



The Priory School

Weekly Briefings

Friday 20th March 2020

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing this, at home, on a gorgeous Spring day and it is hard to comprehend the momentous events of this week. With a heavy heart, I can confirm that **our school is now closed until further notice**, except for families of key workers and vulnerable children.

We face a hugely challenging time ahead as we combat the Coronavirus pandemic. We recognise the strain and difficulties confronting you, as you support your child at home and balance all your other responsibilities. For the school we will be focusing on setting up our 'last resort' childcare provision on site and developing our 'school @ home' provision.

Daily to Weekly updates

During this unsettling period, we will send home a weekly newsletter every Friday.

New learner helpdesk email

Our office email has already been overwhelmed by learner-related questions. We have set up a new learner email (which children can use) to answer any questions related to the daily learning tasks. This will be monitored between 9 and 12 every day (usually by Mr Swain).

General enquiries: office@theprioryschool.org

Learning enquiries (including passcodes / answers / advice etc):
helpdesk@prioryceprimary.co.uk

From Easter, we will start responding to comments on Google Classroom as staff get more familiar with this app.

Please be patient as we respond to emails—this is new to us too & we are also supervising children in school. Please also only phone in emergencies—we have limited office provision for the foreseeable future. It is not business as usual!

School Website

We have tried to simplify the headings on our website so children can access the class blogs more easily. There is also a new section called 'School @ Home', which will contain further ideas & activities over the coming weeks.

Class 3 Parent Consultations

We still plan for these to take place on Monday 23rd March—but by telephone. Miss Webber will call the priority parent contact number at approximately the same time as your original booking.

Collecting Home Learning Resources, PE kits & lost property

We are aware many children had to self-isolate last week and so didn't have the opportunity to take any work home. School is open all morning on Monday for you to collect the resources we have prepared. Please ask one of our school community if you need these to be delivered.

Class 1 Phonics Book

We ordered a phonics booklet for class 1 to do at home, but it got delayed in the post. We will contact all class 1 parents as soon as it is available for collection.

Kind Regards.

Mr Ruffle