

# St. Peter's Centre

## A Medical Short Stay School

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### **An update from Mrs Mead: February 11<sup>th</sup> 2021**

It has been a busy week for education and there are quite a few messages to share as a result. Firstly of course, we all look forward to welcoming staff and students back on 8<sup>th</sup> March. I sent out a briefing for parents on the plan for return and I have attached it again today in case you have not had a chance to look at it. I will host a Zoom call at 6pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for parents only to answer any questions and to also support with advice and guidance on preparing students for return. This support could be to give you advice and strategies on tackling high anxiety, challenging behaviour or any other issues you are facing with your young people. I will send out the Zoom invite early next week so keep an eye out. In addition, I will be sending out the plan for the first day back as well as consent forms for testing in the middle of the week. There may be a slightly staggered later start for those that **do not** arrive in taxis on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> so please let me know in advance if this may pose a problem. I want to again take the opportunity to thank both students and parents for their resilience and hard work as we prepare to transition from remote to face to face teaching. Our attendance to date is 94% which is outstanding and I do not underestimate the part our families have played in ensuring students remain engaged and learning

### **Year 11 Update**

As I am writing this, guidance has just been released. The quick summary of long guidance confirms that students in Year 11 will only be assessed on what they have learnt and that a range of work will be assessed by teachers for a grade that best fits this range of evidence. This means that we will continue to collect a large base of work so that an accurate decision can be made. The importance of full attendance in the coming months will be crucial to student success. Please do ensure students are in everyday. There will be more details published in the coming days so please feel free to ask questions regarding this on Tuesday's Zoom meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.

**Keeping Well** Continuing with the our theme this week "Humility" – excepting yourself with all your faults. Be grateful with what you have and try to listen to others. I have found [Headspace](#) really helpful  
**5 top tips to support School return**

- 1. Count down the days to return and make a verbal daily reference to return**
- 2. Get students to prepare uniform and bag**
- 3. Ignore any negative school comments or "I am not going". Do not engage.**
- 4. Reassure students about safety. Testing and mask wearing etc**
- 5. Smile and be positive about school.**

I have attached the briefing for parents on school return which was sent out on Tuesday.



Dear Parents/Carers,

### School Opening 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Many thanks for your patience. I have spent today ensuring that I have read and understood the latest guidance to schools and have summarised it below.

Following on from the PM's announcement yesterday, I am writing to outline the plan for our full return to school on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. Once you have had a chance to read and digest the information, please do feel free to email or call me if you have questions or concerns. I will be hosting a live meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm for parents only to answer any questions or to provide support or advice on preparing students to return to school.

Here is a summary of the key points given to schools by the Government:-

- All students will be expected to return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Attendance will be mandatory
- The remote learning programme will cease on 8<sup>th</sup> March and all teaching will be face to face at school. Work must be supplied for any students who are CEV or self-isolating
- Students who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable will be asked to stay at home. Parents must provide a copy of the shielding letter to school
- Students who live with family members who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable are expected to attend school
- All staff will be back in school and will provide face to face teaching. The normal timetable and curriculum will resume
- Students will resume wearing normal uniform
- Coats are advised in case ventilation causes cold
- Testing will be available to all students on 8<sup>th</sup> March and then offered as often as required following this. The Government have advised school supplies 3 tests at least 3-5 days apart. Following this, students will be supplied with tests for home use. There may be a slightly staggered start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March but taxis will arrive as usual. I will send out further details next week
- Testing will be done on a voluntary basis for staff and students but I will strongly advise and encourage consent to ensure the safety of all
- Consent forms for testing will be sent out next week
- The remote learning plan will remain a contingency plan should the school close for any reason e.g. an outbreak or change in restrictions
- Masks will be requested to be worn on school site by staff and students for the first two weeks after return. This will be reviewed and is a measure to ensure an additional layer of safety whilst there is still a prevalence of variant strains in the community
- Students and Staff will continue to ensure social distancing of at least 2 meters, wash hands regularly and use tissues for sneezes to bin. Regular testing does not mean the need for any of the above is reduced
- Students should not work or play face to face
- Classrooms will be ventilated



- Students and or staff must not come to school if they, or someone in the household or bubble has covid symptoms or a positive test
- Students and Staff must cease to attend for 10 days from the start on their symptoms or a positive test result. Please let school know immediately
- Students must wear a mask in school transport
- Students will not need to wear a mask outside

It may be that the return to school is a welcome one or one that has caused much anxiety. I am happy to support and guide in any way I can.

Warm Regards,

Mrs Mead

