

Going back to school



St Peter's C.E. Primary School

School will be open again to everyone on Tuesday 8th September. We can't wait to see you – we have missed you all so much!

We couldn't have imagined back in March, that schools would have been closed for so long. We are **VERY** proud of how hard most of you have worked at home.



The staff have been working hard to get everything ready for school opening again. Some things will be a bit different for a while so that we can make sure everyone stays safe - we will soon get used to it and we will hopefully be back to normal soon.

Please spend some time reading through this information with your family so you all know what to expect when we are back at school.



School times



To keep everyone safe, classes will start and finish at different times for a while. Our cloakrooms are quite squashed so this means there will only be one class in a cloakroom at a time and fewer people walking in and out of school together.

Class	Start	Finish
Class 6	8.35	2.30
Class 5	8.35	2.30
Class 4	8.45	2.40
Class 3	8.45	2.40
Class 2	8.45	2.50
Class 1	8.55	2.50
Reception	8.55	2.50
Nursery	Morning sessions 8.45 -11.30	Afternoon sessions 12.00 – 2.45



School times



- It is really important that you are **ON TIME** for school and are picked up on time too.
- There will be **directions** to follow to go to the playground – this is so we can keep our distance from other people to stay safe.
- When you get to the playground there will be a **waiting area** for your class. You should go to your waiting area and stay there until your doors are open.
- So we don't have too many people in the playground at once **only one adult** should bring you to school or pick you up.
- The school day looks a little shorter than before. This is because we are going to have a slightly shorter lunchtime. **You will still be doing the same amount of hours of learning!**
- If you have brothers or sisters in different classes who start and finish at different times you can wait with your adult in your class area – **it is very important you are all collected at the time your class finishes.**

Uniform



We usually sell uniform on the first day back after the summer holidays. **We can't do that this year because it would be too busy and would not be safe.**

This year we will be selling uniform to different classes on different days so too many people aren't together at a time:

Reception – Monday 7th September at the new parents meeting.

Year 1 and 2 – Tuesday 8th September

Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday 9th September

Year 5 and 6 – Thursday 10th September

Please only buy uniform on your class's day.

If you don't have the correct uniform or pumps for the first few days back **please don't worry**. Just wear as suitable clothes as possible until it has been your class's turn to buy uniform.

We expect all children to be wearing uniform and pumps by Monday 14th September.

Clean hands



Can you remember singing 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star' or 'Happy Birthday' lots of times when you washed your hands? We will still be washing our hands lots but we have also got hand sanitiser stations **all over school!**

There are hand sanitiser stations in **every cloakroom, outside of every classroom, along the corridor, in the hall and in the entrance.** We also have bottles of sanitiser in each classroom and lots of wipes that get rid of germs.

Every time you come inside from the playground (at the beginning of the day, end of playtime, end of lunchtime, end of P.E. lessons) **or go outside to the playground** (at the beginning of playtime, lunchtime and home time) you will get a squirt of hand sanitiser. You will also get a squirt of hand sanitiser **every time you go into your classroom.**

The things that we touch in the classroom like chairs and tables will also be wiped down a lot during the day.

We have LOTS of hand sanitiser and we will use it lots throughout the day.



Equipment

All children will be given a brand new pencil case with all of the things they will need like pens, pencils, crayons, rubber, sharpener, scissors and a glue stick. This means you will have your own equipment so you won't need to share things we use often. **Please don't bring things from home.**



You will also get a zip bag with things you might need like a whiteboard, pen, and rubber, 100 square, phonics mat, number line or spelling cards.



Other things that we might need to share like iPads will get wiped down with a special wipe after they have been used to get rid of any germs.



Corridors

We have marked the corridor so we can keep apart when we are moving around school.



There are arrows to show us which way to go and to remind us to keep a safe space from other people.

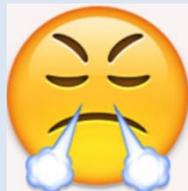
We have moved lots of furniture like tables and chairs from the corridor to make more space for us to move around safely.

Classrooms

So that there is more space we have moved some furniture out of the classrooms.



In KS2 the desks face forward so that everyone is looking at the front of the classroom. This means germs can't spread as easily if someone coughs or sneezes!



Play time



So that we have plenty of space in the playground, play times will be a little different:

Year 5 & 6 -10.15 until 10.30

Year 3 & 4 – 10.30 until 10.45

Reception & KS1 -10.45 until 11.00

This means the cloakrooms will not be too busy either.

Remember to use hand sanitiser on your way out at playtime and when you come back in!

Each class will have their **own space** to play in. Children must **only play with other children in their class**. Each class will also have their own set of toys and games to play with.



Lunch time



So that we have plenty of space in the playground, lunchtimes will be a little different:

Reception - 11.40 until 12.25

KS1 - 11.45 until 12.30

Year 3 & 4 - 12.30 until 1.15

Year 5 & 6 - 12.35 until 1.20.

