

Friday 26 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I hope you are aware from my email last night, yesterday we identified a situation in the kitchen that meant we were unable to provide a hot meal for children today. Thank you to everyone for their support and understanding and to those who sent kind messages and offers of help, these messages and offers exemplify the kindness and thoughtfulness of our school community.

All the children enjoyed a picnic lunch today while we worked on plans for next week, in the meantime I am pleased to be able to provide the following update about the situation.

Following a report from a decorating contractor regarding some issues with the kitchen floor some structural deterioration has become apparent. Further inspections have thankfully concluded the structural deterioration is limited to this part of school. This deterioration is significant enough to require immediate remedial work for the kitchen to operate safely. On this basis the decision was taken to close the kitchen with immediate effect.

We are pleased to reassure families that school will remain fully open while remedial works take place. Funclub both before and after school will continue to operate as usual including providing breakfast and their usual after school snack. From our perspective it is business as usual at St Peter's.

Throughout today we have been working closely with our school meal provider Aspens to arrange for hot meals to be cooked off site at a nearby school and brought to St Peter's from Monday onwards.

Aspens are a large well established school meal provider who have a great deal of experience at providing school meals in a wide range of contexts including preparing off site and delivering. We are grateful to them for the speed of their response to this situation. Our wonderful kitchen team will continue to prepare and serve the meals to the children.

From Monday hot meals will be available as usual. Menu choices will continue to appear on the 'Select App' and families should continue to make their selection in the same way as usual. Any adaptations to the menu will be communicated via updated menus sent by email and via the App.

We anticipate the remedial works will take approximately four weeks after which the kitchen will be fully up and running again. We aim for our kitchen to be fully operational again after the October half term break. We will of course continue to keep families updated with our progress towards this.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please do get in touch by emailing admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or by calling 01423 569684. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Best wishes

Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher

