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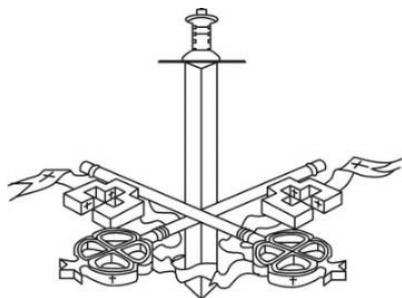
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Thursday 4th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday 8th March, we welcome all our children back to school. We are all looking forward to seeing them and getting back to the routines of school life. I know the children will be looking forward to re-establishing friendships and engaging again with their learning in school. We here at Ss. Peter and Paul can't wait to hear the playgrounds, classrooms and corridors ringing with the sounds and laughter of all of our children; the way it's meant to be!

I mentioned in my last letter how much we all appreciated the amazing work you have done at home to support your child with their remote learning. I am sure that for all the right reasons you will be delighted to have your children back in school. You have been absolutely fantastic and deserve a break! On behalf of us all, thank you.

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. We have reviewed our school risk assessment and I am pleased to say that the arrangements for the start and end of the day remain largely in place. The appropriate safety measures are all in place for the children's return and we will continue to do our best to make this return to school a positive experience for all our children. I am sure that by working together we will achieve this.

Please read the [latest DfE guidance](#) for return to school from 8th March.

I must make you aware that there is much needed roof work being carried out on the infant playground by Sandringham Drive. While we hoped this would have been completed in time for full opening on Monday, work has been slowed down by the rain and wind. It is anticipated though that this will be completed towards the end of next week, weather again permitting. The area has been made safe for children to enter and leave the premises and to use at playtimes.

Please refer to the table below for your child's class timings.

A note for Foundation 2 families: please continue to use Atherton Street entrance and timings. Look out for Spider App message from F2 staff.

Year group	Teacher	Drop Off/Collection	Drop Off	Pick Up
2 year olds Little Acorn	2 Year-Old Provision Alison, Cliona, Faye	LA Door Atherton Street	9:00am	3:20pm
F1	Pre-School Siobhan, Lorna	LA Door Atherton Street	9:00am	3:20pm
F2	F2 Mrs Wellens, Mrs Brown, Mrs Riding	F2 Door Atherton Street	9:05am	3:15pm
F2	F2 Miss Steele, Mrs McKinnes	F2 Door Atherton Street	9:05am	3:15pm
Y1	Miss McGee, Miss Barton Mrs Turner	Sandringham Drive Gate 1	8:55am	3:20pm
Y1/2	Mrs Berry/Mrs Bullock Mrs Tempest, Miss Henderson	Sandringham Drive Gate 2	8:55am	3:20pm
Y2	Mrs Hitchmough/Mrs Gallon Miss Taylor	Sandringham Drive Gate 1	9:05am	3:30pm

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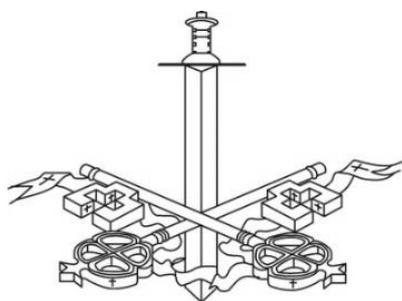
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Y3	Mrs Reynolds/Mrs Devonshire Miss A Jones	Atherton Street	8:45pm	3:10pm
Y3/4	Mrs Harvey, Mrs McGinity, Mrs Jones	Sandringham Drive Gate 2	9:05am	3:30pm
Y4	Miss Cullen, Mrs Bell	Atherton Street	8:50am	3:15pm
Y5	Mr Gill, Mrs Battersby, Mr Ashby	Atherton Street	8:50am	3:20pm
Y5/6	Mrs English, Mr Harvey, Mrs Heyes Miss Whyte	Atherton Street	9:00am	3:30pm
Y6	Miss Gilfoyle, Mrs Morgan	Atherton Street	9:00am	3:30pm

There are a few reminders I would like to run through here:

Attendance

From 8 March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply. As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- ❖ Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- ❖ Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- ❖ Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. Please contact school to discuss arrangements for this.

It is extremely important during this time that you notify school if your child will be absent for **any** reason. Please contact the school office before 9.30am.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we will provide relevant learning links on our Google Classroom platform. Lessons will follow the learning taking place in class as closely as possible. These lessons will include links to White Rose for Maths, Oak Academy and BBC. Homework will also be posted on Google Classroom.

Travelling to school

Please avoid/reduce potential congestion when dropping and collecting the children. We fully understand that many of you need to drive largely for work reasons but wherever possible, walking or cycling to school is best and also great exercise. If driving, please do not use the car park. Park safely and thoughtfully. Blocking the driveways of the homes surrounding school is unkind and unacceptable.

