



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS

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“Unlocking the potential in all, empowering a community of Hope”

NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear All,

I hope that you and all your family are keeping well and safe. We are always hopeful at St. Peter's, and we certainly hope that the UK is now approaching the final stages of the pandemic. It seems like a race to get the vaccine, with it being rolled out very quickly in some areas. At school, we feel much safer with the introduction of bi-weekly testing for staff, starting next week. We hope the vaccine will not be too far behind for the staff. All our thoughts are with every family as they try to keep positive whilst facing so much adversity, for such a long period of time.

The children in school are coping so well with all the changes to routine and the new timetables, meaning that the teachers dash from the classrooms to live teaching during the day. Despite these challenges, the work the children are completing is of an exceptional quality, we are so proud of their resilience and dedication to the tasks set. The new routines in school are designed to keep everyone as safe as possible. We now have full whole school cleaning at lunchtimes, including all touch points. We have increased use of sanitisers, hand washing, a strict adherence to the bubble structure and social distancing protocols. No bubble closures yet, but we remain very vigilant about symptoms, testing and isolating when necessary.

Have a wonderful weekend, thank you so much for all your support over the last few weeks. These are crazy difficult times, made bearable by the privilege of working with such fantastic children and their families at St. Peter's.

Charlotte Hickerton



OFSTED REPORTING



You may have seen recently that the DFE have recommended to parents that they can report any concerns about the quality of teaching during this lockdown to both the school and to Ofsted. We hope that you will share any concerns about the quality of our 'lockdown' schooling offer with us. We have also heard many positive comments about our curriculum and how well the live teaching sessions are going. If you feel we have responded well to the pandemic and have provided high quality education for the children, then please do report this via Ofsted via the following link.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

It would be great to get some feedback about how we are doing, so please do have your say whether your child is @home or @school!

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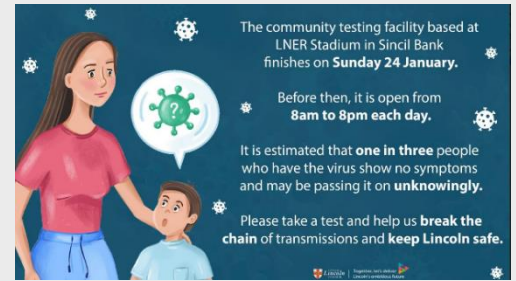
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LOCAL TESTING CENTRE

Please do remember that the local coronavirus testing centre located at Sincil Bank is still available this weekend. You can just drop in, it is a great way to protect others and make sure you are not unknowingly putting others at risk.



FACEBOOK CHALLENGE THIS WEEK



Thanks so much to those families taking part in the Facebook challenges - just a bit of fun to break the monotony and the prize is a £10 Amazon voucher! This week's challenge is to cook a full meal from any country. This could be a pizza from Italy, a BBQ from Australia, paella from Spain, or toad in the hole from England! Involve the children and enjoy a meal together thinking about that country where the food originated from. HAPPY COOKING EVERYONE!

SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES THROUGH ST. SWITHINS

If any families are in any sort of need, we are so lucky to be working with St. Swithins that have volunteers that can help. They currently support some of our families with food parcels, wellbeing chats, financial support for families struggling, and many other support pathways. If you are in need of any support, please click this link in order to access a wealth of different opportunities. <https://www.stswithins.org/get-help>

St Swithin's Love Your Neighbour is now launching a brand new programme starting in February called Re-Work, which is designed to help people get back into work who have lost their job during the pandemic or have simply found it very difficult to find a job at all. This six session online course is FREE and has been created by Resurgo, who are committed to seeing transformation in society and already run the very successful 'Spear' programme to help get young people facing disadvantage into work.

This is a brilliant opportunity, you can just email rework@stswithins.org.uk to request a place.

IN SCHOOL REMINDERS FOR ALL CHILDREN

We are now at full capacity in the school, with all bubbles reaching their upper limit. Despite this, our bubbles are half the size of before Christmas, they feel safe, distanced and we are more covid aware than ever. In order for things to run smoothly for our Saint Peters@school children we would like to request that all children bring a -

Lost your job?

