

★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



Part of... St. John Paul II Multi-Academy

We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 18th September 2020



Autumn 1 - Week 03

This week we pray for...



... our Year 4 Children as they start their Sacramental Preparation

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Another busy week in school and I have to say how totally impressed I am with our new Reception Class children who have made a fantastic start to life in school. They have settled really well and have proved how ready they are to start their learning journey at SS Peter & Paul.

Thank you to all the parents who are contacting the school office with any concerns about their child's health in this current pandemic, it is better to have the conversation so that we can assess every situation separately and offer the best advice we can to support parents. I just want to reassure parents that we are looking after your child in the best way possible, as we always have, and will contact you if we have any concerns about your child while they are in school, as we always would regardless of the pandemic. The best way I can put it is, if your child is ill/sick and you would have kept them at home before this pandemic situation then just do what you would have done normally and keep them at home but if they're just feeling under the weather with a cold and no symptoms of COVID-19 then send them into school as you would normally do. I know it is a difficult time for everyone but if we continue to work together we can do our best to keep everyone safe. If in doubt, give the office a call. Thank you.

Our Risk Assessment Measures have been under continual review and we've decided to make a few changes that we feel are necessary following the first few weeks in practise. Please see the inside of this newsletter for more detail.

I am excited to inform you that we now have two dates for the Year 4 children to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist which they missed last year during the school closure. I'm afraid things will be very different this year, for obvious reasons, and I thank all the parents for their kind words of support and recognition of the fact that this has been a very challenging thing to organise safely. Details will follow shortly.

Finally, we say a sad farewell to Kye in Year 2 and his family this week as today is his last day with us before he moves to his new school much closer to home. We wish him and his family every happiness in their new adventure and will miss them.

God Bless...



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ACADEMY TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
New Term Begins	Tuesday 1st Sept	Monday 4th January	Monday 19th April
1st Half -Term Ends	Friday 23rd October	Friday 12th February	Friday 28th May
2nd Half -Term Begins	Monday 2nd Nov	Monday 22nd February	Monday 7th June
Term Ends	Friday 18th Dec	Thursday 1st April	Wed 21st July

ACADEMY FUND DONATIONS

Academy Fund via ParentMail (School Enrichment Funding)

This is a voluntary contribution to be paid each term which goes towards buying additional equipment and resources for your children. You will receive a request via ParentMail termly...

"St. John Paul II Multi-Academy invites parents to give annually to your school fund. A donation of £10 per term is suggested but you may contribute more if you wish."

Please rest assured that any payment you make is for our school and our children only, guaranteed!
Thank you for your support.

School Mobile Phone

Please use for urgent contact out of office hours (3.30 pm - 8.00 am):



07885 235 496

NEWS

We will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM & CLOTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED**
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Friday 2nd October 2020 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.net, to book a session.
- **First Holy Communion**—We now have dates in place for the First Holy Communion Sacramental Mass (es) for the children who missed it last year, our current Year 4 children, these will be on Saturday 7th November & Saturday 21st November @ 11.00 am in Church. It is a shame that the whole class won't be together but we will make each Mass as special as we possibly can so that the children can focus on this most important of steps as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time. Thank you for your patience and understanding, it is very much appreciated.
- **School Mass**—I am delighted to say we had our first school Mass this week. Fr. Joe and the school have put plans in place for one class at a time to have individual school Mass over the coming weeks. No Parishioners or Parents are invited at this stage so that we can control the numbers of people in Church with the children and that any essential cleaning and hygiene measures can take place to allow Mass to continue safely. I thank the Year 6 pupils, Mrs Seager and Mrs Oakley for organising it so well.
- **COVID-19 Guidance**—With this weeks newsletter, you will all receive a document giving clear information on how to respond to any concerns you have about COVID-19. The guidance explains what course of action you should take if you have any concerns about your child's health. Please read it carefully. Can I remind everyone of the COVID-19 symptoms: (1) High Temperature (38 or above), (2) new continuous cough, (3) shortness of breath, (4) sore throat and (5) loss of sense of taste or smell. If your child is ill and you would normally keep them at home regardless of the COVID-19 situation then that is what needs to happen. If they are just a little under the weather, with none of the above symptoms then you should continue to send them to school as normal. We want the children to remain in school if they are well enough and it is safe for them to do so but I do understand parents concerns at this time. If you have any concerns please phone the school office and we will advise as best we can.
- **Risk Assessment Changes**—As we come to the end of Week 03 in school we have made some changes which are as follows:
 - * Reading Books will be sent home on Monday to be returned on Thursday so that Home Reading can get up and running again.
 - * PE Kits will stay in school and not be sent home each week as previously stated. We will send them home at Half-Term for washing as usual.
 - * Packed Lunches can be sent into school in a plastic lunch box which will be returned to parents with any uneaten food so that you can monitor what your child has eaten that day.
 - * **These changes will come into effect from Monday 21st September 2020.**

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Year 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 22nd September @ 2.00 pm

Year 5 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 24th September @ 9.15 am

Year 4 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 1st October @ 9.15 am

Year 3 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 8th October @ 9.15 am

Year 2 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 15th October @ 9.15 am

Year 1 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 22nd October @ 9.15 am
Feast of John Paul II

Break Up for Half-Term
Friday 23rd October @ 1 - 1.30 pm

Summer Term 2 Starts for pupils
Monday 2nd November 2020

Y4 Group 1 Sacrament of Eucharist
Saturday 7th November @ 11.00 am

Y4 Group 2 Sacrament of Eucharist
Saturday 21st September @ 11.00 am

TRAINING DAYS

- Tuesday 1st September 2020
- Friday 27th November 2020
- Monday 7th June 2021
- Two more to be confirmed...

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

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COVID-19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE
A quick reference guide for parents and staff

Please follow the advice below for your child and family.

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test <p>Inform the school immediately about the test result</p>	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*: - minimum of 14 days' self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. - *Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed: - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	...you have informed the office of your return to the UK <i>(the office will ask you a few questions about your travel).</i>
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs <i>(please contact school if you need support getting your child to school).</i> 	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i> 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.



Public Health
England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- It can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- The infection is not serious for most people, including children
- There is currently no vaccine
- Most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- You can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- The chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- If you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



**After breaks
& sport
activities**



**Before
cooking
& eating**



**SCHOOL
ETC.**
**On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting**



**After using
the toilet**



**Before
leaving
home**



**Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands**



**Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles**



**If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels**



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

