



3rd July 2020

Dear Parents

I must begin this newsletter by sharing with you the very sad news that Mrs Summersgill's new grandson was born asleep on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020. His name is Evan Derek, and Mrs Summersgill has stated that she would like to share the news of his birth, as she very much appreciates the prayers that parents may be able to offer for the intentions of her family at the moment. Any cards or messages for Mrs Summersgill can be left at the school office.

### **Year 6**

All of us at St. Peter's acknowledge that the children in Year 6 have not been able to take part in the usual activities planned for their year group at the end of their time at St. Peter's. Unfortunately, we must continue to work within the government guidelines for schools at this time. However, we would like to invite those children who are not currently attending school to come to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to collect their schoolbooks and to receive a small gift from us. Mrs Barber will be available to have a chat with parents and children. We would greatly value the chance to thank the children for all they have contributed to St. Peter's, and to wish them all the best for the future. Please look out for an e-mail from Mrs Barber in the next few days. This will give each family a time slot where they may come to school on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that there is no obligation to attend – it is simply an opportunity for children and families to come to school in a safe way, so that we may meet before children go to their high school.

### **Leavers' Mass**

I have spoken with Father Philip today 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.

### **September – the new school year**

Guidance for schools has been published today which sets out measures that schools should put in place in order to minimise risk from September onwards. Please give us a little time to read and digest this document. We will communicate arrangements for September with parents as soon as possible.

### **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.

### **New Nursery and Reception starters September 2020**

Letters have been sent out confirming the September start date. Throughout the summer holidays please would you check your e-mails, as due to the pandemic situation we may need to contact you to change dates, if Government advice guides us to do so.

*As we are unable to hold the planned meetings in the school hall for parents,* we have placed some information on our website. Please click on the 'Parents information' tab, and then 'New Nursery Parents 2020' or 'New Reception Parents 2020.' Please feel free to contact the school office, should you have any queries.

### **Vacancy**

School currently has a vacancy for a temporary member of the cleaning team. Please see the 'Vacancies' tab on our school website for further details: [www.stpetersstalybridge.co.uk](http://www.stpetersstalybridge.co.uk)

### **Provision in School**

Any future parental requests for school places must be made by telephone, or by e-mail to [stpetersprovision@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:stpetersprovision@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk). Requests will be subject to us having the space and resources to accommodate children safely. School must comply with the measures identified in our risk assessment, which has been shared with the Local Authority. **Please note that school does not have the capacity to accommodate children safely if they do not have an offer letter.**

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.

### **Online Safety**

The DfE have issued updated guidance for parents regarding keeping children safe online during the Coronavirus outbreak. This information is also available on our website, under 'Latest News.'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>

### **Coats**

If your child is in school, please send them with a coat every day. The weather is very changeable at the moment!

### **Sun hats and sun cream**

please make sure children have a sun hat during the warm weather. Sun cream should be applied before children come to school.

### **Snacks**

We are not receiving a delivery of fruit at the moment. If you wish to send in a snack for your child to eat at morning breaktime, please send in fresh or dried fruit only.

### **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.

**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.**

### **Holiday list 2020 – 2021**

The holiday list that was distributed in November 2019 is also available on the school website under the heading parents information>Holiday list.

Kind regards

Mrs Ryan  
Acting Headteacher