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To all of our new Year 9 Pupils,

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Since St Peter's closed to the majority of pupils back in March 2020, I recognise that it will have felt very strange and unsettling. We have really missed you as a year group in school and are really looking forward to welcoming you back. This letter is to provide you with some specifics details for Year 9 in addition to the letter Mrs Murphy has sent to all parents.

Thank you to all of you who have worked hard to complete work set on the student portal, joined Teams lessons and tried to keep up with your studies. Thank you also to those of you who completed the pupil survey and attended the face to face sessions over the last two weeks of term. Many of you commented that you were worried that you have not done enough work or you might feel like you are behind. Please be reassured that I am aware that some subject areas set a lot of work and do not worry if you did not get everything done. As long as you tried your best, that will always be fine and we will be making sure everybody is supported in catching up when you return. I also know some of you are worried about friends you haven't managed to keep in touch with during the last few months. Again, please do not worry, as so many pupils are saying the same and so we will make sure we support you in this when you return.

When you return in September, school will look slightly different. As you may have seen if you attended the meetings in July, there are lots of floor markings, wash stations and different rules. This will be the same in September and all members of the school community will need to wash their hands regularly. There will be some additional rules and systems that we will explain that are designed to make sure all pupils can return safely. We have also introduced a permanent new number room number system to help make finding rooms easier.

One of the changes is that Year 9 will mainly have their lessons in some of our **current English classrooms, Block B, the OMB, Block D or Drama and Art rooms, Block D**. Our canteen facilities will also change and the choice of food will be more limited compared to last year. There will be a new system of ordering food and this will be explained in September. Year 9 will also



need to use just one dedicated gate, which will be **Gate B**. This is the one opposite the main reception. Year 9 will then need follow the green route to their rooms.

To prepare you for all these changes, Year 9 pupils are invited to a short 'Year 9 Induction Day' on **Friday 4th September**. For Year 9, this day will be from **9.15am until 1.15pm**. During this day we will update you on all the changes but there will also be an English and Maths lesson to get you back into the routines of the classroom. You will receive your new timetable on this day too. **You will be dismissed at 1.15pm from Gate B.**

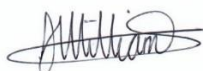
On Monday 7th September, the new timetable will start for all year groups. In order for all pupils to be able to wash their hands and follow the new systems, the times of the school day will change slightly. For Year 9 pupils, your day will start 15 minutes earlier and so **you will need to be in your form room at 8.30am having arrived through Gate B**. The good news is that your school day will finish 15 minutes earlier at **2.45pm**, unless of course you have a detention. Break times and lunchtimes will vary slightly and all of this will be communicated to you on Friday 4th September.

Most of our school rules will be same. Rules such as walking on the left, treating each other with kindness and respect and showing good manners will be the same. However, there will also be some very strict rules about health and safety which we will explain to you on Friday 4th September. It will be important that everybody follows the rules all the time and consequences like detentions will continue to be set.

In terms of school uniform, I expect all pupils to be wearing the correct uniform in September. The blue summer shirt can be worn at this time and I would suggest that this is probably the most sensible. I would also like to remind you that footwear must be black shoes and so trainers or pumps are not permitted. No piercings are allowed at all including earrings for both boys and girls. Extreme haircuts or colours are also not allowed. Please make sure that your return to school is a positive one by making sure you follow all our uniform rules.

Should you have anything you are worried about, you are very welcome to email myself (williamsa@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk), Mrs Cross (crossj@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk), Mr Grice (gricet@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk) or your form tutor at any time. Please be assured that the many questions you may still have will be answered when you return for your 'Year 9 Induction Day'. I wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing on Friday 4th September.

Kind Regards



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