



St. Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Through Jesus we love, we learn and we grow together

4th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your fantastic support of the school community for which has been a challenging time for us all. We really have pulled together and I am incredibly proud of all the children, parents and staff.

I am delighted to welcome all the children back to school on Monday 8th March. As your child's health, safety and wellbeing are extremely important to us, we will continue to run with our comprehensive risk assessment as we did in the Autumn term.

We will continue with the following:

- 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)
- Rooms will be well ventilated so an extra layer of clothing to wear on top of the uniform is permitted
- Parents and carers can only access the school building with prior arrangement

Although the statistics are looking good and some people have been vaccinated, here at St Peter's we are not going to be complacent and so we are tightening up on some of our protocols:

- All staff must wear a face mask when in communal areas or when they can not socially distance from the children in class – just a visor is no longer permitted
- I would also like to remind you to not pass on messages/equipment to staff when dropping off/collecting your child. You will need to contact teachers on Dojo or phone the office
- Staff and regular visitors will continue to take the Lateral Flow Test twice a week – to date we have had no positive cases
- All parents must drop off their child/ren outside of the school gates unless alternative arrangements have been made with the school. Please do not gather outside of the school gates

Your contribution to keeping the St Peter's community safe is just as important as the procedures our staff will be following. By continuing to work together, we can minimise the risk and ensure a safe opening.

If you would like to talk through our procedures/risk assessment, I am happy to accommodate this. If so, please 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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To minimise parents and children congregating outside the school gate, please do not drop your child off before the designated time. However, we will make individual arrangements with families who have siblings in different bubbles. For example, if you drop a child off at 8.40am, we will not expect you to stand outside the school gate for ten minutes. If this is the case, once the previous bubble has vacated the playground, we will allow siblings to enter and wait there until 8.50am – this will only be permitted if a sibling was dropped off at the earlier time.

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 Covid test and follow the guidance given.

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.

School uniform

We expect all children to come to school dressed smartly (shirts tucked in and ties done up correctly) and to wear the appropriate uniform. However, we do appreciate that shops are closed and that we are in tricky times so if any aspect of the uniform is too small/faulty, please let us know and we will support you the best we can.

Behaviour

The children at St Peter's RC behave incredibly well and I am always proud of their amazing manners and attitude. These high expectations will remain and I believe the structure and boundaries will facilitate their happy and positive return to school.

Thanks again for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 8th March.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Mrs S. Plunkett
(Headteacher)

