



17th July 2020



“God leads us with patience and understanding - and forgives us when we stray or lose our way. When we look to him for help, He rescues us from harm, and helps us to try again, for He is full of forgiveness.”

Dear Parents

School will close for the summer break at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 22nd 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. We will make arrangements to return PE bags to any Year 6 child who were unable to come to school.

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 for the new school year. Please keep a close eye on the inbox of your e-mail, as we will shortly be sending details of arrangements for the school day in September. It may also be necessary for us to communicate with you by e-mail over the summer break, should local or national government guidance change.

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.

Reports

The usual end of year report was sent out to parents electronically this year. 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. Please fill in any feedback sheets for reports and e-mail them to: head@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk.

Leavers' Mass

I have spoken with Father Philip regarding the leavers' mass, which was planned for 22nd 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.

School Uniform Suppliers

JFC Supplies – uniform orders can be placed over the telephone 0161 367 7700 or through the website www.jfcsports.co.uk

MCS Stores our other uniform suppliers, are taking orders online or by text message and offer free delivery for orders over £25. They ask that you e-mail MCSuniform@gmail.com, or text ORDERNOW to 07917 188 098 or visit the website www.mcsstores.co.uk. 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.

Uniform

Please check the school website for uniform lists. Please can all children wear the correct uniform with the official school logo and correct footwear when they return in September. If you require more information, contact the school office. ***Please remember that children will not be allowed to wear earrings.***

Uniform is available to buy from our uniform suppliers' JFC Sports Ltd 0161 367 7700, Unit 8a Redfern Industrial Estate, Hyde and MCS Uniforms 0161 339 9845(behind the Ashton Market Hall next to Michael Hall Florists.). ***Flyers are available from the school office.***

Please could I also remind parents to avoid their children returning to school with hairstyles that do not meet our policy. See below:

Hair styles - Please note that children should not have extreme or bizarre hairstyles for school. To try and clarify a potentially subjective judgement for parents the following would deem to be unacceptable: shaved sides, shaved all over, tramlines, hair art, dyed hair and hair gel. This also includes incorporated shapes. In other words, hair should be a similar length all over, avoiding extreme differences of length of hair. Should school deem any hair style unacceptable then staff will speak to parents of younger children and ask them to amend hair style if possible and avoid this in the future. Staff will talk to older children first and then inform parents. If parents are unwilling to adhere to school policy, then children will be taught in isolation until the issue is resolved.

Book Bags

All nursery and infant children require a school book bag for September. Please do not send in rucksacks as the classrooms do not have the storage space. Book bags are available to buy from our uniform suppliers' JFC Sports Ltd 0161 367 7700, Unit 8a Redfern Industrial Estate, Hyde and MCS Uniforms 0161 339 9845(behind the Ashton Market Hall next to Michael Hall Florists.).

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

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 for ways to make payments:

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

Please note there is a slight school meal increase to £2.32 per day from the 1st September

The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for the autumn term will be 37 days, totalling £85.84. Please ensure that money is placed in an envelope clearly marked with the pupil's name and class. Alternately monies can be paid online via the Tameside MBC website.

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.cloudfoedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.

I wish all of our children and families a restful and happy Summer holiday.

I thank all of you for the messages of support, and the kind words and deeds you have offered as we have strived to do our best in a very difficult situation for all of our school community.

The school staff will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers throughout the Summer holiday – and we really cannot wait to welcome everyone back in September.

May God bless you all,

Mrs Ryan

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Acting Headteacher