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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6,

Re. Year 6 return to St. Peter's

I hope you and yours are staying safe and well.

Several weeks ago, Prime Minister Johnson announced that schools would begin to reopen for certain groups in June providing five key tests were met. These tests included a declining death rate, declining infection rate and an effective track and tracing system in place. These tests have the overarching aim of ensuring there is no second wave of the coronavirus. Apparently those tests have been met. So from Monday 8th June, St. Peter's will be open for the Year 6 families who wish to return.

I want to make it very clear to you, as I hope I have through this whole time, that by reopening I am not saying to you that it is completely safe to do so. Or that school will be anything like it was previously. It will be absolutely your choice as to whether you want your Year 6 child to return to St. Peter's – we will continue to provide the same work for the children whether they are learning in school or at home.

If they are to return to school, there are several key things that need to be understood and agreed to by you:

Classroom 'bubbles' and the school day:

- My child will be in a class 'bubble' of no more than 10 children. This bubble will be kept very static to the end of term, with minimal changes to pupils and staff.
- My child may not be with their normal class teacher or in their normal classroom.
- Staff will not be able to maintain social distancing between children within each bubble.
- School will be cleaned once a day as it always is.
- Start times and finish times will be staggered and I will be emailed my collect-drop off times separately. I must bring them to school and pick them up from school. These timings will be strict and I agree not to arrive early or late.
- My child will wear **SCHOOL UNIFORM** each day.

Illness:

- If my child shows any symptoms of COVID-19 at home, I will book a test as quickly as possible and will inform the school of the results immediately.
- I understand that if my child shows COVID-19 symptoms at school, I will be contacted and must collect them immediately. I must then book a test as quickly as possible and inform the school.
- If the test is positive, the entire bubble will be sent home from school and asked to self-isolate 14 days.
- I will ensure that outside of school my family and I strictly adhere to government guidelines regarding social distancing and reducing the risk of transmitting COVID-19.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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- If my child is ill with non-related symptoms, they simply return to school into their bubble once they are better, in line with usual sickness guidance.

Non attendance:

- If my child is not enjoying this new school system and I decide to withdraw them, I understand that I will be required to keep them home for at least two weeks before re-sending them in, as they may need to be put in a new bubble and we need to ensure safety of staff and pupils in school.

Lunchtime arrangements and Free School Meals:

- My child will eat lunch in their bubble with their peers and teacher.
- A packed lunch will need to be provided.
- For Free School Meal families - under new government guidelines, I understand that by sending my child into school, they will receive a school packed lunch and their Edenred weekly voucher will stop (FSM families who do not send their child in will still receive their weekly voucher).

Liability:

- I understand that the school will do everything they can to ensure excellent standards of hygiene, regular handwashing and maintaining of social distancing. However, I do understand that within their bubbles, social distancing may not always be adhered to.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO AGREE TO ALL THESE AREAS IN THE YEAR 6 QUESTIONNAIRE GOING OUT WITH THIS LETTER.

New school office arrangements:

The main method of contacting the school remains via email, as this can be forwarded straight to the right member of staff. Alternatively, you can phone the school office during the revised office hours of 8.45am to 3.15pm.

Please also note that social distancing will be in place at the school reception area, where there will now be signs indicating that only one person may stand in the reception area to talk to office staff. **Please only come to the office in an emergency.**

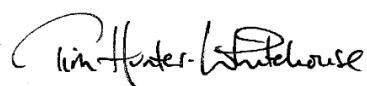
Booking system after this week:

This week, your Year 6 questionnaire will count as your booking in for week commencing 8th June.

There will be a booking system for Year 6 families, to book their children in week by week from Monday 15th June until the end of the term. Details of this will be emailed to you in the first week back (w/b Monday 8th June). This will allow you to book week blocks on the School Gateway system and is the same process as booking breakfast club or extended day, for those who have used this.

I look forward to welcoming Year 6 pupils back, but as I say it is your decision to do so,

Yours Sincerely,



Tim Hunter-Whitehouse