



Newsletter

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Number 32

Year 6 Transition Meetings

We have been in the process of contacting our local secondary schools regarding transition arrangements and are aware that some are now offering face-to-face transition mornings/days in July.

So far, we have ascertained the following:

- **Dane Court Grammar School– 16th and 17th July**
- **St. George's CE Foundation School – two hour transition morning w/b 13th July**
- **Charles Dickens School – all day on Thursday 9th July**
- **Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School – unlikely**

There may also be others we are not yet aware of i.e. King Ethelbert School, Royal Harbour Academy, Ursuline College.

If you have kept your Year 6 pupil learning at home it is entirely your choice if you would like your child to attend these meetings. If your child is at school at the moment, I must make you aware that if you intend to send your child to a transition meeting, they will need to have **a break of at least two days** before returning to St. Peter's. This is required before children re-enter their learning bubbles, as I have a duty to protect other pupils and staff.

For example, the Charles Dickens transition day is scheduled for Thursday 9th July and children attending this would need to stay at home on Friday 10th, and could return to school on Monday 13th July. Parents of children who will be joining St George's may well want to inform the school that they would like to attend a transition meeting on the Thursday or Friday that week, as the Wednesday 15th is the last day of term for children at St Peter's.

I leave it to parents and carers to make their own decisions on attending these transition sessions, and I do not wish to dissuade pupils from attending them; I believe they are very useful for the future, particularly in these times.

I ask that if you intend to send your child to their transition meeting **and they are presently in St Peter's Year 6 or Key Worker bubbles**, you email or telephone the Office with details including the date of their meeting, so that we know if/when we can welcome them back into school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hunter-Whitehouse

Year 6 Aero Bubble drumming

Our Year 6 pupils, who are in school, have enjoyed some outdoor music lessons in the sunshine this week with Mrs. Hall.



Kent Test update for current Year 5 pupils

Here is the latest news from KCC regarding the Kent Test 2020

We are mindful of how much classroom time students have missed and want to give all those taking part the opportunity to settle back into school life before the Kent Test.

“Proposals are therefore being made to delay the Kent Test by around one month, with testing for children in Kent schools to potentially take place on Thursday, October 15 and children outside of Kent to be tested from Saturday, October 17.

“It is important to point out, however, that while these are our current preferred plans, no one knows what will happen over the coming months with regards to Covid-19 and if Government guidance changes and it is no longer thought safe to accommodate children in school for the testing then our proposal will need to be revised; the safety and well-being of all the pupils and staff involved has to be our overriding priority.

“Assessment through testing has the benefit of being available to students regardless of their current education setting, so it remains our current preference for a selection method.

“Our process also contains the head teacher appeal stage, which enables further consideration to be given to pupils where it is felt their test scores did not reflect their true ability.

“KCC will continue to work with schools to help them prepare to apply any social distancing requirements in the new school year.

“All selective authorities are awaiting advice from the Department for Education about their preferred approach, but in the meantime we want to have discussions with schools so that we can be confident of delivering testing in a fair and safe way for all pupils taking part.”

The Kent Test is usually held in early September, allowing parents to know their child’s results before they apply for secondary schools at the end of October, a date fixed in national legislation.

As a delayed process will mean that results are unlikely to be available until late November, it is proposed that the number of schools that can be named on the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) be increased from four to six for one year only, enabling parents to name up to two grammar schools without reducing the number of non-selective schools on their application.

Families considering a grammar school for their child should ensure that they register them to take part in the process by the deadline of Wednesday, July 1.

We will keep you informed of any updates from KCC, but if you have any questions please contact the school office on 01843 861430 or email office@stpetersthanet.co.uk

Thank you

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Sex Education Policy 2020

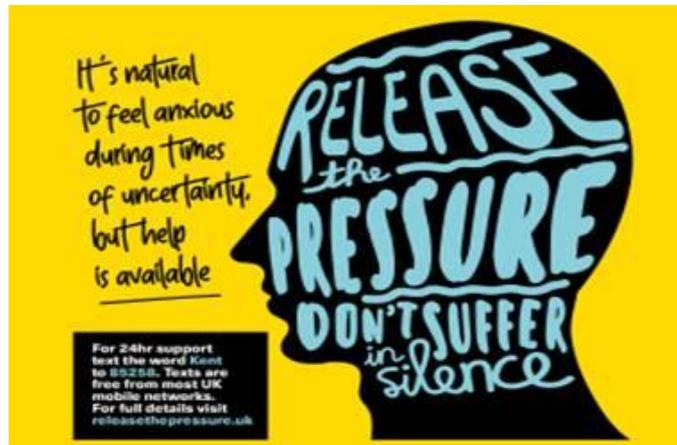
A notice to parents that the DRAFT Relationships and Sex Education Policy 2020 is now on our website for you to view - <https://www.stpetersthanet.co.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=20>

If you have any questions please email Mrs Pourous via office@stpetersthanet.co.uk

Do you need help?

Text 'Kent' to **85258** for in the moment help when life gets overwhelming and you need immediate support. No fee, no registration or data required - it is silent, free, confidential and anonymous. We are here for everyone, young people and adults, 24/7 - text any time, day or night, whenever you need mental health support.

We are #HereForYou 24 hours a day, seven days a week, whenever you need mental health support. #KentTogether



REMINDER:

Year 6's Removal of iPad from our Management System

Year 6 pupils who have been part of an iPad scheme during their time at St. Peter's. As they are now soon to leave and start at their new school, we need to remove the device from our management system. **This is very important as if the school technician does not follow this procedure and you try to reset the device yourself, you will permanently disable the device due to the current restrictions placed on it.** Once this has been actioned, you are able to manage the iPad yourself without the limitations that are currently in place.

With this in mind, we will need the device to be bought in on either Friday 3rd July or Monday 6th July. The device must be clearly named, fully charged, **backed up and all passcodes removed** (if this is not the case we will not be able to remove the restrictions) this is because during this process the device will need to be set back to factory settings.

We are only able to action the removal from our management on Tuesday 7th or Wednesday 8th July if you do not bring the device in by Monday 6th July at the latest, we will be unable action until the following school year.