



# St. Peter's Catholic Academy

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## Latest Government Guidance

As we come to the end of our two-week holiday, I hope you have been able to spend some quality time with your children and have enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break despite the difficulties we all face.

Following the announcement by the Secretary of State for Education on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020, I am delighted that our children here at St Peter's will be returning to school as normal at the beginning of the spring term. The Governors and I fully support this, as we know the best place for children is to be in school and continuing with their learning and development.

The staff and myself look forward to welcoming all children back to school as normal on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. All the procedures that were in place before Christmas remain and therefore once again I ask you to support us with this to ensure that our school can be as safe as possible.

We know that when the children are in school the risk of catching the virus is very small due to all the increased measures we have put in place. The biggest risk faced is before and after school. It is most important that all parents follow the Government guidance by **regularly washing hands, maintaining social distancing and wearing a face covering.**

Please speak to your child about limiting their contacts outside of school; there should be no mixing of households indoors or most outdoor places. The 'Hands, Face, Space' guidance still applies and should be followed carefully and if you have any suspicion that your son or daughter may be feeling unwell, please keep them at home. If they have a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and/or a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste they must have a test and the household should isolate at least until the result of the test is known. If they test positive they, and the household, must continue to isolate and the child must not come into school for at least 10 days and until they are no longer displaying any of the below;

- a high temperature or feeling hot and shivery
- a runny nose or sneezing
- feeling or being sick
- diarrhoea

Only stop self-isolating when these symptoms have gone. If you have diarrhoea or you're being sick, stay at home until 48 hours after the symptoms subside.

Locally it now says that, if a person has the following symptoms, a lateral flow test should be arranged. They can attend school but only if they are well enough to do so and only need to self-isolate if the test comes back positive:

- Headaches
- Aches and pains
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Sometime 'tummy ache' in children

I also respectfully ask you to ensure that all [Tier 4 rules](#) are adhered to, as this is the best way to reduce the spread of the virus. Together we can do this.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2021. I look forward to welcoming all families back to school.

Please stay safe!

God bless

R Snee (Mrs)

Principal

