




# St Peter's Catholic School



National Teaching School  
designated by  
  
National College for  
Teaching & Leadership

## *Faith is our Foundation*

Headteacher: Mrs M.E. Murphy



St. Peter's Catholic School  
Whitefields Road, Solihull B91 3NZ  
Tel: 0121 705 3988  
E-mail: office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk  
www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk

Archdiocese of Birmingham  
Metropolitan Borough of Solihull

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent,

### **Summer Term 9**

I hope you and your families are keeping well and enjoying the good weather.

#### **Update on face-to-face sessions**

Our plans for providing 'face to face time' with Year 10 and 12 have proven very successful and the feedback we have received from both pupils and parents has been extremely positive.

The below Government guidance was received on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020:

*'We are unable to welcome back more children to secondary school at this time, beyond the face-to-face support schools can now offer year 10 and 12 pupils, and provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. We are not asking secondary schools with capacity to invite further year groups to return this term.'*

*'We know that secondary schools are keen to invite pupils in other year groups in for a face-to-face meeting before the end of this term, where it would be beneficial. As long as this happens in line with this and wider protective measures guidance, and guidance on the numbers of pupils permitted on-site at any one time, we would encourage this where possible. This time can be used to check-in on pupils, and ensure they are supported before a return to school from September or moving into employment or the next stage of education.'*

For our children who have not been in school since Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, we are very conscious of the impact this will be having pastorally and psychologically, as well as academically and therefore, we would like to invite pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 into school for a meeting. The way we propose to do this is to invite each tutor group into school on one day in three groups of 6 – 9 pupils. Two members of staff, one of which will be the form tutor where possible, will take charge of the groups for their session.

The 'meeting' or session will be approximately one hour, including time for entry and exit. We would like to provide pastoral support during this time, find out how the children are doing but also allow them to ask for clarification if they have found any of the topics challenging or hard to grasp.

Details are currently being finalised; further information will be sent home on Monday.

#### **Online educational resources**

The Government have updated their online educational resources for pupils to use to learn at home. The link to the website is [here](#).



### **Online communication consent**

With this email, you will have received a letter in regards to consent for online communication between the school and your child. This week, the Government has given guidance that explicit consent needs to be gathered from all parents in regards to any online communication between schools and pupils, including lessons. Please follow the link on the letter to provide consent for your child(ren).

This links into the guidance that has been updated regarding keeping children safe online, which can be found [here](#).

### **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](mailto:office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk) entitled 'Application for Critical Worker Place' and a member of staff 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.

### **Attendance and Timings**

For pupils who are attending school as part of the Critical Worker children bubbles, please note school begins at 9am. Pupils are welcome to arrive from 8.45am. They are dismissed at 2.55pm each day. For pupils attending school in Year 10, they should arrive from 9.45am and no later than 10.00am and will be dismissed from 12noon. For pupils in Year 12, they should arrive from 12.45pm and no later than 1pm. They will be dismissed from 3pm in a staggered manner. It is imperative that these timings are adhered to, particularly if you are collecting or dropping off your child at school to ensure the health and safety of all.

### **The summer and beyond**

The Government have confirmed that there is no expectation for schools to open over the Summer Holidays, therefore St Peter's will not be open to any pupils during the six-week summer break, except of course during the A-Level and GCSE results days. The safeguarding team will maintain contact with our most vulnerable pupils.

Many parents are wondering what September will look like. While it is hard to be certain in the current climate, we plan to be open to all pupils in September and running our new timetable as normal. What will be different will be the logistics of the site. The one-way systems and new hygiene routines will remain in place. We will, of course, keep you updated as and when further guidance is received from the Government.

### **Year 11 and 13 Pupils**

As a school, we are really sad that we have been unable to enjoy our usual events, such as our Masses of Thanksgiving and special assemblies, to celebrate the time our Year 11 and 13 pupils have spent with us. We will be writing to Year 11 and 13 pupils shortly with information regarding how Results Day will work this and we will also be giving details about how we hope to celebrate with each year group when we are able. Our oldest pupils are reminded that St Peter's will always be their school, and that we here for them, if they need any help or advice.

### **Assembly**

Please find linked below this week's Assembly. The theme is 'Do not be afraid'. The message is an important one, and any members of our school communities are encouraged to get in touch should they have any worries or concerns. <https://youtu.be/h6jXStBwwrg>

### **INSET Days**

We are in the process of finalising the calendar for the 2020/2021 academic year, however, we can confirm the INSET days will be as follows:

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

The school year will begin for pupils on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The school year will finish on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Message from West Midlands Police**

Following the tragic events in Reading last weekend, we have been asked to share [this website](#), to reiterate the key messages from Prevent regarding terrorism.

The thoughts and prayers of all at St Peter's are with all those affected by this event.

### **Uniform requirements**

During the partial closure, we have been flexible with uniform expectations to support families and being appreciative of shops being closed. With effect from September, our usual high standards of uniform will be expected for all pupils. Please be reminded that no jewellery, including any earrings, are permitted for any pupils. Those who wish to have a piercing, would be advised to do so now to ensure these can be removed for school come September. In addition, hair should not be dyed. Trainers will not be permitted and shoes should not have any branding or logos on. My colleagues will be communicating with you separately about other matters in readiness for the new school year.

### **BDES news**

**Good Shepherd Mass: Monday 29 June 10:00** This is being live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral. One Life Music will be leading the music, and the link to view the hymns is [here](#).

**Churches** will reopen on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please read Cardinal Vincent's response to this

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinals-statement-on-resumption-of-collective-acts-of-worship/>

As you can imagine, each Diocese is awaiting guidance from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales as to what this will look like within the reality of social distancing. As soon as we are able to, we will update you on this matter.

**Bishops' Statement on Racial Justice:** please follow the link to see the Bishops' statement on Racial Justice in response to recent events. [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/bishops-statement-on-racial-justice](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/bishops-statement-on-racial-justice)

If you missed Archbishop Bernard's Mass (for The Sick and Their Families, NHS Front-line Workers and those working in Social Care) last Thursday, you can listen to or read his homily here

[www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/masses-for-the-sick-and-their-families-nhs-front-line-workers-and-those-working-in-social-care/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/masses-for-the-sick-and-their-families-nhs-front-line-workers-and-those-working-in-social-care/)

**Spirited Arts:** You may have seen the information about this annual competition on the Resources for Prayer and Learning page. It would be wonderful to see some of our family of schools entering this. You can find out more here [www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2020/](http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2020/)

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

On Monday, 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).

We look forward to seeing all our pupils back at some point over these next three weeks.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs M. E. Murphy  
Headteacher