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Dear Parents,

Welcome to September 2020

We have been delighted to welcome all our new Year 7 and 12 pupils to St Peter's over the last two days, as well as the returning pupils in our other year groups. The last six months have been a challenge for everyone in our community, and we want to thank you for all your support.

Since the Government announced the return of school for all pupils, we have worked tirelessly on the plans to ensure theirs and the staff's safety. This week, we have successfully introduced our pupils to the new routines and the health and safety measures around school. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to review the arrangements that are in place and will make any adaptations we feel are necessary to support this, as well as if any of the Government guidance changes.

Visitors

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in place, we are currently unable to have any visitors on the school site. If you do need to speak to a member of staff, please email the school office, and they will be able to arrange a telephone call/appointment for you.

Face coverings

Further to my letter earlier in the week, as a school we are following the Government guidance, therefore face coverings are optional for both pupils and staff in all communal areas and corridors. These should be plain, and not scarves or bandanas. If your child does wear a face covering, they will also need to bring a tie-able bag to store this safely whilst in school. Please be aware that if your child intends to wear a face covering, they should bring two: one for inside the school premises and one for outside the school gate. Please ensure your child knows the importance of removing their face covering when they enter the school gates.

Hygiene routines

We are asking pupils to wash their hands and sanitise regularly. It would be helpful if pupils had their own supply for convenience, however, there will be sanitiser available in school.

Travelling to/from school

If pupils are travelling on public transport to arrive at or leave school, please ensure they are wearing a face covering, and again bring a bag to school to store this in securely.



We have also been in contact with Solihull Council regarding the traffic outside of school during drop off/pick up times. Unfortunately at the moment, they are unable to assist with any controlled measures. They have asked, where possible, pupils are dropped off at Monkspath Hall Road Car Park and they walk around to school. Due to the staggered start and finish times for pupils, we are also hoping this will assist with social distancing. We really appreciate any support you would be able to provide in this matter.

Bus services were explained in a previous letter sent by school and is on the website.

Lunchtime arrangements

Mr Williams wrote to all parents yesterday regarding the temporary lunchtime arrangements. I would like to remind you, we are recommending pupils bring their own lunch, as well as a snack and a filled drinks bottle. If pupils are eligible for free school meals, or you would like to order a sandwich for them, please do so, via the link on Mr Williams' letter. This will be reviewed each week, and a new form link sent to complete by the Friday at 2pm.

Updated information for Parents

The Department for Education, have updated the Guidance for parents and carers, which can be found [here](#).

SEND information

Please find attached a letter [here](#) regarding support for children with special educational needs.

'Season of Creation'

Working towards the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on Sunday 4th October, we will be doing some work on the 'Season of Creation'. Reminding the children of their responsibility as stewards of the Earth, following the lead of Pope Francis.

Next week, the pupils will begin their lesson timetables. We will also be introducing a weekly School Newsletter, with all the relevant information for yourselves and the pupils, along with celebrating their successes.

In the meantime, we hope you have a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs M. E. Murphy
Headteacher