



Phoenix St. Peter Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid arrangements for the start of Autumn Term on Friday 3rd September 2021

On Tuesday 6th July 2021, the Government announced that as part of Step 4 of their 'roadmap', from September 2021 there will be a reduction in the number of Covid-19 restrictions, which have been in place in schools for the last 18 months. This decision has been made by the Government to reduce the disruption to children's education – particularly as the clinical risks to children from COVID-19 are low and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for 2 doses. Lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in school is in line with the general removal of restrictions in England.

This move is welcomed by REAch2 and our school, as our priority is to deliver face-to-face, high quality education for your children. However, we also recognise that it is important that our school continues to play its part in controlling the spread of the virus through protective measures. On the next page, you will find details of the COVID-19 measures which are being removed from Friday 3rd September 2021 and those which remain in place following the Department for Education published guidance.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Please note it is vital that if your child has, or is showing symptoms of COVID-19;

- **High temperature**
- **New, continuous cough**
- **Loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste**

they must not attend school and should remain at home in line with Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection – Gov.uk.

1. ***They should take a PCR test as soon as possible and only return to school if the test result is negative. Families should follow the NHS Test and Trace process.***
2. ***Whilst awaiting the PCR result, your child should continue to self-isolate.***
3. ***If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of a positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and your child can return to school, as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms.***

Children who are identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID.

Under the previous arrangements, if a child was identified as a close contact of someone who had tested positive for COVID, they were required to self-isolate. However, from **16th August**, children and those members of staff who are fully vaccinated are not required to isolate if they are identified as a close contact. Instead, they will be advised to take a PCR test. They will not be required to isolate whilst they await the results of the PCR test.

Please note that self-isolation will continue for those who have tested positive for COVID or who display symptoms.



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Start of new Academic Year at Phoenix St. Peter Academy

We hope you have had a good summer and we very much forward to welcoming back all children on Friday 3rd September at 8.40am – 8.50am, and working with you all this academic year. Children will be met by their Class Teacher on the playground at 8:45am. We are delighted to be returning to a 'normal' school day and are pleased to outline some further information for you below.

One-Way System: This will continue to be in operation.

Lunchtimes: Our lunchtimes service will be split into two, as follows:

- Reception to Year 3 - 12:00pm Lunch. 12:30p.m Play. 1:00pm Return to Class.
- Years 4-6 - 12:30pm Lunch. 1:00pm Play. 1:30pm Return to Class.

Catering: On return to School, Friday 3rd September and week commencing Monday 6th September will be Week 1 of our rotational Menu. Week 2 will commence from Monday 13th September. Our Winter Menu will start after October half term. Copies of our Menu are attached for your information. School lunches cost £2.30 unless your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, and/or are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, when they receive Universal Free School Meals.

Morning Break:

- Reception to Year 3: 10:30am – 10:45am
- Years 4-6: 10:45am – 11:00am

P.E. Days: Children will benefit from P.E. with Mr Russell on the following days. Please ensure they attend school in their P.E. Kit on these days.

- Reception – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Years 1 & 2 – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 3 – Monday & Wednesday
- Year 4 – Friday
- Year 5 – Friday
- Year 6 – Tuesday & Wednesday

After-School Clubs:

We have a fabulous timetable of after-school clubs for the children to enjoy starting Monday 6th September. These will be reviewed half termly to offer the children a wide range of engaging, stimulating and educational enrichment opportunities. If your child is attending a Sports Club after school, they should attend school in the P.E. Kit.

Breakfast Club:

Will commence Friday 3rd September. Please ensure you book and pay via the Arbor App. Sessions are £2.00 per child, per day.



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ESCAPE Club:

Will commence Monday 6th September following after-school clubs at 4:15p.m. You MUST ensure that your child is booked on via the Arbor App so that we know which children should remain in our care. Sessions cost £3.00, which includes refreshments and a healthy snack. Children to be collected by 5:30p.m.

Swimming:

Year 5's will be swimming weekly on a Thursday. Please ensure that they have with them:

- Swimming bag.
- Swimming costume for girls – not bikinis. Hair should be in a ponytail or plait.
- Swimming shorts for boys – not overly baggy.
- Swimming Hat.
- Goggles.
- Towel.

