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Dear Parents/Guardians

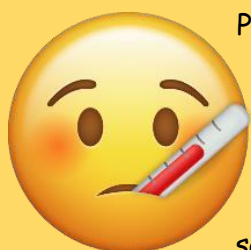
We are all aware of the ongoing need to implement Covid safety practices in school and in the community to reduce the current high rates of transmission of the virus.

This will help to keep schools open over the coming months. In St. Peter's staff and pupils are continuing to implement necessary Covid response procedures so that everyone can be as safe as possible whilst at school. Pupils must keep up their good work by sanitising and washing hands regularly and staying in their class groups and pods as relevant. School staff are wearing masks in school and the school can only allow essential visitors/parents to the school on a pre-arranged basis. Parents/guardians and minders are reminded to wear a mask when at or near the school and to keep social distancing at morning drop off and home-time collection. Please do not delay whilst at the school (**do not stand at the railings and please keep behind the blue line marked on the footpath**) and please refrain from engaging teachers/SNAs in lengthy conversations - only brief messages if necessary.

Coronavirus
COVID-19



Keeping classrooms well ventilated is important for the circulation of clean air and will result in colder classrooms at this time of the year. All children should wear suitable warm underclothes (vests) and may also wear a warm jumper/fleece etc in class if necessary. Make sure that your child is wearing suitable warm coats and hats for outdoor times.



PARENTS are reminded NOT to send your child to school if they are unwell or display any Covid related symptoms. Thank you for your co-operation with this requirement to date which is helping to keep the incidents of the virus at a minimum in the school. Please check www.stpetersns.net to view a helpful video clip from Dr Abigail Collins explaining the HSE Guide to Parents on CLOSE CONTACTS in Covid19 cases, other useful Covid safety information links are available on the school website for parents.

STAFF News: We welcome the following teachers: Ms. Keegan, Ms. Harron, Ms. Flannery and Ms. Brandon to the staff - they are members of the Supply Panel of teachers providing substitute teaching cover for St. Peter's (we are the base school for the supply panel) and other local schools. We also welcome back Ms. C. O' Brien (SEN) and Mr. McHugh (6th class) who are covering maternity leave positions.

Science Week was celebrated during the week of 9th November in St. Peter's with many classes undertaking exciting science based experiments and learning lots of facts on many aspects of science. Well done to the teachers for their interesting lessons and to the pupils for their enthusiasm. Unfortunately, we couldn't invite in parents to help out due to covid restrictions.



PARKING AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT THE SCHOOL GATES: This is a further appeal to all parents and especially those parents/guardians who drive their children to school to be **EXTRA CAREFUL at the main school gate areas**. The school is still concerned about the traffic issues at school gates at home-time and at morning drop-off as there are many drivers who are not taking due care at school gates. The School Zone has massively helped in promoting the school as traffic passes through. We would remind parents not to park in the middle of St. Peter's Road when dropping off your children.



PLEASE BE EXTRA CAREFUL AT ALL SCHOOL GATE AREA AND ROADWAYS. We would also remind parents to maintain distance outside the school gates and do not stand in the designated blue rectangles at the entrance gates. **Under no circumstances should parents the main gates (unless by prior appointment).**



It has also been noted that some children and adults are choosing to cross the roads at various points along school roadways seeking to make a speedy exit - where possible please cross at the designated pedestrian crossing.

Junior Infant ENROLMENT 2021/22: Please note that the enrolment applications for September 2021 class will cease tomorrow- Thursday, 26th of November. The approved St. Peter's Admission Policy is now on the school website www.stpetersns.net (POLICIES). The Annual Admission notice is posted on the website which gives the timeframe for completion of enrolment applications and supporting documents to be submitted with all applications. Late applicants will be accepted and will be notified of timeframes as per the Admissions' Notice.

Cyber-safety online workshops. The school are paying for the parents' webinar (as well as the pupils webinar) so we really would like all parents to avail of it.

Each of these classes will take part in a 40 minute session according to the following timetable:

Day 1 (Weds 2ndDec)

Ms. Kelly 3rd class @ 9.05-9.45am
Ms. Ms.Hand 3rd class @ 9.50-10.30am
Ms. Currans 4th class @ 10.55 - 11.35am
Ms. Carr 4th class @ 11.40-12.20
Parents webinar - 7pm

Day 2 (Thurs 3rdDec)

Ms. Carroll 6th class @ 9.05-9.45am
Mr. McHugh 6th class @ 9.50- 10.30am
Ms. Hughes 5th class @ 10.55 - 11.35am
Ms. Horan 5th class @ 11.40-12.20

It is an interactive workshop designed to protect and empower children.

- Each session is targeted to the appropriate age group and is focused on equipping children with core digital literacy skills (including understanding how to navigate social media, messaging apps, gaming, how to protect personal data and their digital footprint, healthy balance, online reputation and cyberbullying).
- Children will be asked to fill in a short, anonymous survey, which enables the talk provider to tailor a bespoke and unique talk, based on their specific online usage and behaviours.
- The school will receive a full report post-session

Parents' Webinar:

Information on protecting and empowering children in the online world - Parents of children aged 8-13

- The talk will include a section on parental controls and settings on the most popular devices and phones.
- Gives an overview of the main risks on social media, messaging apps, and gaming.
- Aims to make parents aware of what children are doing online and offer support.
- There are two parent webinars:

3rd + 4th class parents

Weds 2nd Dec @7pm.

5th + 6th class parents

Thursday 3rd Dec @7pm

Online Christmas Concerts:



light of Covid19 restrictions, we cannot host our annual Christmas plays, concerts or Nativity play as we would hope to. Instead, classes will have the option of hosting their own private concert, recording it and posting it on the school website (www.stpetersns.net) for other classes to view and enjoy. We wish that we can return to normality for the Christmas 2021 season.

Board of Management: The most recent meeting of the BOM was held remotely on Thursday 19th of November as scheduled. Ms. Holohan joins as teacher nominee replacing Ms. A. Horan who previously served on the BOM.

