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Dear families of St. Peter's,

Welcome back to school, and just welcome if you are new to St. Peter's.

It was lovely to see everyone looking so excited coming into school this morning, with shiny shoes and pristine hairstyles. I did notice lots of excited-looking parents too. I won't be naming names, don't worry! I hope your summer has been enjoyable without too much drama.



I would like to wish a very warm welcome to our new children in the nursery class: Bodhi, Max F, Josh, Lavaeh-Mai, Sam, Sienna, Bethany, Thea, Etta, Fox, Theo, Phoebe T, Phoebe S and Max G.



Time keeping

Please make sure that your children are in school by 8:50 am. Children who arrive in school after their friends can feel very anxious about entering a classroom when everyone is already settled, and it is very disruptive for the children who are already in. Please bear this in mind.

Each class teacher will be in the playground from 8:40 am onwards and you are welcome to speak to them at this time. Please be mindful of the fact that the teachers need to go into school at 8:50 am so will be unable to talk after this time. The teachers will also be available at the end of the school day. Obviously, if you feel that you need to speak to your child's teacher for more than a few minutes or your concern is of a confidential nature, a meeting can be arranged at a mutually convenient time, before or after school.

Home / School Agreement: Please complete ALL forms included in the Home / School pack and return these to the School Office by Friday 26th September at the latest.

Local visits: Walks within the village are classed as local visits. Permission for these are covered by the general Local Visits Consent Form within the Home / School Agreement pack. Such visits may include field studies, history walks, visits to the Church etc.

Nut Allergy

We have a child in school with a nut allergy. Therefore, we would like to insist that any nut products are not sent into school.

Items to avoid are obviously packets of nuts, nut-based bars, chocolate bars or biscuits containing nuts etc.

Some food items are labelled 'may contain traces of nut' or 'produced in a factory that handles nuts.' Food items such as these are low risk.



School Uniform



The children are all looking very smart today. The new Year 6 hoodies look fantastic and I really hope that the children feel very proud when they are wearing them.

Please try to name all items of clothing as this helps when things get lost, left on the field etc.

Hair: Please ensure that all long hair is tied back so that it doesn't get in the way when 'working' and to reduce the risk of the spread of head lice.

Jewellery: Only small stud ear-rings are allowed in school. Please avoid 3D items and hoops. This is for reasons of health and safety. Where possible, ear-rings should be removed for PE and/or swimming lessons, or covered over with plasters (these should be brought in from home). Nail polish, varnish, gel, call it what you will, is not allowed. Your child will be asked to remove this at home.

Make-up of any sort should not be worn!

Rucksacks: Our very small cloakrooms mean that rucksacks are not practical – we just don't have the room to store them. Draw string bags may be used for swimming. Book bags should have ample capacity for the things that the children need to bring to school. Water bottles have a nasty tendency to leak so may be best carried separately.

PE kit: Navy blue polo shirt, navy blue shorts (NOT cycling shorts), navy blue jogging bottoms (NOT leggings) and trainers. Trainers need to be laced up properly to ensure that feet are properly supported.

P.E t-shirts from Uniform Direct

We have made the decision to move away from polo shirts for PE because they are very hot during the summer months. These will be phased out over time so please don't think that they can no longer be worn. The new style is more lightweight and breathable. A number of children have come to school in them today so I would suggest that the polo shirts are no longer available.

PE & Swimming

Children in Key Stages 1 & 2 have 2 PE lessons per week. In classes 1 and 3, one lesson will be taught by the class teacher on Wednesday afternoon, and the other by a Premier Education coach. This arrangement should remain unchanged throughout the year.



Class 2 will have a PE lesson with Miss Adams on Tuesday afternoon and a swimming lesson. Swimming lessons will take place from next Wednesday until February half term 2026. After this point, Class 2's arrangements will be the same as Class 1 and 2.

The EYFS only have one allocated PE slot as a lot of their provision involves physical activity.

PE lessons with Premier Education will take place on a Friday afternoon from this Friday, 5th September, for Classes 1, 3 and the EYFS.



Swimming for Class 2 will start on Wednesday 10th September. School Swimming have requested that we take less children to the swimming lessons at Retford Leisure Centre. Therefore, we have made the decision to take Class 2 swimming and **NOT Year 5** as most children in Year 5 can already swim.

Swimming kit: Boys need to wear swimming trunks NOT swim shorts. Girls must wear a one-piece swimming costume. These are Nottinghamshire School Swimming rules. If you would like your child to wear goggles during swimming lessons, you need to complete the Goggles Permission slip that can be found in the Home / School pack.

If you have a child in Class 2 and are available on Wednesday afternoons to accompany the children to their swimming lessons, extra help would be very much appreciated. If more than one person is available, it does mean that one person wouldn't need to go every single week. The bus leaves school just after 1 pm and returns by approximately 2:45 pm.

Homework: It is expected that any homework that is set, is completed by every child. This will include reading a school reading book at LEAST three times each week (and getting the Reading Record signed), alongside learning number bonds or times tables facts. Children in Key Stage Two are actively encouraged to carry out 'Reading Plus' and 'Times Tables Rockstars' exercises at home

Other homework may be set from time-to-time but this will NEVER be homework for homework's sake. This would be a complete waste of time for all concerned and create unnecessary pressures for children, parents and staff alike.



Playtime snacks and packed lunches: Low fat and low sugar snacks are welcome. Please do not send chocolate biscuits or chocolate bars for snacks or packed lunches. Chocolate biscuits and bars will be returned.



PTFA – Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

We are very lucky to have an active PTFA at St. Peter's which relies completely on the goodwill, enthusiasm and jolly hard work of its members.

Its primary purpose is to organise fund-raising events whose proceeds go towards enhancing the children's experiences and resources.

The children have been asking for a slide on the field for years and with help from the PTFA, I am delighted to announce that we are in the process of ordering one. Exciting times indeed! Children will still be able to roll down the bank on Fridays when the grass is dry (I'm trying to reduce the probability of grass stains) but a new slide will be a fabulous alternative.

We are always looking for new members who are willing to help out at events such as discos. Meetings are held during the school day and tend to only occur when an event is being planned. However, if you are unable to attend meetings during the day, please don't be put off – all offers of help are very much appreciated!





I am in the process of introducing a new school website. Please bear with me, I'm not particularly great at IT – it's my age!

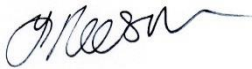
Further details about football clubs and Young Voices will follow tomorrow!

And finally ...

I would like to think that your children attend St. Peter's because you like our school. If you ever have any concerns or feel that you need clarification about something, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, who can be found in the playground at the start and end of every school day.

Of course, I am invariably at the gate at the start and end of school, and I am always happy to answer any questions that you may have. However, please bear in mind that if you have a question relating to a particular class, I may not be able to help you. I hope that you and your children have a very successful and enjoyable with us at St. Peter's.

Yours sincerely,



Yvonne Reeson Head teacher