



St. Peter's C.E. Primary School  
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Dear Parents / Carers

## Safeguarding and Welfare

Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of Love Learn Shine. Safeguarding covers a range of areas including the safe management of staff, volunteers and visitors, the safe management of all school activities, strong and secure child protection procedures and developing children's understanding of how to keep themselves safe in the modern world.

We will use this section of the newsletter to keep families up to date with a range of key safeguarding and welfare information.

### Children's Commissioner

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has recently published a [guidance document](#) for parents helping to support them to understand online sexual harassment. It is a sensitive topic, and not one all parents feel comfortable discussing with their children.

Key advice from this includes;

- Start conversations early, before your child gets a phone or social media account.
- Keep the conversation going over time, adapting to your child.
- Young people want their parents to learn about new technology and trends, including risky behaviours and dangerous spaces online.
- Create a safe and trusting home environment. Young people told us the home environment is key, they want to share things with their parents but don't always feel able.

The report and poster 'The things I wish my parents had known' can be downloaded via these links [Parent Guide](#) & [Parent Top Tips Poster](#).

We hope you find this information helpful and supportive in preparing for and discussing this topic.

### Winter Weather

We are experiencing some cold days at present. Providing the playground is safe we will always try to get the children outside throughout the day. Please ensure they have an appropriate warm coat and if they wish hat and gloves also. Please ensure all clothing including these winter items are clearly labelled with their full name. Please also see our snow and ice contingency section in this newsletter. Thank you.



### Initial Teacher Training (ITT)

We are proud to play our part in supporting the training of future teachers. We work in partnership with Leeds Trinity University Initial Teacher Training (ITT).

We are very happy to welcome Miss A Phillips into school this term as part of her training she will work alongside staff in school. Miss Phillips will be predominantly based in Starlings Class (Year3&4) this term but will also visit other classes as part of her training. I am sure you will all help to make her feel very welcome at St Peter's.



### Walk To School Day

We are pleased to promote the net Harrogate District Walk to School Day.

49% of our district's carbon emissions come from transport, which makes it the largest contributor to our district's carbon footprint. It's also 28% above the UK average! By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change.

Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, there are other options such as public transport, car sharing or 'park and stride' – this is where you park sooner than normal and walk the last part. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint. Every mile counts!



### Planning Application

The School Governing Board and Trust have received notice of the following planning application:

21/04557/FUL | Conversion of vacant former home guards club to place of worship (Use Class F1). | 4 Belford Road Harrogate HG1 1JA.

The full application can be accessed via the Harrogate Borough Council Website.



### COVID Update

If you have not yet already done so please see the letter sent at the start of the week in relation to current measures and potential contingencies.

As with many other schools and sectors we are experiencing a much higher than usual level of staff absence. Please be reassured we are and will continue to do everything possible to protect in person education for all children.

We understand the potential for families to find themselves facing different challenges over the coming weeks and months. We would like to reassure families we are here help.

Whether it is clarifying actions needed or supporting where children or family members have tested positive please do keep in touch by emailing [admin@steoter's.ycway.uk](mailto:admin@steoter's.ycway.uk) or calling 01423 569684.



## Getting to School Contingency Plans

We appreciate that getting children to school if one or more parents or family members has COVID can be difficult. It is important however that families consider contingencies of how they will enable their children to continue to attend school if the person who usually brings them to school is ill or having to isolate.

Thank you to everyone who has already helped another family with taking and collecting another child. We know many families already help each other through existing support and friendship networks.

We are keen to play our part to ensure everyone feels supported. To do this we have created this very short [Helping Hands Form](#) where families can offer their support. This is entirely optional and all information will be treated in confidence. It will not be shared without contacting volunteers first. If you feel you may be able to help please do complete this form. Thank you.



## Start of Day Punctuality & Access

The school day starts at 8.45 with the gates open from 8.35. The gate will be staffed till 8.50 and remain unlocked till 9.10 recognising that occasionally in exceptional circumstances families may run late. If children arrive after 8.50 and the side gate is locked please enter school via the main front door.



## Snow and Ice Access Contingency

It may not always be possible to clear and grit the full one-way system of paths around the whole school throughout the winter. If this is the case we may apply the following contingency plan.

Paths to the main front door and the double doors at the front of school will be cleared and gritted. A path across the front the playground to the gate leading to the car park exit will also be cleared and gritted.

Children in Year 5&6 will enter school through the main front door. All other year groups would access through the double doors leading into the hall. Parents can then exit via the gate into the car park. Staff will be in classrooms to greet children and there will also be staff on hand in the hall and corridors to help guide and supervise children to their classrooms.

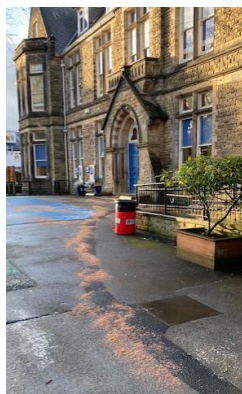
We will endeavour to alert families via text as to if these arrangements are needed.



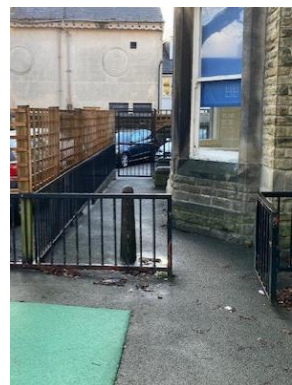
Year 5&6 to enter via these doors



All other classes enter via these doors



A path across the front playground will be cleared and gritted



Adults can exit through these gates after drop off.

## Special Mentions

Well done to everyone this week who has earned a special mention this week!

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> Felix HM and George R <b>Kingfishers</b> James and Xyla <b>Sparrows</b> George and Marcel <b>Finches</b> Freddie and Harlow	<b>Owls</b> Gracie and Poppy <b>Magpies</b> Ava and Moses <b>Starlings</b> Ryan and Xander.	<b>Eagles</b> Eli and Jessica <b>Heron</b> s Jake and Mia-Grace <b>Ravens</b> Florence and Sophie

## Dates for your Diary

15 January	Deadline to apply for Reception September 2022
21 January	Wrens Cake Stall
28 January	Whole School Cake Stall
	Closing date for The Rotary Club competition
4 February	Heron's Cake Stall
11 February	Eagles Cake Stall
18 February	Ravens Cake Stall
	School closes for Half Term
28 February	School re-opens after Half Term
28 February – 4 March	Book Fair in School
3 March	World Book Day

Best wishes  
 Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher