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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to the Spring. I do hope that we have some sunshine!

Firstly, I want to thank you all for the wonderful support you have given to school during these last few months. You have been incredibly understanding about the challenges we have all faced and done a brilliant job in supporting your children with their home learning. I know this must have been really difficult at times but, as usual, you have continued to be committed and engaged in your child's education. We are so grateful and are really looking forward to seeing all our families on March 8th.

Staffing

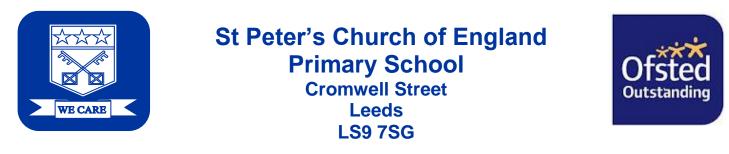
We will say goodbye to Mrs Burrows at the end of this week. She will be working from home and then taking her maternity leave. We wish her well with the rest of her pregnancy. Mrs Brogan will be covering in class 3 from Monday - Wednesday each week until Mrs Burrows' return.

Mrs Smith will be returning to school now she is recovered and is looking forward to seeing her class. Many thanks to Mrs Brogan for the great job she did in reception whilst Mrs Smith was away.

Returning to school on 8th March

I know that you will all be wondering what will happen next week following the government's announcement that ALL children will be returning to school. This letter explains what our plan is so please take the time to read it carefully and understand it.

- 1. Keeping everyone safe Our priority is to make the school environment as clean and safe as possible. It will be cleaned throughout the day and after school every day.
- 2. Children will start and finish at the same times as in the autumn term so that we have less pupils in the playground and cloakrooms. There will be arrows to guide children into the playground. The playground space is smaller whilst we have some building work taking place. Please take care to stay in the waiting areas for classes.
- 3. Classes will have breaks and lunchtimes at different times so we can spread them out in the playground and hall.
- 4. **Children will use hand sanitiser** as they come into school and will wash their hands and use sanitiser throughout the day.
- 5. **Regular cleaning during the day** and after break times, toilets, door handles and tables will be wiped down.
- 6. Each child will have their own pencil case and equipment provided by school so that they do not share.
- 7. **Reading books** will be sent home and when returned will be stored before being put back on the shelves.
- 8. At playtimes and lunchtimes each class will have their own set of toys to play with so they are not shared with other classes.
- 9. Breakfast club will start on Monday 8th for parents who have no alternative. We are trying to limit numbers so that children are not mixing with other classes
- 10. There will be no after school clubs to start with but we will let you know when we can start these.
- 11. Children will be given fruit at break time each day.
- 12. Dinner Money. We need to limit the amount of cash handling so we ask that you send the correct dinner money to school with your child in an envelope with their name on. We will not be able to accept dinner money payments at the office like before.
- 13. Key stage two classes will have desks in rows so children are all facing the same way.
- 14. Uniform and pumps Children should wear uniform and pumps from the first day but not a tie.



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Anybody who is ill or has somebody in their house who has symptoms must stay at home.

If your child has any allergies or is taking any medication that we do not know about already please contact the school office to inform us

Start and Finish times

School will be open for all pupils on Monday 8th March.

We have spaced out the start and finish of the day so that children are spread out safely. We will ensure that all the usual teaching time is allocated to each class but we will not be able to have full school assemblies or singing. Lunchtimes have also been reduced to minimise contact between the classes. Children on school lunches will receive a hot meal in the hall each day.

Class	<mark>Arrive</mark>	Break	Lunch	Break	<mark>Finish</mark>
6	<mark>8.35</mark>	10.15-10.30	12.35-1.20	N/A	<mark>2.30</mark>
5	<mark>8.35</mark>	10.15-10.30	12.35-1.20	N/A	<mark>2.30</mark>
4	<mark>8.45</mark>	10.30-10.45	12.30-1.15	N/A	<mark>2.40</mark>
3	<mark>8.45</mark>	10.30-10.45	12.30-1.15	N/A	<mark>2.40</mark>
2	<mark>8.40</mark>	10.45-11.00	11.45-12.30	2.00-2.15	<mark>2.40</mark>
1	<mark>8.45</mark>	10.45-11.00	11.45-12.30	2.00-2.15	<mark>2.45</mark>
Rec	<mark>8.45</mark>	10.45-11.00	11.40-12.25 (Eating in	2.00-2.15	<mark>2.45</mark>
			the hall)		
Nursery	Morning session 8.45 – 11.30				<mark>11.30</mark>
	Afternoon session 12pm- 2.45				<mark>2.45</mark>

I realise that many of you have children who are in different classes and so I would ask that you come to school ready to send your child to their class from the playground when it is their turn. Only one adult per family should bring their children. It is also important that when you are picking up you <u>collect the children on time</u>, making sure you are here for the child who is finishing first and then waiting for the others in the playground.

Please maintain social distancing while you are waiting and make sure your children stay with you and don't mix with other classes. Please wear a mask to come into the school grounds.

Please be assured that although the day looks shorter, the children will not miss out on any teaching time. We hope to return to our normal school timetable as soon as we are allowed.

Parents will not be able to come into school unless it is absolutely necessary. Please phone or email instead. I am sure that we will all get back into the routine quickly and myself and all the staff are really looking forward to welcoming you all back into school next week .

Warmest wishes Mrs E. J. Holliday