Unemployed in the wake of Covid19, and struggling to get back into work? Re-Work can help, for free.

Over the course of six online group sessions:

- Refresh your communication skills
- Build your professional network
- Update your CV for maximum impact
- Explore transferable skills for new roles
- Brush up on interview techniques
- Boost your confidence

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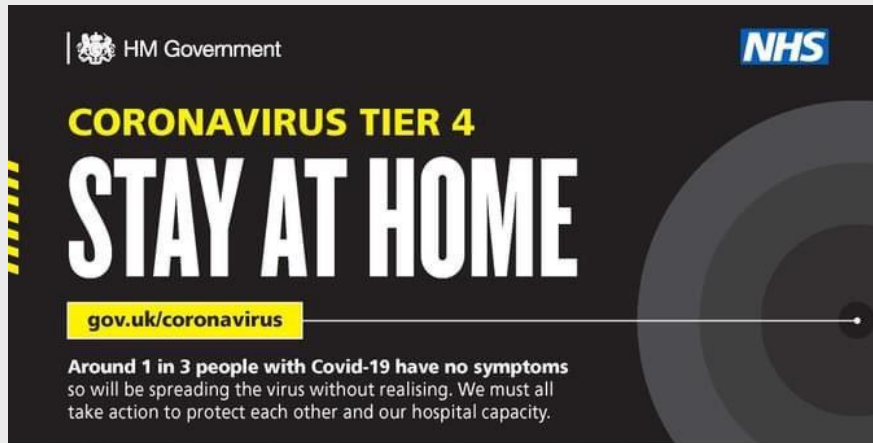
Online courses taking place throughout the year. Register your interest at stswithins.org/rework or email rework@stswithins.org.uk

Love Your Neighbour

- Hoodie/fleece/blanket due to windows being ajar and the temperature outside being low (heating is on fully too)
- A clearly labelled water bottle
- A snack to be eaten during the morning
- A face covering if the children wish (esp. key stage 2)

Other Reminders

- Please arrive at school no earlier than 8.40am. School starts at 8.45am, and the teachers need extra time in the mornings to prepare for those children at home.
- Please do not send the children in jeans, especially on PE days
- Please can adults wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up
- Only 1 parent on the playground at a time please
- Please be very aware of covid symptoms and do not bring your child if there is any concern for their health
- Please do not mix with others outside school and keep to the national rules during this lockdown. If you do not, your child could be putting our staff and other children at risk. I have attached the guidance below.



MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY <p>No household mixing, aside from support bubbles and two people meeting in public outdoor spaces.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS <p>Hospitality closed, aside from sales by take away, drive-through or delivery.</p>	RETAIL <p>Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only open for click-and-collect and delivery.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS <p>Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.</p>
EDUCATION <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open during term time. Registered childcare, other supervised activities for childcare purposes, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE <p>Closed.</p>	ACCOMMODATION <p>Closed (with limited exceptions).</p>	PERSONAL CARE <p>Closed.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS <p>You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS <p>Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events can continue in a group of up to six. Weddings of up to six can continue in exceptional circumstances.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT <p>Indoor entertainment closed. Some outdoor attractions may remain open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP <p>Open for private prayer and communal worship, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING <p>You must stay at home and only travel for work, education or other legally permitted reasons. If you must travel, you should stay local, and reduce the number of journeys you make. You must not leave a Tier 4 area or stay overnight away from home. Residents in Tiers 1 - 3 should not enter Tier 4 areas. Do not travel abroad if you live in a Tier 4 area unless an exemption applies.</p>	EXERCISE <p>You can leave your home to exercise by yourself, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household. Outdoor sport allowed but gatherings limit applies except for youth and disabled sport.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE <p>You can visit relatives in care homes with COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits.</p>	CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE <p>The Clinically Extremely Vulnerable are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend health appointments.</p>

For support and more information visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



