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Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will no doubt be aware, today marks the end of the national lockdown and the beginning of the localised tier system, announced by the government last week as the latest set of restrictions being put in place to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both South Gloucestershire and Bristol have been placed in Tier 3, meaning they are under ‘very high alert’. Attached to this letter is a poster released today by the government that clearly displays what Tier 3 means for the those living under those restrictions. Full guidance on Tier 3 conditions can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert#going-to-school-college-and-university>.

**For us here at St Peter’s, this all means that the processes we have been running (staggered start/finish times, adults wearing face masks at drop-off/collection, year groups staying in ‘bubbles’) will remain in place at least until the end of this term.** Although we have had no confirmation of instructions for January, we will be planning for the processes to also be in place at the start of next term.

Listed below is further guidance that I hope you find useful as well as some reminders to bear in mind between now and the end of term:

#### **Communication with Staff**

Unfortunately, the current situation dictates that **staff are still unable to be available at the start or end of the day for conversations with parents.** However, there are other means of communication that can be used in order to bridge this gap:

- Email or phone the school office requesting a call back from the class teacher and this can be arranged at a mutually convenient time. If preferable, video calls with staff can also be arranged.
- Email or phone the school office with a message for a member of staff and this will be passed on by the office team. **Please do not contact teachers or teaching assistants directly using their work email addresses; all correspondence for staff should go to [office@stpetersprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@stpetersprimary.co.uk)**
- If your child has any additional learning needs that you would like to discuss in detail, you should contact Mrs Margea, our SENCO, via the school office

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- If you wish to speak with Miss Welsh in her role as Family Link Mentor, she can also be contacted via the school office

### **Christmas Gifts/Cards**

Due to the restrictions surrounding what cannot be brought into school during this time, we are asking that you **do not send in gifts or cards for children or staff this term**. As an alternative to this, you might wish to make a donation to a local food bank. Should you wish to donate, more information on how to do so can be found at <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>.

### **Support Bubbles**

From today (2<sup>nd</sup> December) you can form a support bubble with another household if you:

- are the only adult in your household (any other members of the household having been under 18 on 12 June 2020), or are an under 18-year-old living alone
- live with someone with a disability who requires continuous care and there is no other adult living in the household
- live with child under 1, or who was under 1 on 2 December 2020
- live with a child under 5, or who was under 5 on 2 December 2020, with a disability

### **Childcare Bubbles**

A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to a child or children aged 13 or under. They can provide the childcare in either or both of the homes from the 2 households. All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement.

The childcare can be provided where necessary in any location – public or private, indoors or outdoors. You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare – that is, where the child's parent or regular carer is not present. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.

More information on childcare bubbles can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household#if-youre-in-a-support-bubble>.

Mr Hunt and I are also available via the office should you wish to speak to either of us regarding general concerns or queries.

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If you would like to discuss any of the above in more detail, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Best wishes,

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