

# **St Peter's Re-Opening Plan**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

The government issued guidance to schools on 22nd February asking for schools to prepare to fully reopen schools on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. There continues to be an acknowledgement that social distancing in schools is not possible, particularly when fully open, although we will promote this where possible. Therefore, a range of approaches and actions will be employed, as was the case during the Autumn Term. These can be seen as a hierarchy of controls that, when implemented, creates an inherently safer system, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced.

These include:

- minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges
- cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
- minimising contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- Twice weekly lateral flow testing for staff
- Adults to wear face coverings when moving around the site, including parents to wear face coverings at drop off/pick up.

The children will continue to part of a class 'bubble,' have a staggered start and end to the day, and a structured cleaning routine. These and other measures will be explained further in this guidance.

A high priority will be placed on addressing the impact the two extended school closures have had on the children's well-being and learning. The teachers will be assessing the children on their return and establishing where gaps exist. Additional support will be targeted on key skills. The teachers will continue to provide a high quality and an inspiring curriculum which will take account of gaps in learning.

## WHOLE SCHOOL RE-OPENING:

School will reopen to children from;

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### Session Times

To promote safer social distancing practices, we will continue to follow a staggered start and end to the school day.

To minimise the disruption to families this will continue to be operated using the House Team groupings.

Best practice would suggest that where possible pupils and staff are kept in class size 'bubbles.' This helps to contain potential contacts and virus spread, supporting 'test and trace.' It also allows for other 'bubbles' to continue to operate in the circumstances of infection being identified in the school. The children will therefore only work within their own class bubble during the school day across all activities including breaks, lunch and extended day.

House Team	Session Start	Session End
Cardinal Basil Hume (Green)	8.30 am	2.45 pm
Martin Luther King (Yellow)	8.40 am	2.55 pm
St Oscar Romero (Red)	8.50 am	3.05 pm
St Teresa of Calcutta (Blue)	9.00 am	3.15 pm

### Drop off and Pick Up:

Adults should wear a face covering when on the school site. We ask that the one-way system around the school site is followed. Please arrive via the Talbot Road pathway (next to St Bede's.) Join the one-way system to your child's class door. There will be markers to show drop off points. Please remain 2 metres away from other families as much as possible. The exit from site is via the green gate on the Key Stage 2 playground and up the private road to Norfolk Road. Please be aware that the private road is always open to resident's vehicles. The St Bede's pupils will be directed to enter and leave their campus via the St Bede's driveway, this should alleviate bottleneck issues.

Only one person should be picking up children as this will support social distancing. Please keep any other younger siblings with you. If your child is being collected by an older high school sibling, please can we ask that they come on to our site alone and following the one-way system. If waiting for children, please keep 2m apart and move away from any thoroughfares. **Equally, no one experiencing Coronavirus symptoms should come onto the site or be sending their child into school.**

There will be hand sanitiser available on entry to the classroom and the children will be directed to use it both when they enter and when they leave the school premises. There will be a member of staff there to supervise and welcome the children. On pickup staff will send your child out to you. We ask that parents

waiting on the playground comply with social distancing rules at all times. We ask that you leave the premises as soon as you have collected your child to avoid gatherings of people.

**There is no parking on the school car park at any time.**

### **Groupings (explanation):**

The children will be in class bubbles. This is to minimise the number of social interactions, and to assist in the 'test and trace' system. They will have the same teacher and support staff wherever possible. Children will only mix with their peers in their class. Staff will belong to a Key Stage Bubble. This will provide a greater level of flexibility to cover teacher's planning and preparation time, leadership, specialist teaching and intervention work. Staff who work as welfare assistants (lunch cover) will be assigned to a limited number classes, and will supervise the children outside. These might be across key stages to account for staggered lunch breaks. The children will only mix with the adults and children in their 'bubble' throughout the day while in the classroom and will not be able to play with other children on the playground as this will be staggered and zoned.

Each group will have a teacher and teaching assistant assigned which will remain consistent wherever possible. Teaching Assistants will support with cleaning tasks, sick children and further supervision.

### **Curriculum:**

Your child's class teacher will be assessing the children on the learning covered during the lockdown period. Priority will be given to core key skills and concepts.

### **Homework/ Home Learning**

Your child will continue to receive homework activities via the SeeSaw app. This will not only support their learning in school and provide catch-up content, but will also provide a consistent and effective means of progressing through the taught curriculum should there be a need for a further school lockdown or a period of self-isolation.

### **Lunchtimes & Playtimes:**

These will be staggered so a smaller number of pupils are on the playground. The children will only be able to play with those children in their class and will be in zones on the playground always supervised by a member of staff. Key Stage 2 lunches will be eaten in classrooms or outside, and the Key Stage 1 children will eat in the hall.

### **Extended Day:**

The Breakfast and After School Club has continued to operate during the school closure for the children of critical key workers and those considered vulnerable. From 8<sup>th</sup> March extended care will reopen for all children. Please contact Mrs Freeland at [ark@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ark@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk) to book for the Spring term.

