



Phoenix St Peter Academy



28th August 2020

Dear parents and carers,

After a long period of closure and holiday, we're really excited to welcome your child back to school this September. Having to work remotely has reminded us just how great your children are, and we've really missed being with them. But we know that welcoming them back we have a responsibility for maintaining their safety, and that of your family.

We have extremely detailed plans for re-opening safely, and our staff have worked hard to get these ready. Here is a summary of the main measures in place:

- Children will be in "bubbles" of 2 or 3 classes. They will not mix with students from other bubbles while at school.
- Each bubble will have their own breaktime and so full use of the playground.
- There will be 3 zones in place for the 3 bubbles at lunchtimes and eating times will be carefully staggered.
- There will be set times for toilet and handwashing breaks for each class.
- We have an enhanced cleaning schedule.

In July we wrote to you with information on the start and finish time for your child/children and we also sent details of what to expect in school together with the rules for drop off and collection. This information will be resent early next week, for those of you who may have mislaid it. However, it should still be available on Marvellous Me.

You may have seen stories in the media about use of face masks in schools. The government changed their guidance this week. Previously it was that face masks should not be worn in schools, largely due to the risk that re-use of masks and incorrectly taking them off could actually increase transmission. **The guidance is now that face coverings should be worn in areas of high coronavirus transmission in secondary schools.** Children and teaching staff are not required to wear face coverings in primary schools. We will keep this under review and let you know right away if the situation changes.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4th September.

With warmest wishes,

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