



ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MRS. SARAH RULE



'We have faith in our children'

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to school after the most beautiful summer in terms of weather! It's been wonderful! We can't wait to see all of our young adventurers again on Thursday morning at 8.45am.

As we come back to school, I would like to share with you some of the changes that have happened over the summer and a few changes to routines.

Over the summer, we have had extensive playground works taking place. We have a new climbing frame, den building area and monkey bars. There will also be a Book Nook and other activities such as bikes and trikes. Playtimes and lunchtimes are one of the most important parts of the school day and children need to be physically active to enable them to burn off their boundless energy – play is also how children learn and have good fun.

There are only two rules on the climbing frame which will be shared with the children and these are: no climbing onto the roof and no standing or sliding onto the swinging bars! The rest is for the children to flip and turn, spin and leap and just fully explore. The play equipment will be manned by staff from 8.45am – 3.15pm – outside of that time, as with our EYFS play equipment, the climbing frame and other outside equipment is not to be used.

Due to this, and for the health and safety of your children, I am making an immediate change to the uniform policy and all earrings and jewellery must be removed before children come to school. The risk of wearing earrings on the new equipment/ and in general play is so significant to children and I can speak first hand about how upsetting and life changing an earring being pulled from a child's ear is when playing. All jewellery must therefore be removed for all children. This includes clear plastic earrings. If for any reason, earrings can't be removed – a full risk assessment will be put in place around play and activities to ensure full safety until earrings can be removed.

PE kits – please can we ask that these are brought to school at the beginning of each week. Red t-shirt and blue shorts and trainers – no branded football shirts, hot pants or cropped tops please. I can't wait to see the children in their new school uniforms on Thursday.

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The car park and bike shed - There is a significant risk here around children on bikes and pushchairs walking across the staff carpark and I am working as quickly as I can to move the bike shed to the other side of the carpark and make a footpath for EYFS parents. Please could we ask children to dismount their bikes as soon as they come onto the school site, walk down the side of the EYFS path and put their bike away, before walking to their entrance. I have provided a moveable ramp to help with the steps for EYFS – we will look at changing those stairs to a permanent ramp.

Please can I ask all year 5 and 6 children to come through the entrance at the front of the school, to the right of the main entrance. I need to reduce the number of children who are near the carpark until this can be rectified to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

At the moment we have a lot of items being thrown away near the Sports Hall and Ark entrance – the blue gate near the Ark will remain closed until this rubbish is taken away – this will keep everyone safe.

With so many new changes in place, we will ensure there are lots of staff out to greet you all on your first day back. Staff will be happy to answer questions and give directions, as needed.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday at 8.45am and I am really looking forward to seeing what the children think about our wonderful new play equipment.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Sarah Rule
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