

St. Peter at Gowts CE Primary School Newsletter 2020

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents,

Welcome to my first newsletter for quite a while! First of all, I really hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. It has been, and continues to be, such a strange time. I am aware that so many of you will have been juggling multiple children, jobs and other responsibilities as well as trying to home school. This has been incredibly challenging and it has been wonderful to see how families have coped so well, trying to find fun activities, catering for the children at an extremely challenging time. You are honestly all heroes in my eyes! I have been so impressed that the children have managed to show such resilience and positivity at this time. Children are often much more adaptable than we give them credit for! For those that have struggled, hopefully you will have found the support from our staff helpful, trying to provide both practical support and emotional support in lots of different ways.

This week has marked quite a turning point for the school in terms of the numbers of children and staff returning to our site. Over the last 3 months we have been working hard to provide care for our Key Worker and Vulnerable children. Most recently, we opened our doors to our Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery children. It has been truly wonderful to see so many children back within our building. The children seem delighted to be back, they are enjoying that return to normality and happy to be back with friends and teachers.

The classrooms do look a little different now and there are lots of new routines to get the hang of. We have become expert handwashers and the social distancing protocols are going well. Thank you so much for your support in this! I am aware that our school has been split in half, with those who are still home learning and those that have returned. Please be assured that whatever situation your child is in, we will continue to do our utmost to support you in these strange times!

Charlotte Hickerton

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Home Learning Where am I?



Our new learning packs should have been hand delivered this week. They are based on Lincoln as a settlement and cover many aspects of History and Geography. These packs are being taught at home and at school so this will make sure that all the children do have the same knowledge once we are all back together again! This is a wonderful topic and hopefully one your child will really enjoy. PLEASE SHARE YOUR CHILD'S WORK ON FACEBOOK or email the teacher when they have achieved something special! If you need any support with your child's learning then please do contact the teacher, or if your child has SEN then Mrs Pinney is on hand to help and support in any way possible. Here is a reminder of email addresses for all the teachers should you need anything!

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(Mrs Pinney)

Parent Support



be aware that as a school we do have our Parent Support Advisors that are on hand to support in any way possible. Their contact details are below...

samantha.robinson@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk

kinga.wilson@st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk

Our PSAs can help with a variety of different issues. These may include

- Support with parenting and routines at home
- Signposting to other support eg housing
- Access to foodbanks and charity support
- Help translating and understanding school documents
- Help filling out paperwork eg Free School Meals applications
- General support for you and your family's wellbeing!

Please do email either Sammy or Kinga if there is anything you think they can help with!

Governing Body

Our Governing Body has been highly active over the past few months, considering issues such as risk assessments, wellbeing, policy and protocols as a result of Covid-19. They are involved with our school community, acting as critical friends to the headteacher and senior leaders. Our Chair of Governors is Paula Hughes and our Clerk to Governors is Jo Ingle. For more information please visit our website.



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Reminders

Here are a few reminders if your child is attending school.

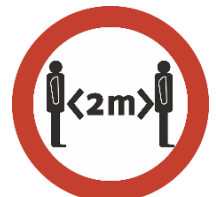


- Please send your child in school uniform or as close as you can!
- Please don't send in PE kit. You will be informed of your child's PE day and the children will come to school in kit on this day (starting next week)
- Please make sure uniform is washed daily to keep it clean and virus free
- No toys, no pencil cases or other equipment please
- Please send in a book bag with minimal things in each day - reading book, suncream, snack, water bottle etc
- If your child has an inhaler, please make sure there is one in school or any other medical needs your child has
- Please provide your child with a healthy snack for break time - this could be fruit or a cereal bar
- If you receive FSM your child will be given a pack up at lunchtime for the next couple of weeks till the logistics for hot meals become more manageable
- It really is essential all children have a water bottle each day, especially in this weather



For Parents we continue to ask that -

- If your child displays any symptoms of Coronavirus they must not be brought to school
- Please make sure that there is an adult ready and able to collect children should symptoms become apparent to school staff
- Please make sure that there is a strict adherence to the social distancing measures put in place at collection and drop off times
- Please make sure your child is picked up promptly - there is no provision for after school care currently



PE DAYS

For those children who are now back at school, we are starting to include PE in your child's learning. When it is your child's PE day please can your child come to school in their PE kit. Please try to dress your child in the school PE kit, which is a white or red t-shirt and black shorts. Children may wish to wear a black or navy tracksuit or black leggings and a dark coloured top if it is cold.

The following table shows when your child's PE day will be -

Monday - The Emperors and Reception

Tuesday - Year 1 Amazing Alligators and Brilliant Birds

Wednesday - Year 1 Cool Cats

Thursday - Year 6 Awesome

Friday - Year 6 Brilliant and Cool



Social Media and On Line Safety

We are absolutely delighted to announce that St Peter at Gowts is now a National Online Safety certified school.

This accreditation shows that all staff have successfully completed a comprehensive online safety training programme demonstrating our commitment to keeping children and young people safe online. We would also like to say a big thank you to all parents that have signed up and accessed the resources and online course.

If you haven't signed up already, please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown.
<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-peter-at-gowts-ce-primary-school>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the 'Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course and all the resources the site has on offer (which includes 50+ online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games). This aims to help empower parents and carers with the knowledge to help protect their children from the dangers of the internet.

