



15th January 2021



" Lord, at our baptism we became children of the light. Help that light to shine out in our lives."

Dear Parents

I hope that you are all keeping well. It is heartening to see so many families engaging with the home learning on Tapestry. Please let your children know that they are always in our thoughts and prayers, even if they are not in school with us right now. Our school building remains open. Please give us a telephone call or send an e-mail to admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk, if you feel that there is any support at all that we can offer.

Remote Learning - We recognise that everybody's family situation is different. We also recognise the many challenges faced by families during this time of lockdown – there may be lots of children in the same household, all needing to access a device, children needing help with home learning, parents and carers trying to work from home whilst home-schooling and managing childcare. If you have any worries or concerns AT ALL about home learning, please do not keep these to yourself, but share these concerns with your child's class teacher via Tapestry, in the first instance. Please use the 'comment' or 'reply' function on Tapestry to stay in contact with your child's class teacher. The attachment to this e-mail gives a step-by-step guide to Tapestry. We thank you for all the work you are uploading to Tapestry.

If you experience any technical difficulties when logging in to Tapestry, please telephone school – we will do all we can to help.

Thank you to all children who have uploaded their work to Tapestry. If this is done before 9:30am the day after the work is set, then the work can be marked by the class teacher. Your child will then be able to receive some feedback. Lots of children are uploading work every single day, which is what we are aiming for.

Please encourage your children to watch the videos uploaded by teachers. These contain explanation and demonstration of key facts and enable your children to complete the associated tasks as well as they can.

Children have their log-in details for Times Tables Rock Stars, Numbots and Oxford Owl (for reading). Year 1 and 2 could also access 'Teach Your Monster to Read.'

Nursery – St Peter's Nursery continues to be open to ALL children. This is in line with national government guidance.

Fruit - deliveries of fruit for the Infant children to eat at breacktime have been suspended. Therefore, if your child would like a snack of fresh fruit at morning playtime, we need to ask you to send this in from home – thank you.

School Dinner Money –school dinner money for this term will be £69.60(30 meals). Alternatively, you can pay weekly £11.60 payable to School or via the Tameside MBC website www.tameside.gov.uk

We will not be able to issue a school dinner to any child where there is a debt of more than £20.00. In such cases parents will be expected to provide their child with a packed lunch.

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 where you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible. If it is undecided, then proof of benefits will be required to be shown at school.

Supermarket Vouchers – From next week, families whose children receive Free School Meals will receive an electronic supermarket voucher for £15 per week. These are exactly the same as the vouchers issued during the first lockdown. St. Peter's School will therefore cease to issue food parcels from now on. We ask families to await their supermarket voucher, which will arrive by e-mail next week. We will send a text to let you know to expect them. Please note that if your child is in school, they will continue to receive their Free School Meal from the kitchen at lunchtime, and a voucher will not be issued.

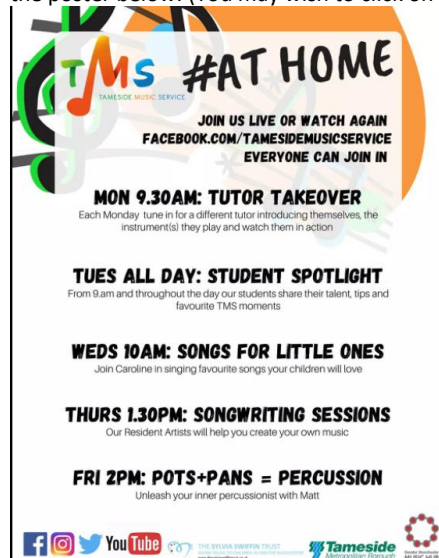
<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions# How to Apply>

Guidance letters have been posted out to all parents who have registered an interest for a school place. Closing date for online applications is **15th January 2021**. Please note that school requires a copy of birth and baptism certificates, along with two proofs of residency in line with our School's Admission Policy, see supplementary information form a copy can be found on the website link <http://stpetersstalybridge.co.uk/admissions/school-admissions/> Evidence of proofs to be received by 15th January 2021.

Parenting Support – Please see the poster below, received from Tameside Parenting Team.



Tameside Music Service – The music service has asked us to share their home learning offer with our families. Please see the poster below. (You may wish to click on it to enlarge it).



Assessments

Would parents please note that the government has cancelled primary school assessments in 2021. This means that all of the following assessments are cancelled:

- Standard Attainment Tests in Year 2 and Year 6
- Year 1 phonics screening check
- Year 4 multiplication tables check

St. Peter's will continue to offer full, broad, and balanced curriculum to our children, and will continue to support, stretch, and challenge each individual child.

Nursery Snack Fund - Snack fund is £2.50 per week. We also ask for £1.00 a week as a voluntary contribution for curriculum enhancement as explained in the Nursery Prospectus and is available to view on the website under the Admissions section. Nursery snack fund for next term will be £21.00 payable to St Peter's Catholic Primary School; alternatively, you can use the School Money on-line system www.eduspot.co.uk

Nursery Wraparound Provision - from September we are pleased to offer wraparound care in our nursery unit. The sessions are from 11:55 am until 15:15. The charge is £10.00 per afternoon session.

30-hour funding If there have been any changes in circumstances, please contact the school office regarding the completion of an Addendum form. For further information on your entitlement from January 2021 click on the government website link <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Year 6 Residential Trip Robinwood July 2021 - a text was sent out 25th November regarding outstanding payments for next year's re-arranged residential trip. Please bring all outstanding payments up to date.

Year 5 Residential Trip Robinwood April 2021 – a text was sent out 10th December regarding outstanding payments for next year's trip. The next instalment will be due Friday 29th January 2021.

Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable. Payment can be made using the online payment systems www.eduspot.co.uk please bring all outstanding payments up to date.

Visits to School - thank you for understanding about the fact that we are trying to limit visitors to the inside of the school building as much as possible at the moment. If you do need to come to the school office, we ask that you please wear a face covering, unless you are exempt from this guidance. The office can be contacted by telephone, or by e-mail at: admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk

DVD orders - late orders are still being taken for the Christmas DVD. Cost £6.50 each; please send this into school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and details of amount enclosed by Monday 18th January.

Kind regards

Mrs K Ryan
Acting Headteacher