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Dear Parent,

Summer Term 8

I hope you and your families are all keeping well.

School attendance

As per Government guidelines, Years 10 and 12 have returned this week for some 'face to face' time. We have been very impressed with the pupils who have returned. They have followed the safety advice and additional rules to ensure that our school is safe for all. Pupils in Years 10 and 12 who did not attend this week, for whatever reason, are still very welcome to attend next week. We would appreciate an email to confirm this intention from those who haven't previously done so. As previously communicated, pupils are taught in fixed 'bubbles' which cannot change and are required to enter school via a particular gate, following a particular route and remain in the same room throughout. Should pupils be unsure, they are welcome to contact their form tutor or the office for confirmation. As far as pupils are concerned, we would like all pupils to attend face to face lessons, unless of course they, or a member of the household, are shielding or isolating for medical reasons. Should your child be ill on the day they are due to attend, please contact school in the usual way and explain if this is Covid-19 related or an unrelated illness.

Information from the Government

As explained in a previous letter, the Government are issuing new information regularly. Please click on [this link](#), for further information on what parents and carers need to know about schools during the coronavirus outbreak.

There has also been further guidance released this week on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. Please follow [this link](#).

Update from Solihull Council

Please find attached a [letter](#) from Solihull Council with an update in regards to the current Education provision in the Borough.

Critical Worker's Children

We appreciate that circumstances change and parents may be in a different position regarding work to when the school initially partially closed. As with the Years 10 and 12 pupils who have returned, the children of critical workers are being taught in small groups in isolation. Some of these groups are currently at capacity and therefore it is not possible for us to accommodate unexpected children. Should parents who are critical workers need a place for their child, they are welcome to apply by emailing



office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk entitled Application for Critical Worker Place and a colleague will get back to you. Safety will be our first priority and we will only be able to accommodate the number of children we can care for safely.

Microsoft Teams

Please encourage your child to access the Microsoft Teams lessons when they are scheduled. Teams can be downloaded as an App on a smartphone or used on a desktop/laptop. Pupils are instructed to be on mute at all times during the lesson and only use the chat facility, if available, to ask questions at the end of the lesson. These are really useful learning opportunities and Years 10 and 12 pupils should be reminded that important examination content is being delivered during these Teams sessions. 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.
- 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.

National Online Safety

Please find a [link here](#), to a poster regarding online safety and not becoming a 'Screen Zombie'.

Pastoral Care

Despite the challenging circumstances, we are trying as best as we can to provide a high level of pastoral care for pupils. Parents are encouraged to keep us informed about any concerns or adverse family experiences. Form Tutors and the pastoral team will continue to make calls home every few weeks where possible and families are welcome to contact us should they wish to speak to a particular member of staff.

Year 13 UCAS update

UCAS have asked universities and colleges to extend the deadline for students to meet the academic conditions of their offer from Monday 31st August to Monday 7th September.

Assembly

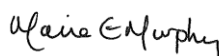
Last week, our assembly theme was 'The Eucharist' following the feast of Corpus Christi last Sunday. An assembly was sent to pupils on Monday which is linked [here](#).

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Today is the Feast of the Sacred Heart, a time of remembering the love of Jesus for all God's children. Mass can be viewed [here](#), from our local parish of Olton Friary.

Thank you for all your messages of support and thanks during this week. If you have driven past St Peter's at some point this week, I wonder if you have seen from afar our lovely bunting, donated by staff past and present, that adorns our school gates. It has given our school environment a lovely celebratory feel.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher