

Prior's Mill C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

WELCOME BACK

I hope all our families had a chance to enjoy the half term – as different and restricted as it was! I particularly appreciated the opportunity to catch my breath and recharge a little. It has certainly been good to come back to the news that school is opening fully from the 8th March and this letter will set out some key information and reminders for everyone.

WEEK COMMENCING 1ST MARCH



We will continue with our remote learning offer to all children not attending school next week. Please keep up the absolutely fantastic effort with completing lessons and tasks. Children attending school still need to be booked in as usual. Please see contact details further on in this letter. 😊

WEEK COMMENCING 8TH MARCH

We will resume our established routines to support social distancing, reduce the risk of transmission and respond to any positive cases. Whilst we are moving in the right direction in terms of the spread of infection, the virus is still with us and we must continue to act responsibly and with the utmost care for each other and our families. Here are some reminders of our routines and expectations:

Arrival and departure of children

- Children should arrive onsite from 8:30am and make their way directly to classrooms. All children should be on site by 8:40am – **please do not be late.**
- EYs and KS1 - one parent only to accompany children onto school site. We encourage KS2 children to walk down the path unaccompanied.
- REC, Y1, Y3 & Y4 – end of day is 2:50pm.
- Y2, Y5 & Y6 – end of day is 3pm.
- Morning sessions for preschool and nursery end at 11:30am.
- Afternoon sessions for preschool and nursery end at 3:10pm; nursery doors open from 2:50pm to aide congestion.
- Parents and children should move off site quickly and not congregate.
- Face coverings should be worn by adults when on the school site.
- Please remember the one-way system in place around the EYs and KS1 building to support social distancing.

Class Organisation & Routines

- Children will continue to be taught in separate class 'bubbles' and will have staggered break and lunch times to ensure groups are kept separate.
- Staff will largely remain with the same classes but in some circumstances will move between bubbles in order to meet the needs of the children and school.
- Children and staff will wash their hands regularly and sanitiser will also be available.
- Rooms will be well ventilated- please remember to provide a jumper as children may get chilly!
- Frequently touched surfaces, work spaces and equipment will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.



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Attendance

- From 8th March all children are expected to attend school as normal and schools are to resume their usual attendance procedures in relation to pupil absence.

Government Information

The government has updated their guidance for parents and carers which you can read here: [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)
[Information for Parents](#)

The document says:

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school or college if:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- someone in their household is showing symptoms
- someone in their support bubble has symptoms and they have been in close contact with them since the symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started
- they or someone in their household has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they are required to [quarantine having recently visited a red list travel ban country](#)

[Book a test](#) if you or your child develop symptoms. Inform your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results. If the test is positive, follow guidance for [households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

Other household members (including any siblings) should self-isolate from the day your child's symptoms started (or the day they took a test if they did not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.

If your child or someone in your household has tested positive while not experiencing symptoms but develops symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.

Please can I stress that it is vital you keep school informed of any symptoms or tests within your household as we may need to act quickly in school to mitigate the risk of transmission to others.

CONTACT WITH SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we do need to keep face to face contact between staff and parents to a minimum so please telephone the office or email us with any queries and a member of staff will get back to you to assist.

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| OFFICE | For all general enquiries including requests for contact with a member of staff or for support with remote learning | office@priorsmill.org.uk |
| TESTS | To notify school – OUT OF HOURS - of any positive pupils COVID test results | tests@priorsmill.org.uk |
| During Restricted Attendance/Partial Closure – FINAL WEEK | | |
| BOOKINGS | To request a place for Reception to Y6 Attendance during Lockdown | bookings@priorsmill.org.uk |
| PRESCHOOL/ NURSERY | To request a place for Pre-School or Nursery Attendance during Lockdown | nurserybookings@priorsmill.org.uk |



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SUPPORTING CHILDREN

Our main priority when we reopen is to ensure that the children settle back into routines, re-establish relationships with classmates and staff and that they feel confident being back in school. We will have a large focus on emotional well being as well as assessing where the children are up to in their learning. We will report to you shortly after Easter on your child's current attainment and what progress we are planning for over the summer term. As ever, please do contact us if you have a specific concern about your child and we will do what we can to help.

LOANED DEVICES

Children who have loaned a device- laptop or iPad – from school to support with home learning must return these to school on the 8th March. Please ensure all chargers/plugs are returned along with the device. Children should give the equipment to their class teacher.

WRAP AROUND CARE

We will be reopening breakfast club from 15th March. Further information about bookings, times and costs will be shared next week.

Unfortunately, due to organisational issues, we will not be able to open our after-school club until September 2021. I am very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We have the details of a number of local child minders which we can provide if any families require after school care; please contact the school office.

COMING UP

Monday 1st March



Collective Worship

Our theme next week is **PATIENCE**

Jessica and Chris from Faith at Home will help us think about what patience means and how it can help us to get better at waiting.

1st – 6th March



National Careers Week

Although our children are a way off their first proper job, it's never too soon to start thinking about the future. Mrs Rowbotham will help us do just that.

Thursday 4th March



World Book Day

Miss Horner has given lots of information about our plans for WBD this year in her letter sent out on 25th Feb. Check your emails if you haven't seen it yet.

5th – 14th March



British Science Week

This year's theme is '**Innovating for the Future**'. Miss Thompson is helping us plan some exciting activities for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement. We are looking forward to being back together as a whole school very much!

Kind regards,
Mrs H Malbon
Headteacher

