



ATTENDANCE

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school and can be prosecuted if they fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at school or provide alternative education, as this is a criminal offence. A Fixed Penalty Notice, including a fine, may be issued for unauthorised absences. *Leave of absence requests in term time will not be authorised for Year 6 children, nor for Year 1 or Year 2 in May or June due to statutory testing.*

SICKNESS ABSENCE

We have a "48 hour" rule for sickness and diarrhoea, as per guidance from the School Nurse Team. Please keep your child away from school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick or had a tummy upset. This guidance is simply to keep your child as healthy as possible and to keep our school germs to a minimum.

In the news.....



- We are delighted to announce that Miss Seevaramen got married in the summertime and is now Mrs Humphrey. Very warm congratulations to her and her husband, Paul, who many of you will remember worked here a few years ago!
- On our INSET day on 2nd September, Mr Haywood who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead, delivered Child Protection and Safeguarding training to all staff.
- Our new children in Reception and Nursery have settled in very well, as have the new faces that have joined us in other classes.
- We had our Year group Curriculum Meetings this week, which enable parents to ask questions in person about the curriculum and expectations in each year group.
- Next week, we have our Parent Consultation meetings. These are important opportunities for you and the class teacher to discuss your child's targets for the coming term, based on the areas identified in Pupil Progress meetings with the Senior Leadership Team at the end of the summer term.



School communication

Our website is kept up to date so please remember to check it regularly! Photos are in the [Gallery](#), letters sent home are in the [News and Letters](#) section and the [Events Calendar](#) has information about all the latest St Peter's events: www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk



Hair in PE

We are asking **all children** with shoulder length hair to tie it back for PE and swimming for health and safety reasons. We also recommend that long hair is tied back or plaited to limit the spread of headlice.

After School Supervision

We allow the children to play in the infant playground after school until **3.30pm** under the supervision of parents, however we have had some feedback from parents expressing concern about this. It would appear that just before the summer holiday children playing football almost hit a female parent sitting on a wall and did actually hit the face of another pupil. This term there have been reports of 'boisterous uncontrolled behaviour' from those children playing football in the playground after school which resulted in the ball hitting a pushchair containing a small child. Fortunately, the baby was not facing forward or it could have been seriously injured. Most parents do keep a close eye on their children, however if there were to be any further injuries sustained at this time we would have to forbid the playing of football after school in the playground. **Please ensure you vacate the playground by 3.30pm. Thank you.**

Did you know...

All our school meals are freshly cooked onsite?



- Infant start: 8.40am (doors close 8.50am)
- Junior start: 8.40am (doors close 8.45am)
- Nursery start: 8.55am (doors close 9.00am)
- Lunch: 12.00 – 1.00pm
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- Infant end of day: 3.10pm
- Junior end of day: 3.15pm
- Nursery end of day: 3.00pm



Our PTA (FOSPs)



Most schools have a **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**, which is an organisation of parents and staff. Its role is to encourage closer links between home and school. PTAs are best known for their **fundraising** work, but they have a useful social function too. Fundraising events provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together. **At St Peter's our PTA is known as FOSPS - Friends of St Peter's** and we are very keen to get everyone involved!

How is it organised?

At St Peter's all parents/carers and teachers are **automatically** members of FOSPS. We hold our **annual general meeting** in November, and at this meeting a **committee** is elected to run FOSPS - usually consisting of a chair, a vice-chair, a treasurer, a secretary and ordinary committee members. These ordinary members include at least one, and often two, parents from each class as '**class reps**'. Their job is to pass on information from the FOSPS to other parents in their child's class. The main committee usually meets **a couple of times a term** and set up smaller working groups to organise individual events.

How is money raised?

We raise most of our money through **events**, usually one main event each school term - for example, a Christmas fayre in the winter, a quiz in the spring, and a summer fayre. Other events include Christmas card sales, uniform sales, discos, film evenings, and many more. We're always looking for new **fundraising ideas**.

How is money spent?

Funds raised by FOSPS were historically intended to provide '**extras**' not already provided by the school's main income - often 'fun things' that make learning more interesting and exciting. However because of all the cuts to funding the money raised now is often to support essential resources too.

How can I be involved in FOSPS?

There are many **different ways** you can help, whether you have lots of time to offer or not. Some of the roles are time-consuming but very rewarding. If you can't commit to a big job, look out for things you can do less frequently (eg running a stall at the summer fayre or baking for a cake sale). And you can always support FOSP events by simply **turning up!**



Viral Illnesses

The Local Authority have asked schools to publicise the information below regarding viral illnesses.

There have been 169 confirmed measles cases in the South-East, nearly 100 across Sussex and Surrey so far this year. The measles cases have been in those who are un-immunised or received only one of the two recommended doses.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness which can be very serious, particularly in people with weakened immune systems, pregnant women, or babies under one year. A cough or a sneeze can spread the measles virus over a wide area. If you come into contact with it and are not protected, the chances are very high that you will be infected.

The illness can be more severe in adults and can last for longer. Someone with measles usually has to spend about five days in bed and be off school or work for ten days. Adults are also more susceptible to complications. If you are concerned you or your child may have measles, stay at home and phone NHS 111 or your GP.

Symptoms include cold like symptoms, fever, cough, and a red brown blotchy rash which usually starts on the head and spreads to the rest of the body. Measles is infectious for 4 days before and 4 days after the rash appears.

Prevention: Measles is so easily preventable through the MMR (Measles Mumps Rubella) vaccination, a highly effective and safe vaccine. Everyone should ensure they are up to date with 2 doses of MMR to protect themselves and also to prevent the virus spreading to others who may be more vulnerable. Vaccine is offered at 1 year of age and as a pre-school booster at three years, four months of age. If you have missed these vaccinations it's never too late - you can still have them at any age through your GP practice.

For parents/carers and staff born before 1970 you're likely to have natural immunity, but if you were born after 1970 and can't remember if you've had both MMR vaccinations, it's better to book an appointment to have MMR vaccine because extra doses pose no health risk. More information about the MMR can be found at NHS Choices and here:

<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/services/servicedetails.htm?directoryID=16368>