



10<sup>th</sup> July 2020



Fifteenth Sunday of the Year: "I, the Lord, will be your everlasting light, and my glory will shine on you always."

Dear Parents

School will close for the summer break at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Staff would like to give a very small sweet gift to the children in their particular bubbles. We will ensure that these gifts are not touched for 72 hours before they are given to the children. PE bags will be taken from current classes and placed on children's pegs in their new cloakroom. Year 6 will be able to collect their PE bag on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, when coming to say their goodbyes to St. Peter's. We will make arrangements to return PE bags to any Year 6 child who is unable to come into school on that day.

It has been pleasing to receive the guidance from the Department of Education which gives details of their recommendations for all schools to reopen to all pupils from September, with protective measures in place to minimise the risk of virus transmission. The governors and staff of St. Peter's are now in the process of refining our plans and risk assessment in the light of this guidance. As soon as these details are finalised, we will communicate arrangements for September with parents. I have had many discussions with colleagues in school in the past few weeks, and all of us are looking forward immensely to welcoming all of our children back to St. Peter's.

#### Midday Supervisors

We have vacancies available for people who would like to join our team of midday supervisors. Duties include supervising the children in the dinner hall and on the playground, as well as facilitating positive play and interaction with the children. Successful applicants would need to be willing, caring and fair. Hours are Monday to Friday, 12.00-1.00pm. Please see the 'vacancies' tab of our website for an application form and supporting documents. Alternatively, a paper copy of these documents is available from the school office.

#### New Reception Children

Information regarding transition to Reception has been posted out to parents. There are some lovely resources on our website, under the 'parents' tab: New Starters – Reception 2020. We have been unable at the present time to invite families into school because of restrictions around Covid-19. Therefore, we would like to invite one parent from each family to view the Reception classroom during the first few days back at school in September. A day and time will be sent to parents by e-mail. On this day, parents are most welcome to view the classroom, the dinner hall and playground. We understand that lots of parents will welcome this opportunity to view their child's new learning environment. Please do telephone school if you have any further queries or worries about your child's transition into Reception class.

#### New Nursery Children

Similar to the new Reception children, please see the 'parents' tab on our website: New Starters – Nursery 2020 for resources to aid transition. Appointments to view the Nursery unit with myself and Mrs Walker will be offered to parents by e-mail next week.

#### Reports

The usual end of year reports will be sent out to parents electronically this year. On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, you child's report will be e-mailed to you. Please ensure that the school office hold an up to date e-mail address, which will be accessible to you on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Please note that teachers are reporting on children's attainment and progress at the point of school closure on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. We fully appreciate that some children will have made further progress with their learning whilst at home, or whilst in school as part of our provision. Class teachers will simply be reporting on children's achievements in school up to the period of lockdown.

As we cannot hold the usual parent drop-in to address questions arising from end of year reports, we ask that parents e-mail any queries to their child's class teacher. The school office remains open, and we are more than happy to deal with any general queries by telephone.

### **Leavers' Mass**

I have spoken with Father Philip regarding the leavers' mass, which was planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Clearly, this mass cannot now take place. However, Father Philip has offered to hold mass at a later date for all children leaving Year 6 at St. Peter's. School will contact families when it is safe to hold a celebration of mass together.

### **First Holy Communion**

Similarly, in the Autumn term, school will contact parents of children in the current Year 3 class to arrange a date for the children's First Holy Communion, which had to be postponed this year due to Coronavirus.

### **Contact with school**

The school office remains open, and available to take telephone calls, should you have any queries or concerns.

Email addresses for each year group are as follows:

Nursery: [yearn@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:yearn@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)

Reception: [yearr@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:yearr@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)

Year 1: [year1@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:year1@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)

Year 2: [year2@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:year2@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)

Year 3: [year3@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:year3@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)

Year 4: [year4@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:year4@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)

Year 5: [year5@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:year5@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)

Year 6: [year6@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:year6@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)

These e-mail addresses can be used at any time between now and the end of term should you have any questions or comments about your child's home learning. They can also be used if you would like to communicate with your child's class teacher in any way.

### **Attendance**

School has introduced an e-mail address [attendance@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk) where you can notify school of a daily absence. This can be used in conjunction with telephoning the school office.

**School must be notified of any absence by 10am.**

### **School Uniform Suppliers**

**JFC Supplies** – uniform orders can be placed over the telephone 0161 367 7700 or through the website [www.jfcsports.co.uk](http://www.jfcsports.co.uk)

**MCS Stores** our other uniform suppliers, will be closed until mid-June. The stores are therefore taking orders online or by text message and offer free delivery for orders over £25. They ask that you e-mail [MCSuniform@gmail.com](mailto:MCSuniform@gmail.com), or text ORDERNOW to 07917 188 098. You will need to state your contact number, school name and the items you require, including size and quantity. MCS are happy to advise about sizing.

### **Year 3 transition**

**Current Year 2** – from September your child will require a school tie to go with the junior uniform. Ties are available from the school office priced at £3.00 each or can be purchased online from our suppliers. The junior uniform list is available to download from the school website [www.stpeterstalybridge.co.uk](http://www.stpeterstalybridge.co.uk)

### **School Meals**

**From September 2020 any pupils moving up to year 3 will not be entitled to the Universal free school meals therefore any meals taken will have to be paid for. Please see below with ways regarding making payment**

Payment can be made by cash or cheque, cheques payable to School. Alternatively, you can pay through the Tameside website [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk) school & education > school meals.

***Please note there is a slight school meal increase to £2.32 per day from the 1<sup>st</sup> September***

**If your circumstances change you may be eligible to apply for free school meals. More information is available on the school website under school meals where there is a link to a website [www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside) where you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.**

Kind regards

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