



# Phoenix St. Peter Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Update Letter from Mr. Jordan

We've had a fantastic return to school following the Christmas school closure, the children have returned keen to continue with their learning. We have lots of exciting topics for this term focused mainly on Science and Geography. Please do look out for wonderful celebrations of learning this term on the School Facebook pages and also our Twitter account.

Mrs. Freeman continues to support the children in celebrating their attendance, good behaviour and learning. Sadly, the past two weeks have seen further cases of Covid in our school community, so please continue to be vigilant and careful. Where appropriate please help children to use lateral flow tests regularly.

### **School Closure: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

As the additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls in the May half term, the Department for Education have advised schools to take another bank holiday in lieu. As the summer term is very short this year, Suffolk County Council have instructed school's to take this on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, leading into the February half term week.

### **Parents Evenings: 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Sadly, due to Covid we will be holding our Parents Evenings remotely via SchoolCloud, which appeared to work quite well last term. Please look out for booking information nearer the time.

### **Half Term: 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February**

We understand that the February half term is not coinciding with some other schools in the area. This is due to Phoenix following Suffolk County Council's term dates, whereas other schools who are part of other Trusts, such as East Point Academy, are following Norfolk term dates. We appreciate that this is inconvenient to many families, but remind you that attendance is expected of all children between the 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Uniform**

Over the past year, we have been trying to improve the service of our Uniform supplier Hudsons, which has sadly not improved. We are therefore returning to Screens in Lowestoft and will be consulting families on the new garments preferences shortly. Please watch out for further communication coming soon.



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## Thank You

Miss. Harvey has been delighted at the response from families to her request for resources, games and puzzles for our Thrive room; your support and contributions are much appreciated, thank you! Mrs. Cordeaux is planning to develop a new Mud Kitchen area for Reception Class, so if you have any metal pots, pans, plates and cutlery, please bring these in too!

## Lost Property

It is astounding at the level of lost property which accumulates at school and we really want it to be collected and used. We have a huge pile again in the Foyer, so please come to retrieve any lost property which is yours. All garments will be returned to the school's Uniform Rail if not claimed by February half term. Make sure your child's clothes are named, so we can return items to families as quickly as possible.

## Parking & Car Park Safety

We have had some concerns and complaints raised from parents and staff around the safety of children in the school car park. Please ensure you are supervising your children at all times, and use the pedestrian pathways. Our car park is for use by school Staff, deliveries and visitors on official business. Only families with a Disabled badge should be parking in the school car park.

## One-Way System

Covid measures continue at school including face masks in communal areas, social distancing and hygiene. Please continue to use the one-way system at school and remember 'Hands – Face – Space' at all times. We want to keep as many children in school as possible, and also as many staff as possible in order to keep the school fully open, as there is a shortage of supply teachers in the area, so your help is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

*M L Jordan*

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