

# Prior's Mill C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have made it to the end of mass home learning - whoopee! We are so grateful to you all for your support over these last eight weeks and we are really looking forward to being back together as a full school. Please can I direct you to last week's letter (available on the website also) as a reminder of safety procedures as we re-open fully.

## Curriculum and Assessment

Our main priority is to welcome the children back and help them re-establish relationships and routines. We will be focusing on the core areas of reading, writing and maths with lots of opportunities for physical and emotional well being promoted. As children have continued their spring theme learning either at home or in school, we will be concluding these at the end of this term and starting our summer themes as usual after Easter. In the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, teachers will carry out some assessments with the children to enable us to see the progress made since Christmas and identify gaps that may have opened up so that we can ensure our provision is carefully tailored for the summer term. Teachers will prepare a short written report as they did in the autumn term to keep you informed about your child and these will be sent home on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## Staffing

There are a few changes to staffing next week as a result of COVID safety measures and some staff continuing to work from home supporting planning and assessment remotely. Miss Lambton's class will be taught by Mrs Carr whom the children met briefly prior to this current lockdown. Miss Pritchard's and Mrs Mackay's class will be taught by Mrs Akhtar who taught in our Reception year group earlier in the year.

## IT equipment



Please remember to return any loaned equipment to school on Monday together with any chargers and leads. Please help us by placing these in a carrier bag and writing your child's name on the bag.

## Self-Testing for Households of Schoolchildren

You may have seen on the news that families with school aged children can now take part in regular self-testing for COVID, much like the testing system that school staff members have been following for a couple of months. The purpose of the testing is to identify any asymptomatic cases and prevent further spreading. There is no need to inform us at school if you are or are not taking tests but, as ever, you must inform us of any positive test results or symptoms of COVID.

For the next 2 weeks, collection of home test kits will not be available from the two Stockton-on-Tees sites Stockton Dairy carpark and Billingham Forum carpark due to the introduction of surge testing in the TS19 postcode area.

Households can order home testing kits at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



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or collect from nearby sites in Middlesbrough or Hartlepool at: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

## Coming Up

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Collective Worship**



Our theme next week is **PERSERVERANCE**

As we return to school and maybe find things a bit hard at first, we will think about why it is important to keep trying and keep going!

**5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

As we return to something more like 'normal', newsletters will be less frequent as we will not need to communicate around home learning as much. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and gets lots of rest before Monday. 😊

Kind regards,  
Mrs H Malbon  
Headteacher

