

St. Peter's Primary School



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General Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Invacuation Practice

At St. Peter's Primary School, the safety and well-being of our pupils is top priority.

To ensure that we are prepared for any emergency situation, we will be conducting an invacuation drill on Tuesday 17th March in the morning (next week).

An invacuation drill is a practice exercise that helps pupils and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency that requires us to secure the school building, such as the air ambulance needing to land on the school field. Just as we practice fire drills to prepare for a fire, we practice invacuation drills to be prepared for other types of emergencies. This is an annual drill.

During the drill, teachers will follow established safety procedures to secure their classrooms, and pupils will be instructed on how to remain quiet and follow directions. The drill will be conducted in an age-appropriate manner, with staff explaining the procedures to pupils in a calm and reassuring way in assembly on Monday 16th March.

In the event of a real invacuation event, we will notify you as soon as practicable via MCAS and Facebook. To ensure everyone's safety, we ask that, in the event of a real invacuation, parents and carers refrain from coming onto site; this may hinder any emergency services action that needs to take place. We will not release students during a lockdown and we would ask that parents and carers not to ring school as this could tie up emergency lines.

We understand that the idea of an invacuation drill can be concerning for some parents and pupils. Please be assured that these drills are an important part of our safety protocol and are designed to help everyone know what to do to stay safe in an emergency. If you have any questions or concerns about the invacuation drill, please feel free to contact the school office. We are committed to keeping our school a safe and secure environment for all our pupils. Thank you for your support and understanding.

School Uniform

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow pupils to feel pride in their school. It also ensures students are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear and all are treated equally.

School uniform shows that the children are ready to learn, respectful and safe. We have noticed some pupils wearing leggings to school which are not included with the School Uniform Policy. Please see the reminder below of the School Uniform Policy. This can be found in full on our School Website.



St Peter's Primary School uniform – as directed in the School Uniform Policy:

- Yellow polo shirt
- Green jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black or grey trousers, tailored shorts, pinafore or skirt. (Please note – leggings or jeans are not to be worn in place of trousers. Shorts and skirts should be knee length and allow children to sit comfortably on the floor.)
- Black, sturdy shoes (no trainers or multi-coloured shoes)
- Grey, black or white socks or grey or black tights
 - Summer – green checked dresses or black or grey tailored shorts
- Long hair should be tied up
- No jewellery, nail varnish or make-up (except plain ear studs which must be removed for PE)

We often have preloved school uniform for sale in school. Please speak to Mrs Unwin in the School Office to see what is currently available.

St Peter's Primary School PE kit:

- Plain, black shorts or jogging bottoms for colder weather
- PLAIN white t-shirt or polo shirt
- Black pumps or trainers
- A school jumper for colder weather (no other colours or logos)

We thank you for your co-operation with this, helping to ensure that your child arrives at school ready to learn, respectful and safe.

Parking and drop-off arrangements:

The beginning and end of the school day here at St. Peter's is always extremely busy and I am asking for your help in keeping our children safe during those busy times. Parking responsibly – as with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads.

Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on any zig zag lines at any time of day is prohibited. Please use the drop-off facility rather than parking on the zig-zag lines.

Reminder – all our parking spaces are for Blue Badge holders only. The drop off area is a NO PARKING zone and is clearly marked in this way. I have a duty of care to safeguard all pupils. Please expect to be asked to move your vehicle if you choose to disregard this polite request.

Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. Please remember that St. Peter's is located in a residential area but if we each take some personal responsibility, we can make sure that our school area is a safe place. We appreciate your support in this matter and thank those who drive and park responsibly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Heather Yarnold
Head of School

