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Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Following my previous correspondence to you, I am writing to you with regard to COVID-19 and the possible impact on your child's education. **The school remains open**, however we all need to pay close attention to the advice from Public Health England about when (and for how long) to self-isolate if you or a member of your family is experiencing any symptoms.

To reiterate what has been previously communicated, self-isolation should now last for a period of 14 days. More detailed information can be found on the NHS website (www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19). Please ensure you contact the school office on the first day of any absence as you normally would.

Changes in School during This Period

During this period we intend to keep your child's education as normal as possible. The sort of changes you might expect to see are different staff members covering classes. Please remember that a staff member being absent is not a sign that they have Coronavirus; they may be self-isolating because someone in their family has symptoms or for other personal reasons.

Breakfast/After-School Club

We intend to continue running both breakfast and after-school club as normal during this period. The only reason for closing either would be if we are unable to cover staff absence. Understandably, if that were to occur, we would have to prioritise staffing in the main school.

Circumstances in Which the School May Close

There are two main circumstances under which the school would have to close:

1. If we do not have enough staff to open all classes (in this circumstance a partial closure would be considered)
2. If the government directs all schools to close

Informing Families of Any Closure

We would aim to contact families at the earliest point possible regarding any partial or full closure. This would be done through our usual means of communication (text, email, twitter & school website).

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Educational Provision In the Event of School Closures

It is our intention for every year group to provide work (or ideas for activities that you can do with your children) during any period of closure. Details of how these will be communicated/accessed by families will be provided once these materials have been assembled by staff. It is probably unreasonable to expect children to be able to access and complete these ideas and activities independently; they will need your guidance and support at times (in the absence of their teachers and peers).

Preparing for Closure

There are a number of things that families can do to prepare for any possible school closure:

- Check the contact details we have for you and your family are up to date
- Check that you are able to receive communications from the school
- Gather a range of reading and writing materials for your child to access

Communicating With School during Closure

During any period of closure we will try to maintain a core school service, but this could of course be affected if members of our team are unwell. The best way to communicate with us in the event of a closure is via the school email address (office@stpetersprimary.co.uk) – we will always do our best to answer any correspondence as promptly as we can.

Creating Your Own Networks

The current situation is fast-paced, serious and unprecedented; we are all doing our best to work flexibly against a changing backdrop of advice. If the school does close, we want to ensure that people have one another for support. Many of you will already have strong networks both within and beyond the school community, but some of you may not. For this reason, we urge you to connect now, seek out those who may be alone or in need and make sure that we are there for one another. St Peter's has a fantastic community and this situation presents us all with the opportunity to demonstrate our care for each other.

Finally, the above information is being given so that we are all primed and ready if our school does shut at any point in the near future. There is no guarantee that this will happen, as it stands we are continuing to run the school for the children as best we can under current circumstances. If any of you have any questions/queries regarding any of the above, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Buckley', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Rhys Buckley
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Be Prepared, Get Connected

Our school website address: www.stpetersprimary.co.uk

Follow us on twitter: @StPetersPilning

Check that the office has your most up to date contact numbers, home address and email address

Connect with one another via WhatsApp and other social media...can you join/start a class group for your child's year group? Are all parents involved?