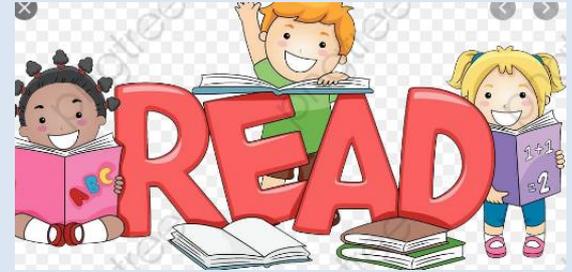
This means the cloakrooms will not be too busy either. **Remember to use hand sanitiser on your way out at lunchtime and when you come back in!**

Lunch will be eaten outside, a bit like when we have picnic days. If the weather is not good enough we will eat lunches in classrooms. Children having school meals will be given a 'grab bag' with lots of lovely different foods in including some hot things too. **If you bring a packed lunch please leave it on your peg in the cloakroom and make sure it is wiped down at home every day.**

Because children in KS2 will be having an earlier start to the day and a later lunchtime, **everyone** will get a snack at playtime, a bit like in KS1. There will be no tuck shop for a while.

Each class will have their own space to play in. Children must only play with other children in their class.

Reading



We will be reading lots as usual when we are back at school.

You will be able to take your reading book home like before.

When you are finished with a book it will be put into a box in the classroom and left for at least 3 days before it goes back onto the shelves. This is to make sure any germs have gone away before the next person reads the book.

Adults who read with you will be responsible for going to get your new book so that there aren't too many people touching the books.

Toilets

One door will be an **entrance** to the toilets and the other will be an **exit** door.

It is like a one-way system!

This is so there will be more room and everyone won't have to be very close to each other.

The toilets, sinks and doors will be wiped down lots over the day to make sure there are no germs.



Things we can't do for now



We need to stay with our own class 'bubble' for a while so we can't have assemblies together in the hall for a while.

Instead of having assemblies with all of the children in school, we will have assemblies with just the children in your class. We might also start doing some assemblies on Zoom!



We are not able to sing for a while. This is because germs might be spread when we are singing.



Things we can't do for now



We will not be able to move around school as much as before – we won't be able to do jobs like taking the register to the office or go on messages. This is because it is important that we stay in our class 'bubble'.

During lesson time we will mainly stay in our classrooms and at playtimes and lunchtimes we need to be outside.

Class 3 & 4 go swimming each week at Quarry House. We will not be able to go swimming for a few more weeks.



There may be some other things that we will have to stop doing or change for a while but hopefully not for too long.



Things we can't do for now



There will be **no breakfast club or after school clubs** for a while. We will try to start Breakfast Club as soon as we can. Please make sure you have breakfast before you come to school.

We want to try to avoid touching money so **dinner money should come to school in an envelope with your name on**. You should try to bring the correct money as it will be difficult to give change out. We will not be able to take dinner money payments at the office like before.

If parents need to speak to someone in the office they should **ring school** rather than come into the building as it is important that we limit the number of people in school to keep everyone safe.



Things we can't do for now



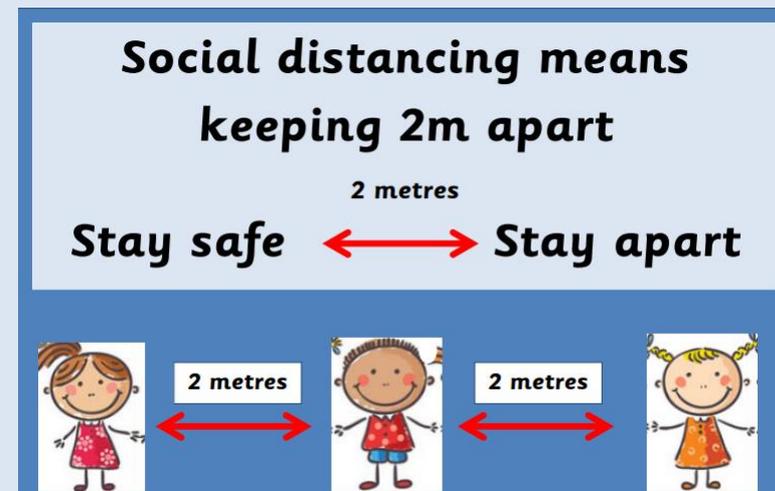
We won't be using the computer room for now. We will be able to use the iPads as we will be wiping them down when after they have been used.

We won't be using water coolers for a while. We will put jugs of water in classrooms instead. Grown ups will help you if you need a drink.



We need to try to not get too close to each other for a while so we need to try not to hug or cuddle each other.

Although we don't need to stay 2m apart from others in our class, we need to try to keep apart from other people as much as we can.



Very important!

If you or someone in your family has any of these things wrong with them you **MUST STAY AT HOME AND NOT COME TO SCHOOL.**

Ring the office and let us know and we will help you with what to do next.



If you have any of these symptoms you **MUST NOT** come in!



Fever



New cough



New shortness
of breath



Loss of taste
or smell

Worries

It has been a long time since we have all been together at school.

Some of us might feel really excited and happy to be going back to school.



Some of us might be feeling a bit worried.

Some of us might be feeling a mixture of being excited, happy and a bit worried too.



All of those feelings are very normal.

If you have any worries or questions you can talk to your parents or a grown up in school or even send Mrs Holliday or Miss Parry an email.



See you all soon....



We have given you a lot of information about going back to school. We hope it helps you to understand a bit more about what school will be like when we are back together again.

It is important that we all work together to follow the new rules and routines so we all stay safe and well.

If you have any questions you can email us:

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We hope you enjoy the rest of the holidays and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon!