

St. Peter's Church of England (VA) Primary School

Christian focus: love

'Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good.'
Hebrews 10:24



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Friday 10th October 2025

Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a positive start to our school year with the children working well. Below are a few updates/changes for you all.

Lockdown

On Monday 13th October 2025, we will be undertaking our practice lockdown procedure. This is nothing more than a routine part of our safeguarding approach at St Peter's. We will explain this to the children as there is a dog not on the lead and we are making sure it cannot see us to bark at us. Whilst some families might be concerned about worrying the children, by practising this termly it will reduce any worry. A lockdown procedure is a part of our school life to ensure the children are safe at all times. We are not expecting to have to use this procedure.

Labubus

As of Monday 13th October Labubus will be banned from school site during the school day. Sadly, we have had children bringing them into school and becoming sad when they are damaged or lost. There have been incidents in which children have been unkind and blocked children from playing if they do not own one. If Labubus are seen, they will be confiscated and then they can be collected at the end of the day. We thank you for your support with this.

Water

Water is readily available for all children to drink. During lunchtimes, water is available during the lunch service which means that children do not need to enter classrooms to fetch their water bottles. The cups that are used are sterilised so that there is no risk of germs or colds transferring. To confirm, the water that is on offer at St Peter's is fresh water and not from tanks.

Outdoor Shoes

As the weather turns and the darkness creeps in, our school field and site will become increasingly muddy. As we are an all-weather school and follow the OPAL principles (linked below) the children will be going out. Please do check the daily weather forecast to determine if coats and wellies are needed.

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Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) is a mentor-supported school improvement programme addressing all 18 areas a school must plan if they want to sustainably improve the quality of play.

The OPAL Primary Programme blends elements of strategic school improvement practice, action planning, self-evaluation, playwork skills and knowledge, and 20 years of action-research.

Here is a link for further information: <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/opal-programme/introduction/>

Yours Sincerely,

Mr M Conley

