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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your families are well in these challenging time for all. We would like to thank all our families for your support in what has been a journey of unknowns and complex decisions. In the last few months our priority has been to ensure, first and foremost, that we keep our children and staff safe as well as to adapt our school for all the changes that Covid has brought upon us. Fortunately, certain classes have been allowed to return to school this term, so we have successfully reintegrated some of our EYFS, Y1 and Y6 children back into group bubbles which we set up in line with the government guidance. As a small school, our staff have been amazing, teaching children from different year groups in their allocated bubble groups and also planning home learning separately for our children who are working at home.

With only 3 weeks left before the summer holiday, we are now turning our attention to planning for September. The government sent out new guidance last week stating that all year groups will be able to return back to school in September to their new classes. However, the new government guidance also states that stringent measures must still be implemented into our risk assessment for health and safety.

Below you will find information regarding arrangements for returning to school in September so you can prepare for the new academic year. If there is anything you need clarification on, then please do not hesitate to phone the school office– 01226 742357 As well as checking your email shared with school, please also check the school Website <https://tankersleystpeters.org.uk/> and school Facebook and Twitter pages for information.

Year groups and classes

Teachers have met to discuss the transition for each year group to their new class. We are acutely aware that some children may have gaps in knowledge and skills due to the impact of the Covid and time out of school, so we are planning to address these as part of the learning for next year. We are very sad to say goodbye to Mr Taylor who will be moving away from Barnsley to teach abroad again next year. We would like to thank him for his work at Tankersley and wish him lots of luck in his new post. We welcome Mrs Cooper to our KS2 teaching staff. Classes for next year are as follows:

Nursery - Mrs Terrell

Reception – Mrs Hartley

Year 1 - Mrs Beevor (Mon – Wed) / Miss Bennison (Thu-Fri)

Year 2 – Mrs Chadburn (Mon – Wed / Mr Townsend (Thu-Fri)

Year 3 – Mrs Cooper

Year 4 – Miss Phillips

Year 5 – Miss Hamilton

Year 6 – Miss Johnston



All children will take part in transition activities in the first week back in September with their new teacher and there will be a strong focus on supporting wellbeing and ensuring our children are comfortable in their return to school in the first week.

Your child's work books/ school reports

Normally we would send your child's school exercise books and learning home from this year, but as many children are not in school we have arranged for parents to collect these. If you would like to collect your child's books and work, please ring school (01226 742357) to arrange a time that you would like to collect them between 9am and 3.30pm, ideally on the allocated days as follows:

EYFS – Monday 13th July

KS1 – Tuesday 14th July

KS2 – Y3/4 Fri 17th July

KS2 – Y5/6 Thu 16th July

The office staff will collect your child's work and hand this over to you outside the school main entrance. Please press the buzzer at the main school door. Any work not collected by Wed 22nd July will need to be recycled so that school classroom trays can be thoroughly cleaned over the summer.

You will also have received your child's **school report** this term via the virtual learning email for your child's class. We hope you are pleased with this. Please let school know if you have not received your child's report. You can send any comments about your child's report via the whole school virtual email virtualllearning@tankersleyp.org.uk

Please note that our online homework grids will finish on Friday 24th July for the summer break, but your child can continue to use the online learning platforms, practise their reading, use times table rock stars and purple mash.

Year 6 pupils – Leavers event.

Year 6 parents - we recognise that this has not been the last term our Year 6 children expected and we are really sad that we cannot do our usual leavers events such as our leavers' church service, leavers meal and party and other treats. However, we will be doing something special for them to celebrate their time with us at Tankersley St Peters. Please see a separate email arriving soon from Miss Johnston from the Y6 virtual email and twitter page regarding our plans to say goodbye to our special Year 6 class.

Any information regarding transition to secondary school has been sent out to parents from the feeder schools. Please contact your child's secondary school directly if you have any questions on transition for September.

Tankersley school uniform

Tankersley school uniform for September can be ordered directly via our school website from our provider and delivered directly to your home or you can ask for it to be delivered to school. Please see our website to order

<https://tankersleypeters.org.uk/school-uniform/>



Arrangements for the new Academic year – From Thursday 3rd September

School will open for all pupils on Thursday 3rd September at 8.50 am (8.40am Nursery.) with the exception of Reception. Reception parents please refer to the letter previously sent.

Attendance

The government guidance states that all children are expected to be back in school in September and this will be mandatory. The guidance also states that parents have a duty to ensure their child attends regularly at school and that the local authority can issue fixed penalty notices in line with their code of conduct.

To support parents, guidance on our attendance procedures will be sent out in a separate email and from September, school will continue to monitor the attendance of pupils in accordance with our usual procedures.

Beginning and end of the school day

In line with new guidance and for health and safety, we have a new routine for children arriving and leaving school at the beginning and end of the day. Coloured bubble dots will be painted on the yard for each year group so each class knows where to wait. The children will use the same dots to line up after break and lunchtimes.

