



The Priory School

Weekly Briefing

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Reopening Update

Our final plans were emailed to all parents yesterday regarding school reopening. All plans are conditional on the Government's Covid Alert moving to level 3.

- **Reception Class** and **Year 6** will start returning to school in small groups of no more than 8 in a 'pod' from Monday 1st June.
- **Year 1** will start returning to school in small groups from Monday 8th June.

Please can those families confirm whether their child will be in school or not by emailing the office.

Yesterday we also confirmed that arrangements for **Key workers and vulnerable children** have changed and registered families should have received information about that. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st June.

Home Learning will restart on Monday 1st June after half term.

Assessment & End of Year Reports

We will not be carrying out end of year assessments for any year group this term—they should have taken place this week. This means that when you receive your child's end of year report in July, we will not have completed the box to indicate whether they are working below, in line or above age-related expectations. We will also be unable to complete the 'next steps' comment.

Once the situation becomes clearer regarding September schooling, we will look to complete our assessments during the Autumn term and share the results and development targets with you at our October parents' evening.

New Reception Class Transition

We have a number of siblings joining the school in September as part of our new Reception Class. I had hoped to include in my welcome letter some definite plans for our transition events and activities - sadly, this is still not possible at this stage. This is also true for our Year 6 moving onto secondary school.

Please be reassured that preparing your children to start their new schools in September has been prioritised by BCP Local Authority and all local Headteachers are working hard together to see how this can best be done.

No Year 5 Residential in 2020-21

Sadly both our Y5 and Y6 residentials had to be cancelled this year. In the light of ongoing concerns regarding coronavirus & increased costs to parents, we are not planning to run a Y5 residential next year. We are in the process of arranging a Y6 residential to PGL, Osmington Bay for the week commencing Monday 14th June 2021.

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