The Breakfast and the Ark will be primarily based in the school hall (some break out room available in the Learning Resource Room) and playgrounds. Children will be based in small 'year groups' within the larger space. Children will not mix with other children outside of their 'year group.' The 'year groups' will be kept at least 2 meters apart. There will be a lead member of staff for each of the key stages (EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2,) where possible. Activity resource choice will be limited and thoroughly cleaned at the end of the session. Pre-prepared breakfast/snacks will be brought to the children.

Credit existing on accounts will be carried forward. If you are not able to access your Cash Office account or have a concern please contact the school office.

A booking form for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Spring Term will be made available on the school website and via the school newsletter.

**Breakfast Club:**

Session times: 7.45 am – 8.30 am

**Ark**

Session times: 3.15 pm – 5.30 pm

(Please note earlier closing time for cleaning purposes)

**Kindergarten Provision**

Kindergarten will be open as usual.

Opening times: 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

Children with siblings in school should arrive at the staggered start time for their siblings House Team.  
(Please see table above.)

All other children should arrive at 9 am

**Sickness:**

If a child or staff member has symptoms of Coronavirus they must not come to school. Staff will inform the headteacher and testing will be arranged. Anyone who develops symptoms must not come to school and arrange a test.

If a child or staff member develops symptoms in school they must leave the site as quickly as possible avoiding contact with others. The child will be taken to the isolation room whilst their parents are telephoned to pick them up. Siblings will also be brought to the room. They will be supervised by staff who will wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The area will be thoroughly cleaned by that staff member when the child is picked up. If a staff member becomes unwell, a test will be arranged. Anyone who has developed symptoms in school must arrange a test.

If any children or staff test positive, the rest of their class may be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. The other household members of that wider class or bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that group, subsequently develops symptoms.

### **PPE (Personal Protective Equipment):**

The government guidance is clear that PPE should only be worn in specific circumstances in school. It will not be worn by children. Staff will wear it if having to work closely with a child, for example, administering first aid or intimate care. PPE will also be worn by any staff member supervising a child who has symptoms of Coronavirus whilst they wait to be picked up by a parent. All adults will wear a face covering when moving around the school site.

### **School Uniform:**

We ask that all children wear their school uniform, including appropriate footwear.

On PE days (2 days each week) your child is asked to wear their PE kit to school. In order to stay warm your child can wear this in conjunction with a track suit. The school tracksuit can be purchased from Top Marque Uniform suppliers in St Anne's. Your child should wear pumps/ or trainers. Your class teacher will send a reminder of your child's PE days. If you have any concerns around school uniform, then please contact us.

Please be advised that jewelry, (except for small stud earrings) accessories such as scarfs, hair ribbons and bows, or any other non-essential item of clothing IS NOT PERMITTED. Children will be asked to remove any non-essential item and this will be sent home.

### **We ask that child only bring these items to school.**

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Small bag ( <i>if needed for reading book etc.</i> )	Large bag
Water bottle	PE Kits
Lunch Box (if not on school dinners)	Stationery
Reading Book	Toys etc.

### **Medically Vulnerable Children and Vulnerable Family Members:**

If you believe your child or family member are medically vulnerable please email or call to arrange an appointment to discuss this.

### **SEND Pupils:**

Our children have a range of needs and we will need to plan accordingly to ensure the well-being of specific pupils so that they have a safe and successful return to school. Please contact Mrs Hazeldine should you wish to discuss anything further.

[jhazeldine@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jhazeldine@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk)

### **Well-being Support:**

We understand that families will have been impacted in different ways. Your child's well-being is of the most importance to us and we are here to help in any way that we can. Please make contact with either your child's class teacher, Mrs Heyes or Katy Seed if you are concerned about your child. ([Katy.s@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:Katy.s@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk)). For ideas in supporting your child's mental health and well-being please refer to Katy's Well-Being Blog. You can access via the link on the school website.

### **Attendance:**

School attendance is mandatory. This means that the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is of compulsory school age.
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with Local Authorities codes of conduct

Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, they will be offered remote education. If your child has received a medical shielding letter, then please contact Mrs Heyes to discuss further.

### **Restrictions for Staff:**

Staff should remain in the classrooms they are assigned and must avoid entering other rooms. The Staff room will be open for lunch and for breaks. Restrictions will continue to be in place.

The School Office will only be accessed by Office Staff, members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Headteacher. Should a staff member have a query with the office, please go to the door and stand back. Registers will be delivered and picked up being left outside classroom doors and wiped.

### **Visitors to school:**

Only essential visitors to school will be allowed on site. An example of an essential visitor would be a contractor completing the weekly water tests which are statutory and, in not doing them, would potentially affect the health of the school community. Parents will only be able to come onto the site to drop off and pickup children. Any concerns that need to be discussed with a staff member need to be done via telephone or email as this will help to ensure the safety of both staff and parents.

### **School policies:**

Key school policies such as Behaviour and Safeguarding Policies will be reviewed and amended (if required) as an interim measure whilst there are the current restrictions and will be communicated effectively to either staff or children.

### **Review:**

The Governing Body, in consultation with the Headteacher, will keep the plan under constant review considering changes in government guidance, views of our community, good practice in other settings and learning from what is a new and evolving situation for us all. Any changes will be communicated with parents.

Mrs Angela Heyes (Headteacher)

Mr Ian Gili-Ross (Chair of Governors)

24<sup>th</sup> February 2021