Music:

We are pleased to confirm that Music will be delivered as follows:

- Reception – Charanga.
- Years 1 & 2 – Charanga.
- Year 3 – Charanga.
- Year 4 – Violin with Suffolk Music Service on Mondays.
- Year 5 – Guitar with Suffolk Music Service on Mondays.
- Year 6 – Drums with Suffolk Music Service on Thursdays.

Yoga:

Children will continue to benefit from Yoga on a Thursday and Friday, with Miss Mizeret.

Weekly Celebration Assembly:

We are delighted to be able to re-start our weekly Celebration Assembly every Friday afternoon from 2:30pm in the School Hall. All parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to attend! It will be wonderful to be able to have you all back and enjoying school life. More events and sharing opportunities will follow.

Sources of Information:

Can be found on our **Website** at www.phoenixstpeter.co.uk and **Facebook** page.

Please find further information below regarding what you need to know for your child returning to school.

Kind regards,

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Associate Headteacher

Mrs. Terri Freeman
Deputy Headteacher



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Protection measures being removed from Friday 3rd September 2021,

Phase bubbles

- Children seated in rows, all facing forwards in all classes – some older children will continue with this in preparation for High School.
- 10 days isolation for close contacts of a confirmed case and of adults who are fully vaccinated
- Staff wearing face coverings inside school
- Parents / carers wearing face coverings on the playground
- Staggered times to arrive and leave school
- Restrictions on school trips (except international), drama, music, sporting activities and clubs
- We can have assemblies in the Hall

Protection measures still in place in September 2021

Arrival time of all classes:

- School gates and class doors will open: 8.40-8.50am. Class Teachers will meet children to be brought into Class.
- School gates and class doors will close at 8.50am. Children who are late to school are to come through Reception.

Departure time of all classes:

- Will be 3.15pm – 3.20pm with gates opening at 3.10pm Class Teachers will escort children onto Playground.

The one-way system:

- Enter through the carpark and leave through the pedestrian alley way onto Enstone Road to help space.
- The bridge from the main road is still closed at the moment, we will look at opening this asap.

P.E. Days:

- Children are to come to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day and for any After-School Sports Clubs.

Good respiratory hygiene – ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’

Good personal hygiene – regular hand washing/sanitising

Ventilation of classrooms, the Studio and Hall will continue with open doors and windows

Regular cleaning regime before, during and after school

School will continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases

Positive cases or anyone with symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss/change to smell or taste) must not come to school and must self-isolate. Anyone in school with symptoms, will be sent home. A PCR test must be taken within 2 days. If the PCR test results in negative, the child/staff member can return to school. If the PCR test result is positive, then that individual MUST self-isolate and follow NHS Test and Trace advice. *(If a parent/carer insists on a child attending school, leaders can take the decision to refuse entry of the child, if in the leader’s reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other children and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.)*

Close contacts will be identified by NHS Test and Trace. Close contacts DO NOT need to self-isolate and can attend school but should take a PCR test within 2 days.

School Contingency Plan for any outbreak – this will be shared on our website, ready for the start of the Autumn Term

Twice weekly Lateral flow home testing by all staff till the end of September (awaiting further DfE guidance)

Use of staff personal protective equipment (PPE) in school for anyone with symptoms.

Remote Education to be provided to all children self-isolating having tested positive. *(FSM will be provided to any child who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals and who is learning at home during term-time due to a positive test result).*

Continued focus on children’s well-being

Depending on the situation at the time regarding local cases, we may continue with telephone parents’ evenings or even move to online meetings

We will continue to have a designated isolation room in case a child presents with symptoms in school

Stepping Measures up or down

An outbreak management plan will be in place, outlining how the school will operate if there were a COVID-19 outbreak in the school or local area. We will follow the advice and directions of Public Health England and the DfE.

Leaders will call the dedicated advice service who will escalate the issue to the local health protection team where necessary and they will advise school leaders should there be any additional action required.