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Dear Parents/Carers,

Remote Learning

At St Peter's, we have worked hard to provide a quality remote learning provision for our pupils. This week, Solihull Local Authority and the Department for Education have both issued guidance for parents on supporting their children with remote learning. The links to both websites are on the school website, and can be viewed here:

[Solihull Remote Learning Guidance for Parents](#)
[gov.uk Department for Education Remote Learning Guidance for Parents](#)

Mental health and wellbeing

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. Please see the message below from Pupil Support:

“Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good”....so have a look at the virtual sessions and ideas on the powerpoint; find time over the weekend to connect with an activity that lets you feel good! Have fun!
You are not alone. Remember you can email your form tutor to let them know how you are feeling”

You can read [guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#).

[Guidance for the public on the mental health and wellbeing aspects of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) is also available.

The following organisations offer information and support on mental health and wellbeing:

- [Place2Be](#)
- [MindEd](#)
- [Every Mind Matters](#)
- [Public Health England](#)
- [Child Bereavement UK](#) and the [Childhood Bereavement Network](#)
- [Youth Sport Trust](#) and [Sport England](#)
- [Young Minds](#)
- [Think Ninja](#)
- [Barnardo's See, Hear, Respond Support Hub](#)



Young people can get free, confidential support at any time from government-backed voluntary and community sector organisations by doing the following:

- texting SHOUT to 85258
- calling Childline on 0800 1111
- calling the Mix on 0808 808 4994

Attendance

While pupils are working at home, parents should still inform school of any illness or absence so that we can keep accurate records. For example, if your child has a medical appointment one afternoon, we would appreciate knowing this in advance so that our Attendance Officer can record the appropriate code and staff know they will not be able to join a Teams lesson.

FREE online Clubbercise class – all parents and pupils are invited!

We would like to invite all St Peter's parents and pupils to a free online exercise class called Clubbercise. This is taking place on **Wednesday 10th February at 6.30pm** via Zoom and will be a wonderful way to stay connected as a community, as well as keep fit and de-stress in these difficult times. It is being run by Mrs Lakin who, as well as being a wonderful History teacher, is also a qualified Clubbercise instructor. All fitness abilities are welcome as participants can take it at their own pace. We hope that many parents and pupils take advantage of this opportunity and join up remotely to have some fun and keep fit together!

Topic: St. Peter's Clubbercise

Time: Feb 10, 2021 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84562971895?pwd=OUdGStgrOHZqNkQwYUllaUIrbzI1dz09>

Meeting ID: 845 6297 1895

Passcode: StPeter123

Mass for Vocations

Thursday 11th February at 9:30am: Please find attached an invitation from the North Staffs Vocation Team for all schools in the Diocese. This Mass for Vocations will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, via livestream from St. Chad's Cathedral. Please see the attached flier for details:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/vocations-mass-from-st-chads>

Catholic Life

On Tuesday 2nd February, it was the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, known as Candlemas day, which is the celebration of when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to present him back to God. They recognised that Jesus was a gift from God, and therefore what comes from God should be offered back to God. This week, the Assembly focused on this theme of using our God-given gifts and giving them back to the Lord in his service. Mr Williams explored the difference between what we can arrange for ourselves and what comes as a gift from God encouraging pupils to appreciate that the "best things in life are free". This Assembly can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/MOV6D1CigbQ>

Careers News – Apprenticeship Week 8th February to 12th February 2021

As National Apprenticeship Week launches on Monday 8th February, please find attached a copy of St Peter's Careers Newsletter. There is a great deal of information in the newsletter about Apprenticeships amongst

other useful. St Peter's will be running a series of activities linked to Apprenticeships in form time for pupils to complete which will provide them with more knowledge about Apprenticeships. The activities for each day will be sent directly to students via email.

'Ask Apprenticeships' have also launched a range of activities. We have highlighted those that take place after school and on Saturday below. Just click on the links below to find our more or register.

- **Monday 8th February**, 6pm - 6.45pm, [Apprenticeship awareness presentation for parents](#)
- **Tuesday 9th February**, 6pm - 7pm, [Apprenticeship and employability workshop, hosted by Gedling Borough Council](#)
- **Wednesday 10th February**, 3pm - 3.45pm, [NHS Apprenticeships](#)
- **Saturday 13th February**, 9.30am - 10.30am, 12.30pm - 1.30pm, 2.00pm - 3.00pm, [Apprenticeship awareness, registration, and employability workshop](#)

May I thank the vast majority of pupils for adapting so seamlessly to this new way of learning. Thank you for all your support too. We have five more days of Teams lessons and then a week's break.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs M E Murphy
Headteacher