



### Parents' Update: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another academic year here at SS Peter and Paul Catholic primary school. We hope that you have had a relaxing time during the school holidays and that you have managed to have a break and rest from work.

This morning we have held our Inset training, which has been focused upon the main thrusts of the school's development priorities for the year, the school as a Catholic worshipping community, the development of our Early Years unit and essential safeguarding training. This afternoon, the staff are making the final preparations for the opening of the school.

Tomorrow, the school will open for all children from Year 1 – 6, with everybody starting at 8.45 and finishing at 3.15. We are looking forward to seeing you all in readiness for this coming academic year.

If your child previously attended breakfast and/or after school club, they can attend from tomorrow morning. If you have not attended before but wish to request a place, then please email the school office [office@sspp.merton.sch.uk](mailto:office@sspp.merton.sch.uk) and we will then let you know if there are places available.

### Messages for parents with children returning to the school in September

#### Arrivals and Departures

- All gates will close at 8.55am, after which your child will be marked as late
- Children in Years 5 and 6 will come in and exit through the gate at Mitcham Park, with staff directing them to their new classes
- Children in Years 1 – 4 will come in and exit through the Cricket Green gates
- Although social distancing will not be compulsory, we ask that you time your arrival so as not to cause queues or bottlenecks. Face coverings need not be worn.
- Children in Years 1 – 4 will be dismissed from the school hall, so parents should come in through the Cricket Green gates and stand in the playground ready to collect your children (Years 1 and 2 at 3.05pm; Years 3 and 4 at 3.15pm).

If queueing, please do so to the right of the school gates, so as not to obstruct neighbours' driveways

#### Early Years

- All parents have been informed of start times and dates.

#### Mass and Liturgies/Assemblies

- Children will be having the Gospel assemblies, Phase assemblies, Hymns and singing assemblies, and Celebration assemblies each week.
- School Masses will resume, with parents always welcome to attend. We will confirm the dates for school Masses shortly

#### School Uniform and PE Kit

- As restrictions have been lifted and the school is no longer operating in the "bubble" sense, full school uniform is expected, including appropriate school shoes – not trainers.
- Children will still be expected to come to school in their PE kit on the relevant day, although we would encourage you to help your child to become independent in putting this on at home
- PE kits need to follow the school uniform policy of the house colour t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms and basic trainers. Please ensure you have the correct kit for the new school year and please make sure that the t-shirt is from our school uniform supplier <https://www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk/> and not a football/other sports top.



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**Hot Chocolate Friday**

- This will resume as a physical gathering. Children will still bring certificates home but the actual drink will be provided at each Friday's gathering. The first will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow morning,

Yours sincerely,

**David Hennessey**  
**Headteacher**



### Clubs and Activities

- These will begin again early in the new school year, with more of them and a wider range of activities on offer.

### Swimming Lessons – we are moving away from a once per week, to a more intensive 10-day programme

- St Martin class (Year 2) will be having swimming lessons each day from 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September
- St Clare class (Year 2) will be having swimming lessons each day from 8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November.
  - o More details will provided in September: timings, kit etc

### Parents' Meetings

- Meet the Teacher will take place in the school hall on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> September (more details to follow)
- Parents' Evenings will continue to be held remotely, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 4.00 – 6.00pm and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2.00 – 5.00pm, which will mean an early closure on that day.

### School Summer Closure Activities and Services

There are a number of local provisions for the summer holidays, so please [click here](#) for further details.

There are activities available on the [Cafod](#) website for families.

### Happy Holidays

On behalf of all the staff and governors at SS Peter and Paul Catholic school, after this second disrupted year, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for all your

help, patience, understanding, flexibility, remote learning support, kind words,  
well-wishes, laughter, smiles, gifts, Instagram likes and comments, queuing,  
waiting, challenges and words of encouragement throughout the year.

It has certainly been a journey and we look ahead to what just might be a more settled year ahead.

With blessings for the summer break and looking forward to seeing you in September.

**David Hennessey**  
**Headteacher**

