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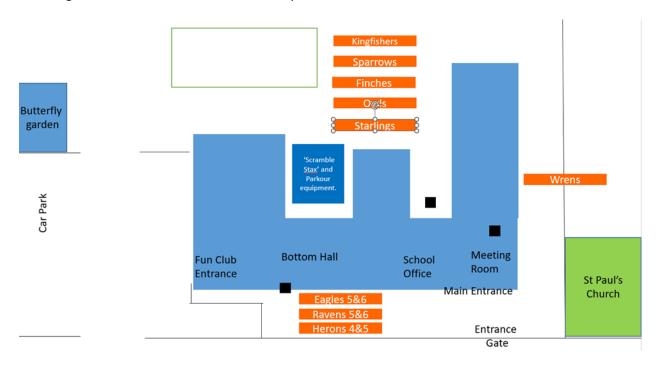
Dear Parents,

May I offer you a warm welcome to the new academic year. I hope you have had a restful, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We are all very much looking forward to working with you and your children over the coming academic year.

We are pleased to provide the information below which we hope is helpful as we begin the new school year together.

# Where do I drop off and pick up?

We have created the map below to show where classes should line up in the morning before school. Please wait with children until a member of school staff has come to the class line. Please note the minor change this year that children in Kingfishers class will line up on the back playground. Children will also be brought to these lines at the end of the day for collection.



# **Keeping in Touch**

The office team have an updated email address. For all communications to the office please email admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk

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#### **Newsletters**

Weekly newsletters will begin this Friday 6 September. A link to the newsletter will be emailed each Friday. The most recent newsletters can be accessed via our website.

#### What time will children start and finish?

All children will start school at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. The gates open at 8.35am so that parents will be able to come onto site, within the 10-minute window. Staff will meet their lines by 8.40. Please do not leave children until staff are present. We respectfully ask that parents supervise their child or children until the teacher is present and that children do not play on the play equipment before school starts or after school finishes. At the end of the day, parents will be able to come onto site from 3.10pm to collect their child.

# What do the children wear?

We will be expecting all children to return to school wearing the correct St Peter's uniform, including footwear, on both PE and non-PE days. For comfort and convenience children can wear their PE kit for the full day on PE days. Our uniform expectations are clearly explained on the <u>uniform page</u> of our website. Please fully label all uniform including coats with the child's full name. Please do not use just initials.

#### Should children wear summer or winter Uniform?

In the past, the school has operated summer and winter uniform. We are happy for families to choose from the uniform options which they feel is best and most suitable and comfortable for their child throughout the year.

## When does my child have PE?

PE lessons will start during the first full week back (week beginning Monday 9 September). A full list of all PE days will be published on the newsletter at the end of this week. Please note however that Mr Crooks from Sporting Influence will start working with some classes from this week (week beginning 2 September). On Tuesday 3 September he will work with **Owls, Herons, Eagles and Ravens.** Please can children in these classes come in PE kit on these days.

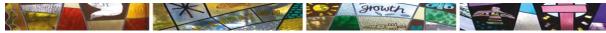
# **PE Uniform - All Phases**

- St Peter's blue PE round neck t-shirt with logo or plain white round neck Tshirt.
- Plain navy shorts, 'skort', jogging bottoms or leggings.
- St Peter's navy PE hoodie or usual school jumper / cardigan or a completely plain navy hoodie (<u>no logo</u>, <u>picture or branding</u>).
- Plain blue or black trainers.

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No Football shirts, shorts or socks please.



## **Lost Property**

Please help us reduce the amount of lost property by clearly naming all uniform, coats and PE kit, ideally with printed <u>name labels</u>. All named items will be returned to children. Any unnamed uniform will be placed in boxes in a storage unit in the meeting room. This room can be accessed from the main school entrance at the start and end of the day.

#### What is the date for "Meet the Teacher"?

We feel that it is important for all parents to be able to meet their child's teacher and find out a about the learning and expectations for each year group. There will be chance to do this on Wednesday 11 September anytime between 3.30 and 5.00pm.

# When do I start to pay for school lunches?

All children from EYFS to Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school lunch. When a child starts in Year 3, all school dinners need to be paid for. You may find that you meet the criteria for free school lunches and additional details about this are sent out each term, as there are additional benefits that often people are unaware of.

## **Packed Lunches**

While there is no set list of acceptable or 'banned' items in packed lunches, we would, for obvious reasons, encourage all packed lunches to contain a healthy balance for children.

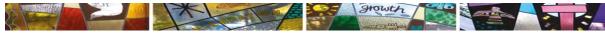
NHS Change for Life has many fabulous ideas for healthy, balanced packed lunches which parents may find helpful.



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# Will my child get milk each day?

Children under 5 are entitled to free school milk, which has to be applied for via the <u>Cool Milk Website</u>. Any child in school can have milk; parents need to order and pay for and this via the <u>Cool Milk Website</u>.

#### **Snacks from home**

While many, if not all of us enjoy an occasional sweet treat, it is important that we model a good, healthy balance to our children. We request that any snack sent for morning break is a piece of fruit, bread sticks or crackers or a similar healthy options.



#### **Water Bottles**

As mentioned in newsletters at the end of last school year, we are asking for your support that <u>only reusable</u> <u>plastic</u> water bottles are brought into school. In the latter stages of last school year, we saw an increase in metal bottles and also 'Stanley Cups' and other similar 'giant cups'.

Metal bottles even when not full can be very heavy and cause issues if dropped or falling from tables and the giant cups can result in spills if knocked over. A simple, reusable plastic water bottle is perfectly adequate for the children's needs. We have several spare water bottles in school should this be helpful to any families, please just ask in the office. Many thanks for your support.



We are all looking forward to welcoming everyone on Tuesday.

Best wishes

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