



SS Peter & Paul RC Primary School

11th September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is hard to believe how much has changed since we were last together in March. Thank you again for your support and patience during these unprecedented times and we welcome you all back to a new school term. We are delighted to welcome the children back, they have returned to school a credit to you all; smart, alert and ready to learn. Throughout the school, there is a great working atmosphere! The staff and I look forward to an exciting and productive term with you and your children. Please find attached a new calendar with all of the holiday dates for this coming academic year. Mrs M Butt

Just a few reminders :

Start times

The school doors open from 8.45-8.55am for all classes between Y1 and Year 6. Reception start at 9.00am and from next week, all nursery pupils will start at 8.50am or 12.20pm.

End of the day procedures

Finish times will be staggered.

- Reception, will finish at 3pm.
- Year One, Year Two will finish at 3.10pm
- Year Three, Year Four at 3.15pm
- Year Five and Year Six will finish at 3.20m

If you have more than one child, please pick up your children **at the latest time**. The staff of your youngest child will keep them until you arrive. This will avoid parents and other children waiting around on the yard.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens from 8.00-8.15am, the Site Supervisor will then close the gates until opening them for normal opening time. Further to our summer holiday newsletter places were limited to 20 pupils we have extended this to 25. These must be pre-booked with the school office and children must arrive between 8.00-8.15am.

Mrs Lee can be contacted on the following email address: info@sspeterpaul.s-tyneside.sch.uk

Contact with School

Initially, contact with school should be via telephone and email. Please do not visit the office unless absolutely necessary. **Mrs Lee can be contacted on info@sspeterpaul.s-tyneside.sch.uk**

Entering and leaving School

Due to the number of parents bringing their children to school at these times, we need to do our best to minimise the amount of contact that takes place between adults. Please maintain social distancing on or outside of our school site. We have put markers in the yard for the parents of different year groups. There are separate exit gates available for year groups and plenty of staff available to direct you, so please don't worry. We politely request that **only one adult** pick up and drop off their children to minimise the numbers on the yard. As soon as you have collected your child/children please leave the school site by the top gate.

Children walking to school by themselves

If your child is in Upper Key Stage 2, please let us know in writing or email if you would like them to walk home by themselves.

Homework

We are not bringing reading books backwards and forwards to school at the minute. However, we will continue to review this as guidance changes. There is still the expectation of daily reading. Staff will still be setting homework using Bug Club and Mathletics. We will still have a focus on reading, spellings and tables.

School Uniform

A polite reminder our uniform is as follows:

- Blue cardigan or sweatshirt
- Blue polo shirt
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Black sensible shoes or **all black trainers**

Children can come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

- Monday – Y1
- Tuesday – Y3 & Y4
- Wednesday – Y5 & Y6
- Friday - Y2

PE kit is as follows:

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts/Black Joggers or leggings
- School Sweatshirt
- Any Trainers

(Optional – in the winter months children can bring in plain black leggings or plain black tracksuit bottoms)

Attendance

In September, attendance at the school is compulsory. This means that every child should be in school every day. While the Government has stated it will resume issuing fines to parents who do not send their children to school, we feel that this can be avoided.

Cleaning

We have increased the amount of cleaning on the school site during the day. This means that the toilets, classrooms and shared spaces are cleaned more often and gives us an extra level of protections.

School Dinner Menu

The school menu can be found on the council website with full dates of which menu the school cook will be making (this is subject to change if there is shortage of some food items, e.g. availability and seasonally)
<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/36380/Menu-and-price-for-primary-and-special-schools>

What if there is a case of COVID?

With all these measures in place we hope to maintain our COVID free school environment. However, if someone does show symptoms, or gets ill, they will be sent home and asked to take a NHS test. We will speak to the local Health Protection team for advice on next steps. Please help us by ensuring you follow all the safety guidance at home and do not send your child to school if there are symptoms in your home. Communication is important, so please keep us informed if there are any changes in your circumstances.

Children's Absence

Could parents please ring school on the first morning of their child's absence providing a reason and perhaps an indication (where known) of how long the absence will be for. This must be followed up with a short note when the child returns.

If Mrs Lee is not available please leave a message on the school's answering machine.

Tel: 0191 4552862 Option 1

And finally...

This will be the last paper copy of our half-termly newsletter. Can you please email Mrs Lee with your email address and future copies will now be emailed to you.

HALF TERM

School closes 3.15 p.m. Thursday 22nd October.

School opens on

Monday 2nd November