



St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish

INFORM



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COMMUNITY

Having become Headteacher of St Peter's at the very beginning of the COVID pandemic, one of the first tasks placed before me was to close our school building—to close it to every pupil and every member of staff—in order to keep our community safe.

And, I'll be honest with you, never did I imagine that nearly six years later, I would be standing here facing the same task once again.

Over the past 48 hours, I've spoken with many of you. I've heard the concerns, the frustration, the uncertainty. I know how unsettling this moment feels. I know the worry it brings to our pupils, the disruption it will continue to cause, and the questions it raises—questions with no quick or easy answers.

But there is something I learnt during those long, challenging months back in 2021:

St Peter's is, and has always been, so much more than just a building.

Yes, our timber frame may be weathered and worn. Yes, the physical structure may be showing its age. But the true foundation of this school has never been timber or brick.

It has been community.

It has been all of you—parents, pupils, staff—working together, lifting one another up and overcoming challenges standing in our way.

At some point today, we hope to be in a position to communicate carefully and transparently our plans for the coming week. You deserve clarity and we will provide it the moment we are able.

But moving forward will take patience from all of us. It will take cooperation. It will take a willingness to adapt and to stay open-minded. More than anything, it will take us working together, as a community.

So, parents, I am asking you—once more—to walk with us. To face this challenge side by side. To trust in the values that have shaped this school over the years. To remind yourselves, and your children—especially on the tough days ahead—that wherever our pupils are learning in the next week, they are still pupils of St Peter's. Their identity, their sense of belonging, their pride... none of that is lost.

And let me assure you of this: we will not rest until our pupils have a safe place to return to—a place where they can learn, grow, and flourish; a place worthy of our school community.

We will get there. And when we do, we will know we have made it—together.

Michael Bradley,
Headteacher.