



Priory Primary School
At the heart of the community



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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

Thank you for all you are doing to keep your family and our community safe. We have had lovely messages from you, and I know that you appreciate everything that your teachers have been doing to keep in touch and help with your learning. The Covid-19 virus is going to be with us for some time to come and we have to work out a way to live safely with it, change our habits and hold on to our values.

The way we have all responded in this crisis shows what a strong and loving school community Priory Primary School is. I am honoured to have joined you.

The Government wants to start getting children back to school and asked us to make a plan to do this safely. If the number of Covid-19 cases keeps going down, they will allow schools to open from 1st June. We all want to see the children back in school, too, but we also want to know it will be safe for them, for the families and for our staff.

All the Government advice and information for parents is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Who can come to school and when?

We have made plans for the first three weeks:

Week 1 (this *might* be w/c 1st June) – Year 6 start – each child one day per week

Week 2 (this *might* be w/c 8th June) – Year 6 continue – Reception & Nursery start – each child one day per week

Week 3 (this *might* be w/c 15th June) – Year 6, Reception & Nursery continue – Year 1 start – each child one day per week

How are we making it safe?

We have to have some new rules:

- The classes will be split down into small groups of 6 or 7 pupils. To start with, only one group comes to school each day, so each pupil will come to school on 1 day per week.
- Drop off and Pick Up is staggered – only a few children arrive at a time.
- Only one parent per family can bring their children to school.
- Children go straight into the classroom when they arrive.
- Parents must follow the one-way system around school, and must not stop to talk to others until they can do so outside of the school gates, at a safe distance from each other.
- Children stay with their teacher, TA and small group of 6; they do not mix with other groups at break time or lunchtime.
- School finishes early each day so there is time for a very thorough clean.
- Parents wait for their child in the main playground at the end of the day, using the markings to keep 2m apart from other adults.
- Hand washing, surface cleaning, and high hygiene standards will be maintained throughout the day. Children will be taught the importance of this and must follow their instructions.
- Children will not be able to stay in school if they put other people in danger by not following these instructions.



What if my child is in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5?

At the moment you will continue with your home learning. If it continues to be safe, we will make plans for you to come to school too, from the end of June.

What if I have children in different year groups?

You may have some children in school and some children at home. When we know it is safe, the other year groups will be invited in, but the arrangements will have to change again to make this work.

Is there still childcare for key workers?

Yes, there will still be provision for key worker children to come in everyday between 9am and 3pm.

How will I know which day and which week my child is starting back?

Your Class Teacher will be in touch via SeeSaw or by phone to explain which group your child is in, which day they come to school and when to start.

Do they wear school uniform?

We will be doing lots of outdoor activity but we will not be changing into PE kit during the school day so please come dressed to be active. Children should wear:

- School PE shirt OR school shirt
- School jumper
- Shoes and trousers for outdoor play (ie this does not have to be school uniform and needs to be loose and comfortable enough to do PE)

Will there be school lunches?

Yes, hot school lunches are available as usual. Pupils may bring in packed lunches as usual, too.

What if my child has underlying health conditions?

- If your child has a shielding letter from the NHS (children considered 'clinically extremely vulnerable') or other clear instruction from your doctor, they should continue to Stay at Home
- If your child has an underlying health condition, but is not clinically extremely vulnerable, you must consult your doctor for advice

More Questions?

We will put a FAQs sheet on the school website next week, but if you have any urgent questions that cannot wait, please try calling the school office. Leave a message if there is no-one able to take your call.

As soon as we know if schools are opening from the 1st June, we will send a text to parents. If you did not receive a text about this letter, it means we don't have your number – please let us know if you have changed your number recently.

We all look forward to seeing just as soon as it is safe and practical. Until then, stay well, healthy and positive.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Fraser
Head Teacher