Face coverings

You've been great about this thanks, so please continue to wear face covering when entering the school premises. We understand that for medical reasons, this isn't possible for everyone, so please exercise social distancing when dropping and collecting your child.

Dropping and Collecting

Dropping and collecting of children will continue to be staggered to avoid congestion at the school gates and help keep everyone safe. We ask you all to continue to assist us by being punctual and adhering to your child's allocated time and to avoid coming onto the school grounds. Please make an appointment should you need to see a member of staff. As before, children can be dropped off with earlier siblings and collected with later siblings.



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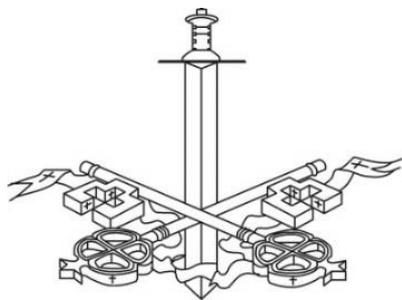
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Please note that Gorse Hill Road will be closed from Monday 8th March 9:30 am to 3:30 pm each day. Work is being completed by United Utilities on the water tower. This work will continue through to Winter 2021.

Bubbles

We will continue to group the children in class bubbles to avoid unnecessary mixing. They are encouraged to use the one-way system in the corridors and around school.

School equipment

Please limit the amount of equipment your child brings into school to essentials like lunchboxes, school bags (no rucksacks please) and reading books. The children are provided with their own stationary to avoid unnecessary sharing of items. They are encouraged to have their own hand sanitiser but this is also provided in classes and around school.

Reading Books

As before lockdown, reading will take priority across the curriculum. In addition to our daily class and small group reading lessons, we will continue to promote reading for pleasure activities including quiet reading and reading to children. Children will be given a reading book to take home and we encourage you to support your child at home by reading frequently with them. Reading books and any other resources that are sent home will be cleaned after they have been returned to school and replaced on the bookshelves after 72 hours.

School Uniform and PE Kit

Please remember that the children will need to be in full school uniform. On their PE days however, the children must come to school dressed in their PE kit as this will save time and reduce movement around school. The PE kit includes black or navy shorts, a white T-shirt and a pair of trainers. As PE lessons will largely be held outside, children may need something warmer (eg an unbranded black or navy track suit) for cooler weather.

Please label ALL uniform including PE kits!

Visits to School

Sadly, at this time we must discourage parents from coming to the school unless it is an exceptional circumstance so please ensure children arrive at school with all they need for the school day. Please avoid coming into school with forgotten lunch boxes, water bottles, homework, PE Kits, jumpers etc.. You can telephone us if there is something your child urgently needs and we will do our best to provide this.

Wrap-around-care

We will resume provision of Breakfast and Out of School Club week commencing Monday 8th March. Parents/carers who have requested access to this provision have received confirmation of this. This risk assessment outlines the additional control measures we need to restart the provision.

Finally, don't forget to send your child in with a water bottle each day which must be labelled with their name. We will send bottles home at the end of each day to be washed and refilled.

Our aim is to have as normal a return to school as possible for the children. We know that some parents and children will be anxious but please know that we will look after them. Contact school with any concerns and we will do all we can to support you.

Some key dates & events

❖ **Parents' evening:** week commencing 15th March. Further details to follow

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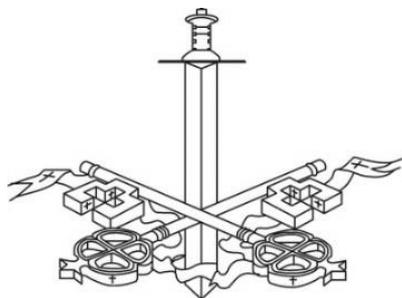
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- ❖ **Walk for Water:** this will take place on Friday 19th March. We would like to encourage children to walk with their families and count their steps. In school, each class will complete laps around the playground. We will send out sponsor forms with attached CAFOD envelope.
- ❖ **Red Nose Day:** Children can wear their own clothes with something red.
- ❖ **Lent assemblies:**
 - Only one class will be in the hall. Other bubbles will zoom in on a shared link.
 - w/c 8th March, with Y4C bubble
 - w/c 15th March with Y3/4H bubble
 - w/c 22nd March Y5 bubble for Palm Sunday. Y6 bubble will lead our Good Friday assembly
- ❖ **Photos:** individual photos will be taken on Monday 22nd March throughout the day. Details to follow
- ❖ **Spring Break:** Friday 26th March school closes

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. We shall see you and your children on Monday 8th March.

God bless.

P Graham

Mrs. P Graham
Headteacher

