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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to you to give a brief update on current schooling arrangements at St Peter's and to share what I hope will be useful information regarding how we can work together to keep the children safe during this period of school closures.

School Update

We have now completed our second week of the term and, as before, it's been inspiring to see how the children and families within our school community are adapting to learning from home. Everyday children of all ages are sharing work, some set by their teachers and some independent projects, with staff; the creativity and skill on show from pupils has been wonderful to see.

This morning we held our 'virtual' Celebration Assembly which remains a lovely way to bring together staff, pupils and parents/carers; the timetable for assemblies will remain the same for the rest of this term and I hope the class assemblies that have been held this week have helped your children feel like they are still connected to their friends.

These opportunities for the children to get together and chat with their teachers and friends are there to give all a sense of reassurance that those they care about in school are doing well and this can only be a positive from a well-being perspective.

E-Safety

Of course, the school closures mean that children across the country are again spending more time online and in front of a screen than they would in 'normal' circumstances. When we talk to children about E-Safety in school we often try to reinforce the message that the internet can be a wonderfully useful tool when used appropriately and its usefulness has certainly been evident once again during the last fortnight.

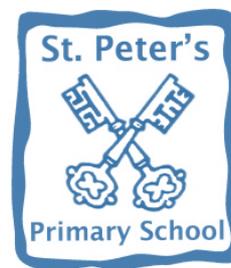
However, it's important that we continue to be vigilant and monitor children's time online, especially if they have access to any form of social media. The following sites are extremely informative for adults on how to work with your children to support them online:

- www.internetmatters.org
- www.parentinfo.org

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Safeguarding

In addition to this online support, you are able to contact school to report any safeguarding or child protection concerns you may have during this worrying time. These can be sent to our school email address (office@stpetersprimary.co.uk) or by calling the office (0145 631137); if no-one is able to take your call, please leave a message with your name and contact number and either myself or Mr Hunt will be in touch ASAP.

Alternatively, the following individuals/teams are still working within our local area and can also be contacted to report any safeguarding/child protection concerns:

Local Authority's Designated Officer (LADO)

Tina Wilson 01454868508 / Tina.Wilson@southglos.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Access & Response Team

01454 866000 / accessandresponse@southglos.gov.uk

Finally, I'd like to say thank you for your continued support of your children's learning during this time. As I write this, we don't have an end date in sight for school closures, however we do know that that time will come and, when it does, we will be delighted to welcome you all back to St Peter's. In the meantime, please keep safe and get in touch if there's anything we can do to support yourself or your family.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Buckley', written in a cursive style.

Rhys Buckley
Head Teacher