

Dear Parents/carers,

All of us have heard the exciting news about schools reopening. This of course raises many questions, but we all have to understand that students' schooling experience will be vastly different. Currently we are developing our plans, but when you consider the numbers of students involved (approximately 380 Year 10, 12 and those students classed as 'vulnerable' along with children of key workers) the logistics are 'interesting.' When combined with the challenge of staff absence (e.g. how do you teach a subject if all the relevant teachers are shielding?) and the need to support year 6 (another 250+) students transitioning to Year 7, the planning becomes quite intricate.

Therefore, we need to alter the expectations of students, parents and staff as to what school will be. Whilst our students want (yes they do!) to come back to see their friends, realistically they will not be able to. My expectations will be:

- Safety (as always) is paramount
- Hand washing at every opportunity e.g. the majority of lessons may be in Science labs (there are sinks in each lab)
- Significantly reduced class sizes – potential maximum of 15 per room
- No break or lunchtime (the canteen will only be available to those students attending our provision for vulnerable/key worker students)
- Students will only attend one 'lesson' (which might be 1.5 hours long) a day
- Each class will arrive/leave the site at different times (hence students will not really have any time to see friends)
- No school transport is currently expected. Please do not expect our timetable to cater for the needs of individual families.
- Some staff will be delivering two lessons a day to year 10/12/other students. This will limit their ability to set work for other students. In the worst possible cases, this will result in some students in other year groups not being set any work some days. But please do not expect us to be able to inform you about when this will take place, as no doubt our staffing will vary as the days progress.
- We will be contacting parents of Year 10/12 during the week starting 1<sup>st</sup> June to confirm their child's attendance at St Peter's School in June. All other parents will receive a welfare call.

Please be assured that the safety of all is our first concern. The majority (including myself) of staff have children who face the prospect of returning to school in the future. Thank you to those parents who have offered their help in acquiring the quantity of hand sanitiser and soap we require.

Can I ask all parents and students to remain patient whilst we complete our plans and risk assessments. When we know more about when and who are expected to return to school I will, of course, let you know.

Year 11 and 13

Staff have now finalised the required forecast grades ready for submission to the exam boards. We have taken the opportunity to work with local and Trust secondary schools, along with national organisations in order to check our forecasts. Please be assured, we are doing our utmost to ensure the accuracy and fairness of the grades we have forecast.



Year 10 and 12

Identified students taking particular qualifications will also have forecast grades submitted for units of work. These students/parents will be contacted directly.

Year 6

Please be patient, we will inform you of the arrangements we can make if we are able to welcome students onto our site.

Please note that the school will be closed next week during the half term holidays, though welfare calls to identified students will still take place. We have decided to fund Free School Meal vouchers during the holiday period, despite the cost not being paid for by the government. Also, next week staff have volunteered to deliver food parcels to our more vulnerable families.

Keep safe and well.

Christopher Bennet