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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you have been able to enjoy the summer break and all set to return to school! As the new school year starts with less government restrictions in place, we wanted to reassure parents and carers of the procedures that we are introducing in September.

As many of our children have experienced disrupted learning over the last two academic years, we continue to work tirelessly to ensure that gaps in learning are identified and a quality curriculum is taught whereby children can learn, succeed and move forward. Therefore, over the next academic year, we will continue to develop, adapt and improve our St. Peter's curriculum so that it reflects the current needs of the pupils in our care. At the beginning of the term, further curriculum information being taught in each class will be made available on the school website on the relevant class pages.

For now, we would like to go through the main measures that will impact on you and your child as they prepare to return to school. As part of the government's 'step 4,' we have in place a contingency plan that will be introduced in the event of a COVID19 outbreak in school, or the wider community. Therefore, please note that changes may occur throughout the year.

Return Date

Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will return for a 8.50am start on Wednesday 1st September 2021. Our new starters in YR will start at 9.30am on Wednesday 1st September as per their transition programme arranged by our Early Years Team.

Bubbles

Children will no longer be kept in bubbles as a rule; however, we will continue to separate KS1/EYFS and KS2 at playtimes and have split lunchtimes to a degree to allow the children to have more space on the playground / field. Also, as part of our contingency plan, bubbles may be reintroduced if necessary.

Arrival at School

School will now open from 8:40am to all pupils to walk onto their playgrounds to help reduce the traffic in and out of school. The gates will be unlocked just before 8:40am and children can walk in. The gates will be locked just after 8.50am; if you arrive after this time, you will be required to enter via the School Office. A member of staff will be present at the gates and on the playgrounds to welcome and supervise the children before they enter school at 8.45am.

Dismissal from School

School finishes for all children at 3.15pm. Gates will be open at 3.05pm to allow you to come onto the playgrounds. Class Teachers will escort their children outside to be



dismissed by their classrooms. Parents should wait on the playgrounds and not on the slopes between them. We will see how it works without a one-way system in place initially. Please could we ask that only one adult picks up to try and limit numbers on the playgrounds.

Face Coverings

The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. Therefore, infrequent visitors to school will be required to wear a mask when entering the school building. As part of our contingency plan for an outbreak in school, face coverings will become mandatory on the school grounds if necessary.

Social Distancing and Hygiene

Good hand-hygiene will continue to be a focus, with children encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and water.

Attendance and Illness

Attendance continues to be a statutory requirement; therefore, our normal attendance procedures will be in place from September as per school policy. It is only acceptable for your child to be absent from school for a genuine reason, such as illness, religious observance etc. However, if your child displays symptoms of COVID19 there are clear steps to take, as indicated below. In school, Class Teachers will be vigilant in reporting illness to the School Office. If we feel that your child is unwell, we will ask for them to be collected as quickly as possible.

- If any child or adult becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, they will be sent home and asked to arrange a PCR test (**NOT** Lateral Flow Test) to see if they have coronavirus.
- Other members of the same household, and close contacts, **will not** need to self-isolate **if** they are under the age of 18 years and 6 months **or** are fully vaccinated **or** are unable to get vaccinated for medical reasons. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and informed that they have been a close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.
- Parents must inform school immediately of the results of any COVID19 test that their child has taken. If the test result is positive, they must continue to self-isolate and can access remote learning if they feel well enough to do so.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,



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