



# St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School

Clerkenwell

Diocese of Westminster

Headteacher: Miss Tracey Peters



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to having all the children back to school on the Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parent meetings yesterday, and for the emails of thanks we have received today for the support that our teachers and teaching assistants have provided during the lockdown. We are more than aware that no matter how much our staff have supported you, that the challenge has been great for all those at home providing education for their children. I think you should all be very proud of what you have achieved under such difficult circumstances, and know that we too are so thankful for the educational support you have provided in the absence of the children from our classrooms. The staff cannot wait for their classes to return and are ready for you to pass the baton on Monday.

### **Update to Drop off and Pick Up Times**

We have once again looked at this and this is the timetable we will be using from Monday. We hope it will make drop off and pick up times somewhat easier.

We appreciate the challenges our families have with having several children, work commitments etc. but we too are restricted by many factors.

We ask that you plan to arrive at the gate at your allotted time, not earlier or later.

Once you have dropped off or collected, please move along swiftly. We are still observing and following Government guidelines regarding COVID – 19.

<b>Start and Finish Times</b>			
Nursery and Reception	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
<b>EYFS Gate</b>	<b>EYFS Gate</b>	Junior Gate	Junior Gate
8:55-9:10	8:45-8:50	8:45-8:50	8:55-9:00
3:00-3:10	2:50-2:55	3:00-3:05	3:10-3:15



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### **Testing**

Primary school children will not be regularly asymptotically tested, **but will continue to need to come forward for tests if they have symptoms.**

In addition to this, the government has confirmed twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be given for free to all families and households with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles, to help find more COVID-19 cases and break chains of transmission. This will be available from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

If in the meantime if you would like to get your children tested before they return to school, please do so.

### **COVID -19**

If any parent or child tests positive, it is imperative that you let us know by email as soon as you can. Please email Parentsupport, and we will be in contact with you.

### **Early Drop Off**

Children can be brought to the front door of the school at 8:00am. Staff will wait until 8:10am. After then, children will not be accepted for Early Drop Off.

### **After School Club**

As we have had lower than the required number of children for After School Club, Highbury Round House will no longer be providing this service for the school during the four weeks up to Easter.

While we work on a more permanent solution, our staff will be covering this provision to ensure parents have an option for After School Care.

For this week, please email parent support with your child's name and the days they will attending for next week, and Miss Hankins in the office will invoice you. Moving forward we hope to move to an online paying system to stream line this for you.

Each session will be £9.00 daily, £8.00 for siblings. Children will be provided with a healthy snack at approx. 4:45pm if you wish to collect after 5:00 to ensure they have had something to eat.

The provision starts from 3.15pm – 6.pm.

### **RSE Consultation**

On classlist today you will find a letter and information asking parents and carers to give due attention to the consultation period for the statutory introduction of the new RSE Curriculum. The consultation period will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.



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### **Medication**

If your child/ren are on medication i.e. inhalers, auto-injectors etc. please can you ensure these are brought back to school. Any children who have recently been diagnosed with a medical condition please let the school know.

### **Packed Lunches**

Please be reminded that those pupils on packed lunches should be having a healthy lunch. There should be a healthy balance. Biscuits, crisps and sweets or chocolate do not constitute a healthy lunch.

I can highly recommend the lunches provided by Caterlink. Chef Florence and her team will ensure the children have plenty to eat which is tasty and nutritious. We are very fortunate to have universal free school meals provided by Islington for all our children.

### **Deferred Dress Up Day for World book Day**

Yesterday was World book day. I know there were activities on line for you to enjoy. We decided to defer dressing up until you all returned to school. We know how much you enjoy the day along with the staff. So watch this space for the date!

Today the junior classes welcomed SF Said author of Varjak Paw. He was very enthusiastic and inspirational in his belief that every reader can become a writer. There were some interesting questions from the children that were well thought through. A good end to the week.

### **5 pence Challenge**

Just to remind Year 2 you won the 5 pence challenge last term. Your prize which was a non-uniform day will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### **International Women's Day**

International Women's Day occurs globally on the **8th March** every year in honour of the amazing women who campaigned for women's rights and continue to do so.

It's extremely important to celebrate International Women's Day to honour and appreciate the different achievements that women have accomplished around the world, including successes in society, economy, politics and culture.

As well as this, it's also a time when we can remember those who still go unheard and continue to be prevented from reaching their full potential as basic rights like health and education are still not recognised for some women around the world.

This year's theme is #ChooseToChallenge, with the International Women's Day organisers urging women to challenge themselves.



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“We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women’s achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world.”

We will be discussing this theme further at assembly on Monday.

### **Return to school resources for parents/carers**

Islington have prepared some resources to support you in preparing your children for the return to school. I hope you find the resources useful.

[Parents and carers wellbeing page](#) includes resources designed to help you support parents and carers during this difficult time and signpost them to further support:

- [Newsletter](#)
- [Resources to support parent and carer wellbeing](#)
- [Helping parents and carers support the wellbeing of their child](#)
- [Free online courses for parents and carers](#) by Solihull. Access code is: **Bright start**
- **Signposting to further support**

### **Word on Wednesday**

Wednesday’s word is Enthusiasm

“Dear young people, may you always live in the faith with enthusiasm”

Pope Francis

Have a good weekend

Look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday

Kind Regards

Miss T Peters Miss C McGuinness