



St. Peter's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I wrote to you earlier this week and promised to provide further information about the safe reopening of our school on 8th March. The government has produced [detailed guidance](#) on the return to school, which, we will continue to follow.

Please note that, as from Monday 8th March, it is mandatory for your child to attend school meaning that it is your legal duty as a parent to ensure your child attends school each day; on time, wearing their full school uniform and are prepared for learning with all necessary resources to enable them to continue with good attitudes to learning. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or anxiety so we can support you to ensure your child's smooth return to school.

As I am sure you will all agree, our first priority is the health and safety of the children and staff and I urge you to play your part by wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing on school grounds. In addition, I urge you to ensure you fully follow government guidelines at home. This will reduce the risk of your children bringing the virus into school and force us to close to certain children/classes.

You should not send your child to school if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus. If this is the case, please inform school immediately.

I would like to remind you of the staggered start/finish times for your children and we will continue to use the one way system for the beginning and end of the school day. I know that many of you have not seen each other for a very long time but please do not gather in groups on the school premises. To aid this you should not arrive early or late to drop off your children. The classroom door will open on time. As I have already stated we ask you to wear a face covering when dropping off/collecting your child.

As before I do apologise but in line with Government guidance and to aid social distancing we must have a staggered start to the school day. You will receive a further letter to inform you of your child's drop off time and I urge you to adhere to this please.

As before we need to keep the number of adults on site to a minimum and so only **one** parent/carer should drop off and collect your child. Walking is the safest way to travel to school where possible.

You may have heard about lateral flow testing in schools. This does not apply to primary aged children so will not affect your child. Public Health England have advised there are currently limited public health benefits attached to testing primary pupils with lateral flow devices. Staff are tested twice weekly and will self-isolate if the result is positive. Additionally, staff wear face coverings in corridors and other indoor communal areas. All the additional safety measures we introduced in the autumn term will remain in place.





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We have again produced a guidance document with lots of information for you. Please take the next couple of weeks to read this document and be aware of the guidance. The document can be found on our website <https://stpetersnewman.co.uk/>.

As I am sure you are aware all primary school end of year testing including SAT's, the times table check, phonic check and early years foundation stage results have been cancelled. Despite this, we will continue to assess your children in order to fully prepare them for any transitions.

Once again, I am so proud of my staff who have worked so hard to ensure that progress can continue during the lockdown. I am equally delighted with the work that has taken place to ensure **ALL** pupils can have a safe return on Monday 8th March.

I do hope we can come together and use the most holy season of lent to prepare for change and hopefully that change will be a return to the normal life we so much need.

I thank you all for your support, prayers and kind words during this most difficult of times.

God Bless

R Snee (Mrs)

