

St Peter's Catholic Primary School
Procedures and Practises: Post national
Covid-19 restrictions
September 2021

It is currently the Government's policy that society will reopen fully and Covid restrictions will be lifted on 19th July 2021. As we move forward, we will need to establish 'a new normal' which allows the school to fully operate yet be able to adapt seamlessly to any further changes in the path of the pandemic.

The vaccine programme has been very successful, and this has alleviated considerably the risks presented by the virus. The current Government policy is for children to be taught in class bubbles. The *bubble* system was required so that if a positive case is identified then close contacts can easily be traced, advised to self-isolate and break the train of transmission. This has been reviewed, and from September it will be only those children testing positive that will need to isolate. Close contacts may be contacted via NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test. Public Health England, DFE and the Lancashire Public health team will continue to offer guidance and advice.

As primary age children are not receiving the vaccine, it seems likely that during the Autumn term positive cases will be identified in our school community. The Lancashire area is currently seeing high levels of transmission (July 2021.) This is likely to rise during the summer break. Therefore, we are intending to proceed cautiously.

It seems appropriate that the hygiene controls employed this year continue. 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
- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- Twice weekly lateral flow testing for staff

School Opening Times Autumn Term 2021

School will reopen to children from;

Wednesday 1st September 2021 Year 1 – Year 6
Monday 6th September 2021 Reception part time
Monday 20th September 2021 Reception full time

Session Times

Parent feedback has been positive regarding the staggered start/end to the school day, not only as a public health measure, but in terms of the impact on traffic congestion. However, to avoid disruption to learning we will be introducing two drop off/ pick up times, that are 10 minutes apart. This will continue to be linked to house teams.

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

Drop off and Pick Up:

The one-way system will no longer be in operation. Please note that Norfolk Road is a private road and not a pedestrian pathway and we would advise caution if used.

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

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

Groupings:

It would seem sensible to manage the number of contacts pupils have throughout the school day. As such we will continue to operate in class groups, and as part of key stages for face-to-face assemblies and play times. Staffing will continue to remain consistent across the key stage. We will review this practice at half term.

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.

Extended Day:

The Breakfast and the Ark will be primarily based in a Key Stage 1 classroom and the Ark room (the Learning Resource Room), and playgrounds, and after 4.15 pm in the school hall. Children will be based in Key Stages. Activity resources will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of the session. Pre-prepared breakfast/snacks will be brought to the children. As is current practice children attending the Breakfast Club will be taken to their classrooms at 8.40 am. Those attending the Ark will be collected from their classroom by the staff at 3.15 pm.

Breakfast Club:

Session times: 7.45 am – 8.40 am

Ark

Session times: 3.15 pm – 5.30 pm

After School Activities:

It is our intention that the menu of after school clubs and activities resume in September. Further information regarding this will be sent out at the beginning of the Autumn Term when confirmed.

Kindergarten Provision

Kindergarten will be open as usual.

Opening times: 8.40 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.

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. Staff will be given the choice to wear a face covering when moving around the school site.

School Uniform:

We ask that all children wear their school uniform, including appropriate footwear. The winter uniform should be worn in the Autumn and Spring Terms. The summer uniform should be worn during the Summer Term (following the Easter break.)

We will continue to ask children to wear PE kits on PE days (2 days each week,) and this will be part of our uniform policy going forward.

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, or a plain royal blue tracksuit from another supplier. Due to a discontinuation of the current PE kit line, a slightly different version is now being sold. All versions of the PE kit can be worn and in any combination. Branded sport's clothing or leggings are not considered appropriate school uniform. 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.

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.

Well-being Support:

We continue to be here to support children and families in the best 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).

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.

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)

16th July 2021