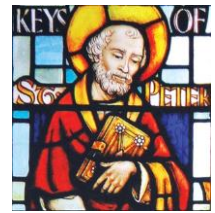




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Dear parents/carers,

We are sharing the expectations for uniform and attendance for the start of the new school year in September. We aim to work together to make St Peter's be the best it can be. Personal presentation is very important to encourage pride and aspirations, this goes alongside presentation of work in class and behaviour.

If you have any difficulties with financing uniform, please let the school office know.

SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Reception-Year Six

We expect all pupils at St Peter's to attend school clean, tidy and well presented in the correct school uniform.

PE Kit is part of the school uniform.

All uniform must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

Pupils are responsible for their own uniform.

All pupils are expected to have the following:

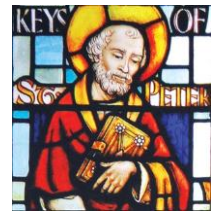
- White shirt with white collar—**NO polo shirts**
- School Tie
- School V-neck Jumper / cardigan
- Grey smart trousers / Green smart skirt/ Pinafore / Grey smart school shorts / Green checked summer dress
- Plain black school shoes with an appropriate heel (no trainers)
- Book bag
- Boys - Plain grey or black socks.
- Girls – Plain grey/green tights or plain white socks.

PE Kit:

- **White** round necked t-shirt - **NO logos or sportswear.**
- Green shorts
- Black pumps (trainers can be worn for outdoor PE and games)
- Plain Black Joggers and Black Round Neck Sweatshirt (Outdoor PE)
- **No Leggings**
- PE bag



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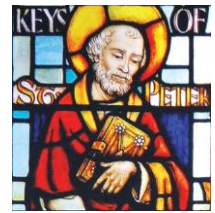
- Swimming Kit (as required) - drawstring bag, swimming costume & towel

Children are informed of their PE days and they can attend school dressed in PE kit on these days.

- The uniform remains the same throughout the year.
- Jewellery **must not** be worn or brought into school, with the exception of wristwatches.
- **No Smart watches allowed.**
- Stud earrings only are permitted. No fashion earrings allowed.
- No make up or nail varnish.
- Earrings are not allowed in PE lessons under health and safety guidelines. You must make sure these are **removed** before school on your child's PE day.
- No extreme haircuts, including shaved patterns or dyed hair are allowed in school.
- Long hair must always be tied back.
- If children wish to wear **small** hair accessories e.g. ribbons, hair bands and bows they must be in the school colours (green, white or gold)
- Parents should inform the school if they are unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason.
- Children will need to bring a school book bag every day for books, letters etc. These are available to buy at the school office.



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ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY

- 100% attendance is rewarded in our special attendance assembly at the end of each term.
- Attendance and Punctuality letters will be sent out each half term to children whose attendance drops below 97% and to children who have a late mark.
- Children must be at school to learn. (Pupils with attendance of less than 95% will be contacted by the Education Welfare Officer and monitored on a weekly basis).
- We expect all children to be at school every day. It is a legal requirement.
- If a child is not in school parents must notify the office immediately giving the reason for the absence.
- Parents of children with poor attendance records will be contacted by the Office staff.
- If attendance does not improve the Education Welfare will visit the home and this may lead to parents being taken to court or fined.
- Children who are late to school are missing part of their lesson and disrupting the learning of others.

ATTENDANCE

Fred is in year 4 and his attendance is 90%. Is this good?

What does this mean?

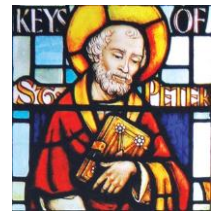
Fred thinks his attendance is good and so do his parents. Is this correct?

90% attendance is ½ a day missed every week.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent days lost in school year	Equivalent sessions lost	Equivalent weeks Missed	Equivalent lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 weeks	50 lessons



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90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 weeks	340 Lessons

Attendance – Important Changes from September 2024

The Department for Education (DfE) have made it illegal for Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless in exceptional circumstances.

Holidays, in any circumstance, cannot be deemed as 'exceptional'. Parents have a legal responsibility concerning their children's attendance, and local authorities can bring legal action against families where attendance levels cause concern.

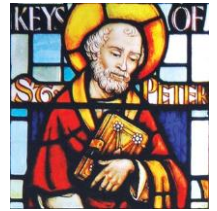
Any period of unauthorised leave may result in you as a parent receiving a Penalty Notice Fine.

From **September 2024**, there will be updates to the National Attendance Framework for Penalty Notices in schools, including significantly increased fines for term-time absences.

- Penalty fines will continue to be issued per parent, per child. For example: 3 children in a family being absent for term time leave would result in 3 fines for each parent.
- National Threshold - There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span over different terms and school years.



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- First Offence - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Second Offence - A second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days may result in a prosecution.
- Third Offence and any further Offences - The third time that an offence is committed for either a term time holiday and/or Irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued -the case can proceed straight to prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure.

If found guilty of the offence of 'failure to secure their child's regular attendance at a school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1,000.