



Hope, Honesty, Compassion

Community, Love, Respect

Tuesday 13th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very positive start to the new academic year. I have been very impressed with the children's attitude across the school and I am very confident that we are going to have a very successful year.

School closure: Monday 19th September

Everyone at St. Peter's gathered on Friday morning to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We celebrated the incredible work she did, and gave thanks for her life of service to the country. The school will continue to remember our late Queen this week in our prayers and assemblies. We don't expect any changes to school life this week.

As you know the funeral of Queen Elizabeth will take place on Monday 19th September. This has been made a National Bank Holiday, so school will be closed.



Pupil behaviour: updated consequences

This year, we have updated our school behaviour policy. The most significant change is the consequences that will be implemented in case of any poor behaviour. For low level incidents, such as calling out in class or talking when somebody else is talking, the children will be issued with a 5-minute detention at breaktime or lunchtime.

For more serious incidents, such as physical aggression or damage to school property, the children will be issued with a detention lasting at least 15 minutes. We will tell you if your child has received a 15 minute detention.

Where there is a particularly serious incident, or where a child is receiving multiple 15 minute detentions, the child may receive a suspension. This means the child won't be able to attend for a set period of time.

If a child has received more than one suspension, and/or if there is an extremely serious incident, permanent exclusion from school will be considered.

These measures are intended to ensure our children can learn in a safe, orderly environment. Our behaviour policy can be found on our school website: www.stpetersprimarybury.co.uk

Pupil behaviour in school clubs

We expect a high standard of behaviour from our children at all times, including at school clubs, such as after school sports clubs. We reserve the right to remove a child from a club if they behave in an unsafe or disrespectful manner. In most cases, the child will be given one warning and their parents informed, before they are removed from the club. However, in the event of a very serious incident, the child may be removed without prior warning.

Attendance

Improving pupil attendance is a key objective for the school this year. In 2021-22, attendance was well below our usual levels. Of course, regular attendance at school is vital to ensure children have the best chance of succeeding. When children are absent, we will be carrying out home visits where their attendance is a concern.

Facebook

It is wonderful to see how many parents and carers are following us on Facebook. We can be found here: [@StPetersCEPrimaryBury](https://www.facebook.com/StPetersCEPrimaryBury)

Changes in staff

Mr Chapman, our PE and Computing teacher, has been appointed to a new job outside of the school sector. Mr Chapman joined St. Peter's in 2013 and is a firm favourite with staff and pupils alike. His last day with us will be Wednesday 5th October. I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone when I say that Mr Chapman will be greatly missed and we wish him all the very best in his new job.

Mrs Calvert, our business manager, left us at the end of the summer term to begin a new job at another school. Mrs Patel, who worked as a teaching assistant in Key Stage 2, and Miss Hall who worked as a teaching assistant in Nursery, both left St. Peter's in July. Mrs Patel secured a new post at another school and Miss Hall has now begun teacher training. I would like to thank all three members of staff for the hard work and dedication they showed during their time at the school.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new staff that joined us in September. They are:-

- Miss Donnellan, our new Year 4 teacher.
- Mr Cope, our new business manager.
- Mrs Higson and Miss Greensmith, who are both teaching assistants in Nursery.
- Mrs Carter, who is a teaching assistant in Year 6 and Mrs Ellahi, who is working with us for two days per week as a teaching assistant in Year 4.

All our new staff are settling in very well and I am sure they will all be assets to the school.

Best wishes

Mr. Wedgeworth

Headteacher

