship' from Dan and Emily from One Life Music. You will find information [here](#) to signpost some of the parishes in the Diocese which live stream their Masses.



We would also like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to our families who are celebrating the start of Ramadan.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M. E. Murphy  
Headteacher

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