All children will be collected from the yard in the morning by their class teacher or TA at 8.50am. Parents will not be allowed in the school building for health and safety reasons but you can contact the school via email or phone if you have a query on any given day.

Top gate – Westwood New Road – Years 1 to 6

There will be a one way system in place for entering and exiting the school site. Parents and children please enter through the top gate and leave school through the double gate (adjacent to the top gate.) Please arrive at 8.50am but not earlier. For the safety of all, we would appreciate it if parents do not socially gather outside the school gates on Westwood New Road due to the volume of people arriving and leaving the site. These gates will be locked at 9am promptly. It would be helpful if older children (Year 5 and Year 6) can enter and exit the site on their own but if parents wish to you can accompany your child. The same procedure applies for collecting your child.

Please see below re where your child's year group will wait and enter and exit the school.

Year 1 – green dots – children enter and leave through the KS1 garden door near the top gate

Year 2 – white dots - children will enter and leave through the KS1 door to the right of the hall

Year 3 –orange dots – children will enter and leave through the KS2 door to the left of hall

Year 4 - blue dots – children will enter and leave through the Y4 class outer fire door

Year 5 - yellow dots – children will enter and leave through the Y5 class outer fire door

Year 6 – red dots – children will enter through Y6 class outer fire door

Bottom Gate – New Road – Early years - Nursery and Reception

Early Years parents and children will enter and exit school through the bottom New Road. Please take care parking your car if you are driving to school as the pavement here is very narrow. For the safety of all, we would appreciate it if parents do not socially gather outside the school gates on New Road due to parents arriving and leaving the site.

Reception parents and children- (including new Reception starters.) Mrs Hartley will be there to greet you on the EYFS playground on the green dots. Please collect your child from the same



area at the end of the day. On the first 2 days, please arrive for 9am. Then at 8.50 from the following week.

Nursery parents and children – (including new Nursery starters) please arrive through the New Road gated entrance at 8.40am and follow the path. Mrs Terrell will be there to greet you outside the Nursery building on the orange dots. Nursery parents please collect your child through this gate on the first day at the same entrance... New starter parents please come to the office if you are collecting your child earlier than the end of the morning session at the time you have agreed with Mrs Terrell in your phone call.

Equipment your child will need to bring.

Please ensure your child is in their school uniform and brings the following items:-

- A water bottle
- A book bag to keep their new reading book in. (School book bags can be purchased from the school office.)
- Packed lunch bag (unless having a school lunch – see below.)
- A picnic blanket/ rug for your child to use if the class is working outdoors.
- A set of coloured pencils (we want children to have a set each so if parents can help with this that would be great – thank you.)
- PE kit – please see the school website uniform link. (Plain white or red t shirt and black shorts and pumps.)

School will provide your child with a new home/school reading diary which must be looked after at home and returned to school daily. There are pages at the back to record when your child has read with you at home along with useful reading information to help you when you read with your child.

Your child will also receive a new homework folder with their spelling grids in along with their passwords for 'My maths,' 'Times Table Rock Stars' and the 'Purple Mash' online platform. If possible, under the current situation, please could you regularly wipe down your child's book and homework file with an antibacterial spray or wipes.

We have a school tuck shop where classes can buy wrapped healthy snack items (ranging from 30p to 50p.) The tuck shop funds help us to buy playtime equipment for the children.

School lunches/ breaktimes

Your child can choose to bring a packed lunch (no chocolates or sweets) or choose a school meal. Children will be able to choose from a sandwich, salad box or pasta box with a variety of fillings, accompanied with a salad and a variety of desserts.

Children will eat in the dining hall but in smaller numbers with their classes on their own class table which will be away from other classes. We have planned in staggered breaks and lunches so children will only play out with their class bubble in designated playground zoned areas for each year group.

Newsletter for your child from their new teacher

Finally, please look out for a special newsletter arriving to your email for your child from their new teacher via the class virtual learning emails in the last week of term. You and your child can write to your child's new teacher at this email address. If you need to contact school in the meantime do not hesitate to ring or email on the school email address from the website. Our year group



virtual emails will also remain in place so you can contact your child's new teacher into the next academic year.

virtualllearningnursery@tankersleysp.org.uk – Mrs Terrell

virtualllearningreception@tankersleysp.org.uk – Mrs Hartley

virtualllearningyear1@tankersleysp.org.uk – Mrs Beevor and Miss Bennison

virtualllearningyear2@tankersleysp.org.uk – Mrs Chadburn and Mr Townsend

virtualllearningyear3@tankersleysp.org.uk – Mrs Cooper

virtualllearningyear4@tankerseysp.org.uk – Miss Phillips

virtualllearningyear5@tankersleysp.org.uk – Miss Hamilton

virtualllearningyer6@tankersleysp.org.uk – Miss Johnston

We look forward to having your child back in school at Tankerlsey St Peters and welcoming our new starters. We have really missed our children over the last few months and hoping we can return to some kind of normality. Have a lovely Summer break with your families and let's hope there is more good weather to enjoy and happy times ahead. Stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

Mrs Proctor-Blain and Tankersley St Peters staff

