



Phoenix St. Peter Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have seen last week, in the letter sent to you from REAch2 Academy Trust, I will be staying at Phoenix St Peter until the end of the 2021-2022 Academic Year, and I am delighted to have agreed to that. I certainly will not bombard you with letters each week but will keep you regularly updated with bits of information which I hope will be of interest.

I know there is a further relaxation of Covid-19 related measures today, yet I want to keep the social distancing measures in place for the next few weeks. Indeed, with other Headteachers, I am attending a meeting with officials from the REAch2 Academy Trust later this week where such matters will be discussed. I guess with a new variant in some parts of the country, it makes sense to be cautious. If guidance changes, I will let you know as soon as I can.

I want to make clear that if the weather ever improves, and girls wish to wear their yellow gingham summer dresses, then they can do so and **do not** have to wear a tie. Please ensure all children are wearing sensible footwear though. I have noted a few, and only a few children, coming to school in colourful trainers; that is not our uniform. The majority of children look tremendously smart!

There is a change to our school calendar. Term ends on **Friday 16th July 2021**. The school will have two training days on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July, but children do not attend, so will start their summer break on Friday 16th. We would like to attempt a few 'normal events' before the end of term, Sports Day for example. We cannot plan these with any certainty yet, but if things look good, we will definitely give Sports Day a go. Some of your children may have told you we are already split into teams (Red, Yellow, Blue and Green) and are awarded tokens by staff for displaying the school's values in their work and conduct. This has become competitive already! We will compete in those teams for Sports Day as well.

We will also send *End of Year Annual Reports* to parents. These will come to you on Friday 9th July and will be sent digitally. Paper copies can be requested however, if you prefer.

Let me politely ask that children do not play in the Car Park before gates open at the start of the day. It has been brought to my attention that some are doing this. It is a Car Park after all, and the last thing we want to see is an accident and injury. I should add with social distancing measures still recommended by the Department for Education, it would help to arrive not too early in the morning, and as close to 8:30 as possible for those on the early drop off.

Best Wishes,

Rich Roberts

Interim Headteacher