

# St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
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## Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends of St Peter's,

It has been a very challenging week, as we have had five positive cases reported; those affected pupils and their families are in our thoughts and prayers. This means that 29% of our school are currently self-isolating. This is a timely reminder for all of us the importance of social distancing outside of our bubble and wearing face coverings when in communal areas. This won't make us immune, but it will greatly reduce the chances of catching the virus. Can I please ask parents to contact school on [covid@st-peter.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:covid@st-peter.solihull.sch.uk) as soon as they learn of a positive result – even if it is late at night or on a Sunday. We will immediately begin working on logistics and identifying pupils who might have to self-isolate. The sooner we have this information, the better.

Despite these challenges, in typical St Peter's style, staff and pupils have risen to the challenge. As I said in my letter this week, all lessons (including those for Year 7, 8 and 9) will now be streamed live on Microsoft Teams. Please ensure your child attends these lessons and is as fully focused as if they were in the classroom. Pupils can join the lessons on their phones. However, if you are experiencing ICT issues, please let the school office know.

This week's gospel comes from Matthew and focuses on charity and our duty to help those in need. I am proud that our school community is living out the gospel by supporting Anwim's Christmas Appeal. Thank you to Mrs Simmons, Mrs Kenny and Mrs Ibrahim-Vijaya for leading on this project.

This week was anti-bullying week. I believe we are fortunate that bullying is very rare at St Peter's. If your child is experiencing friendship issues or any repeated unkindness, please encourage them to speak to their form teacher.

*Alaine Murphy*

## Year of the Word



"In the beginning the Word  
already existed; the Word  
was with God, and the  
Word was God" John 1:1

## Virtual Mass times in our Local Parishes

[St Augustine's Catholic Church](#)  
[St Thomas More, Sheldon](#)  
[St George & St Teresa Catholic Church  
Olton Friary](#)  
[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic  
Church](#)

## Parking

Please see [this tweet](#) from the Police  
regarding parking on Whitefields Road.



St Peter's  
Catholic School  
*Faith is our Foundation*

## Message from NHS111

In line with the rest of the country, all emergency departments (also known as A&E departments) and urgent treatment centres across Birmingham and Solihull are no longer 'walk-in' services; patients now need to contact NHS111 for advice before attending these services. This will enable patients to be seen in the right place, at the right time. We have been communicating about this over recent months and a communications campaign 'NHS111 First' is due to start imminently; a more detailed stakeholder briefing will be circulated separately.

The change will enable us to provide emergency care safely to those who need it, particularly the vulnerable and shielded, by ensuring appropriate distancing in waiting rooms.

Instead of attending an emergency department unannounced, patients will use NHS111 online or by phone, to book a 'time slot' appointment with a service that best fits their need. That could be one of a variety of existing out-of-hospital services, an assessment service at a hospital, or an appointment with a GP or dentist. In cases where it is appropriate, patients will be given a 'time slot' appointment at the emergency department itself.

As the public takes time to become used to this new way of accessing urgent and emergency care, no-one that attends an emergency department without having contacted NHS111 beforehand will be turned away. Please remember that for all life threatening emergencies, people need to dial 999.

NHS111 is available 24/7, and it's free to call. Alternatively, people can go to: <https://111.nhs.uk/>

## Birmingham and Solihull Health Information exchange

Birmingham and Solihull's health and social care organisations would like to hear parents and carers thoughts on the new **health information exchange** (HIE), planned to launch in the next few months. Please could you distribute this to your parent/carer community.

- **Request to complete 10 minute survey.**

For more information, please contact [BSOLSTPDigital@uhb.nhs.uk](mailto:BSOLSTPDigital@uhb.nhs.uk).

## Vacancy - Finance Manager

The Board of Directors of the Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy Company ("MAC"), are seeking to appoint to the role of MAC Finance Manager. The start date for this position is 1 February 2021 (or sooner if possible) with an initial contract for a 12-month period (with potential for extension thereafter). The office location of the post is based in Solihull. Relevant experience would include:

- Qualified Accountant
- Experience in managing accounts and budgets
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills that inspire and motivate.
- A passion for making positive change to children's lives.

Please click [this link](#) for more information

Kooth

Did you know that Solihull offers mental health support Free to Access for 11-25 year olds who live or go to school in Solihull or looked after by Solihull Council? Head to <https://www.kooth.com/> for more information.

# COVID Positive Cases

To reassure and provide all information to you, we have detailed the flowchart of the process taken within school when we receive notice of a positive case.

