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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year it has been! We would like to thank all our Tankersley families for your support in what has been a rollercoaster of a journey over the last year. We have managed so many changes in school this year with remote learning, lockdowns, isolations and bubble closures. However, it has been wonderful to have our children back in school since March and we have almost made it to the end of term!

We would like to share with you some information which will be useful for you regarding transition to new classes in September 2021.

**School will close this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and reopen for all pupils after the summer holiday on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

*Early Years – Nursery and parents please refer to information sent re staggered starts for your child starting school.*

### Year groups and classes / Curriculum

Teachers have met to discuss transition. We are aware that some children may have gaps in knowledge and skills due to the impact of the lockdown and isolation so we will continue to address these as part of the learning for next year. Some children have been selected for intervention support and additional tutoring through the government led NTP programme. Parents will be informed about this at parents evening in the new half term along with their child's progress.

The 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 / Mrs Swift (Thu-Fri)

Year 3 – Mrs Cooper

Year 4 – Miss Phillips

Year 5 – Mr Townsend

Year 6 – Miss Johnston

Please look out for a **welcome to the new class newsletter** arriving this week for your child from their new class teacher. Class newsletters will continue fortnightly in the new academic year which outline key information about your child's curriculum and learning information. These are always saved in your child's **class blog** folder on the school website:

<https://tankersleypeters.org.uk/>

The website also contains other information about our school curriculum and learning.

If you need to contact school do not hesitate to ring or email on the school email address from the website. Our class teacher virtual emails will also remain in place so you can contact your child's



new teacher into the next academic year. Please note that staff will not always reply straight away or at weekends!

### Teachers emails: -

[virtuallearningnursery@tankersleysp.org.uk](mailto:virtuallearningnursery@tankersleysp.org.uk) – Mrs Terrell - Nursery  
[virtuallearningreception@tankersleysp.org.uk](mailto:virtuallearningreception@tankersleysp.org.uk) – Mrs Hartley - Reception  
[virtuallearningyear1@tankersleysp.org.uk](mailto:virtuallearningyear1@tankersleysp.org.uk) – Mrs Beevor and Miss Bennison – Year 1  
[virtuallearningyear2@tankersleysp.org.uk](mailto:virtuallearningyear2@tankersleysp.org.uk) – Mrs Chadburn and Mrs Swift – Year 2  
[virtuallearningyear3@tankersleysp.org.uk](mailto:virtuallearningyear3@tankersleysp.org.uk) – Mrs Cooper – Year 3  
[virtuallearningyear4@tankersleysp.org.uk](mailto:virtuallearningyear4@tankersleysp.org.uk) – Miss Phillips – Year 4  
[virtuallearningyear5@tankersleysp.org.uk](mailto:virtuallearningyear5@tankersleysp.org.uk) – Mr Townsend – Year 5  
[virtuallearningyear6@tankersleysp.org.uk](mailto:virtuallearningyear6@tankersleysp.org.uk) – Miss Johnston – Year 6

### Your child's school reports

You will have received your child's annual **school report** this term. We hope you are pleased with this. Please could you return the comments slip – we haven't had all these back yet. Thank you.

### 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/>

### Attendance

**The government guidance states that all children are expected to be in school as normal 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 in September, school will continue to monitor the attendance of pupils in accordance with our usual procedures.

### Beginning and end of the school day

The routine for dropping off and collecting your child will remain the same as this year.

All children will be collected from the yard in the morning by their class teacher or TA at 8.50am. At home time, the children will exit school at 3.30pm accompanied by their class teacher.

***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 to develop independence, but if parents wish to you can accompany your child. The same procedure applies for collecting your child.



### 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 at 8.50 to greet you at the EYFS playground gate on your child's start day. Please arrive through the New Road gated entrance from 8.45 am on your child's start day and follow the path. Please collect your child in the same place at the end of your child's session.

Nursery parents and children (including new Nursery starters) - Mrs Terrell will be there to greet you at the EYFS playground gate on your child's start day. Please arrive through the New Road gated entrance at 8.40am on your child's start day and follow the path.

### Equipment your child will need to bring.

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

- A water bottle (water only please.)
- 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.)
- PE kit – please see the school website uniform link. (Plain white or red t shirt and black shorts and pumps.)
- Healthy Tuck shop money (if you wish to – see below)

School will provide your child with a special bespoke **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 information about how we teach your child to read. *We ask that all parents try to read at home for 5 minutes each day with your child as this makes a huge difference to your child's learning in school. They will receive a weekly reading token entered into a prize draw.*

In addition to this, children in EYFS and KS1 who are learning their phonics sounds will have a **clear plastic reading bag** containing their Read Write Inc special Phonics book - This goes home each Friday and must be returned to school daily. (These book bags stay in school on Wed/Thu so they can be set up with a new book for your child.)

Our **yellow and blue phonics card packs** will be given to every Reception child when they start school in the new academic year.

School also sells **red book bags at £4** which younger children need to transport letters and information home properly – please ring the school office to purchase one of these. 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.

Please keep reading over the summer! Parents have received information about the Summer reading challenge which is held at all libraries and online.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Links to phonic videos will be sent to parents this week on Friday so that you can practise phonics sounds and reading with your child over the holidays.



## School lunches

Your child can choose daily to bring a healthy packed lunch (no chocolates or sweets) or can choose a school meal. You can select your child's school meal in advance on the **school gateway** or your child can choose their own during morning registration. All school meals must be paid for in advance.

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

## Covid Guidance / Bubble closures

Please see latest government guidance regarding actions for schools – updated July 2021 including guidance on class bubbles, isolation and other matters linked to the virus.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

We will continue to keep revising our risk assessment in line with this guidance.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to get some normality back in the new academic year and be able to give our children the usual curriculum, events, trips, concerts and experiences that make us the vibrant and happy school we are.

Have a lovely Summer break with your families and let's hope there is more good weather to enjoy and good times ahead. Stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Proctor-Blain and Tankersley St Peters staff*

