



# St. Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and responsible approach to Covid-19. To date, we have worked together well to ensure the risk in school is minimised.

To reflect recent Government guidance, our strict Covid control measures will remain in place and this is reflected in our risk assessment.

Here is a reminder of our control measures:

- Five separate bubbles
- Limited shared communal areas
- Staggered breaks and start/finish times
- Thorough and regular cleaning of all surfaces which are touched regularly (tables, door handles etc.)
- Hand washing and sanitising throughout the day
- Essential visitors only
- No equipment or large bags to be brought into school
- Wear PE kit on PE days (day to be confirmed by teachers)
- Own water bottle and if you wish, own sanitiser (we will have lots in school)
- The rooms will be well ventilated
- Staff and visitors will wear face coverings in communal areas, when moving around school and when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Staff and regular visitors will continue to take the Lateral Flow Test twice a week – to date we have had no positive cases.
- Parents and carers can only access the school building with prior arrangement
- Parents and carers, unless exempt, will need to wear face coverings when entering the school grounds
- All parents must drop off their child outside of the school gates unless alternative arrangements have been made with the school. Please do not gather outside of the school gates.

It is important for us all to conform to these measures. Your contribution to keeping us all safe is really important and this will help keep the school open to as many children as possible.

If you would like to talk through our procedures/risk assessment with myself, feel free to contact the office to book an appointment.

## Timings

Year Group	Collection and drop off point	Drop off	Collection
Year R/1 (Bubble 1)	Newcastle Gardens (KS1 playground)	8.50	3.10
Year 1/2 (Bubble 1)	Newcastle gardens (KS1 playground)	8.50	3.10
Year 3 (Bubble 2)	Newcastle Gardens (KS1 playground)	8.40	3.00
Year 4 (Bubble 3)	Newcastle Gardens (KS2 playground)	8.40	3.00
Year 5 (Bubble 4)	Brentford Avenue	8.40	3.00
Year 6 (Bubble 5)	Brentford Avenue	8.50	3.10





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## What if my child or someone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms?

You must **not** send your child into the school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have tested positive in the last 7 days. The medical advice is clear: you must self-isolate if you have coronavirus symptoms or live in the same household as somebody who does. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child or someone they live with develops these symptoms, you must inform us immediately. You will need to book a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test and follow the guidance given. If anyone in your household has any of the symptoms of Covid, Lateral Flow tests should not be used to replace a PCR test.

We will isolate any child or adult who becomes unwell with any of these symptoms in school and contact parents/carers to collect children immediately. If any child needs to self-isolate due to a positive case or having symptoms, we will provide remote/home learning as we have done so during the lockdown.

Please also inform us if any parent/carer is having a test/tested positive and ensure you follow the guidance in terms of the self-isolation requirements for yourself and your child.

Sports day: As an additional measure, we have made the decision to postpone whole school sports day until the September 2021. The current Year 6 children will have the opportunity to compete in July and we will notify the children and parents of this closer to the time.

New Reception class intake: We will be inviting our new children and parents to St Peter's next Tuesday/Wednesday afternoon. Strict control measures are in place and I want to reassure families that the new children will not mix with bubbles in school. We have also limited it to a maximum of ten children each day.

The next month will be crucial in containing the virus; it is the responsibility of all staff, pupils and families to behave responsibly and cautiously.

Thanks again for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Mrs S. Plunkett  
(Headteacher)