



# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Dear Parent

## **New health and safety procedures in the phased approach to the wider opening of St Peter's Catholic School**

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well.

In advance of your child potentially returning to school on the week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, I want to take this opportunity to emphasise the new health and safety procedures which have been put in place following a robust risk assessment. It is vitally important that they are adhered to.

### **Coronavirus symptoms**

Most importantly, it is imperative that you do not send your child to school if he/she displays any Covid-19 symptoms. Please follow government guidance in terms of getting tested, please find [the link](#) here. Families should self-isolate until the results of the test are known or the 7 days self-isolation has been completed if no test is carried out.

### **Journey to and from school**

Where possible, your child should be encouraged to walk or cycle to and from school. If he/she cycles, he/she should wear a helmet. Your child should enter the school through his/her specified gate. Cyclists can lock their bike near their classroom. Journeys by public transport are discouraged. As always, we recommend your child proceeds directly home after their session.

### **Parents at the school gate**

I would be very grateful if you and your child did not congregate near the school gate. If you drive, please do not leave your vehicle. No parents will be permitted to enter the school site. No face-to-face meetings with parents will take place. If you would like to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office and they can arrange a phone call to you.

### **Social distancing**

While your child is on the school site, he/she must maintain the recommended two metre distance between themselves and other individuals. As well as adhering to this in the classroom, this also includes approaching the school gates and moving around the school site, especially along corridors and staircases.

### **School uniform**

If your child is in Year 10, he/she should wear the blue summer school shirt or St Peter's PE top. He/she is not required to wear a blazer or tie. Year 12 pupils should wear appropriate smart casual clothing. We would also recommend long hair is tied up.

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## Stationery and bags

Your child is not required to bring a bag to school. Your child should ensure he/she brings their own stationery as sharing of equipment is not permitted.

## Food and drink

No food should be brought onto the school site. This includes snacks, confectionary and especially chewing gum. Your child can bring a bottle of water with them. Children will not be permitted to refill their bottle with water. Any items left on school site will be bagged up and disposed of.

## Following instructions

Any instructions given will prioritise health and safety. Your child must follow any instructions given by any member of staff.

## Handwashing

All pupils and staff should wash their hands on arrival at the school and at regular intervals during the day. There are mobile wash stations around the school site to facilitate this. Hand sanitisers are available in every classroom and around the school site.

## Sneezing and coughing

Your child should cover their mouth with a tissue if he/she coughs and he/she should sanitise their hands afterwards. Your child should sneeze into a tissue and immediately dispose of the tissue into the bin. Again, he/she should sanitise their hands afterwards. If no tissue is available, it is recommended they cough/sneeze into their elbow.

## The importance of good hygiene

As well as following good hygiene procedures if your child sneezes or coughs, he/she should avoid touching his/her mouth, eyes and nose.

## One way system

There is a clear one-way system in place, denoted by signage and arrows. Your child must adhere to this one way system.

## Touching doors

Your child should avoid touching doors, door handles, walls and bannisters.

## Grouping/bubbles

A lot of planning has gone into deciding your child's group. As well as using their likely tier of entry for Maths and Science, consideration has been made about your child's pastoral needs. Your child will not be permitted to change groups. These groupings are non-negotiable.

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## Use of toilets/bathrooms

If your child needs to use these facilities, he/she will be escorted to and from the bathroom by a member of staff who will wait outside for them. Your child must wash their hands before they leave the bathroom.

## Cleaning materials in the classroom

With the exception of hand sanitiser, your child should not touch the cleaning products in the classroom.

## What happens if my child/children do not follow these procedures?

- They will be warned once;
- They will be removed from their class/bubble/zone after a second infringement;
- They will be sent home after a third infringement of these guidelines;
- They will not be permitted to return to school during this phased reopening of school.

Please share this letter with your child/ren. All decisions have been made with everyone's health and safety as a priority.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M. E. Murphy  
Headteacher

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