



## Priory Junior School

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Dear Parents,

### Re: Final Arrangements for Returning to School

I hope you have had a good summer break and are now looking forward to your child/ren returning to school next week.

We are looking forward to seeing them all again and welcoming our new year 3 children to Priory Junior School.

Before the summer holiday, we sent you details about the return to school and what it will be like. We are now writing with some extra details for you to help you prepare.

School will be a different place for the children on their return, and we know that some children might be feeling excited and /or anxious about the return. All of these feelings are completely natural after a normal summer break, so we appreciate your child might need some extra preparation for their return this year.

### Useful Resources

On the school website, there is a video (on the year group pages) to watch and share with your child.

### The First Two Days

As you know, on the first two days we will have half of each class in school. This will allow us to get them settled into the new routines.

When you bring them to school on these mornings, please use the gate you have been allocated for your child's class, where your child's class teacher will be waiting for them. Your child will need to use the hand sanitizer and then join their class line. Check your allocated gate and dates for return on the letter sent on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

On these two days, parents may wait at the side until your child's line is taken into school. **This will be for those mornings only.**



On subsequent days, your child will make their way to the classroom independently, where their class teacher will be waiting for them.

As you drop off, you will need to go through the playground and leave through the central gate.

To collect your child at the end of the day, you will again need to queue at the same gate, and the class teacher will send your child over to join you. You will then leave through the central gate.

**Please remember, parents should not gather at entrance gates – and follow the wider social distancing expectations in place at any time.**

### Uniform / PE

We expect all children to come to school in their normal school uniform. On their PE days, they will need to come in their PE kit.

As the weather grows colder, they may find it more comfortable to wear a pair of jogging bottoms over their shorts on these days too.

PE days for all classes will be as follows:

Class	Days
EW3 – Mrs Welch	Monday and Wednesdays
HW3 – Mrs Harper and Mrs Wells	Thursday and Fridays
JE3 – Mr Emmess	Tuesday and Fridays
KB4 – Miss Brace	Monday and Thursdays
JB4 – Miss Burley	Wednesday and Thursdays
MC4 – Mr Connolly	Monday and Thursdays
CS5 – Mr Snape	Tuesday and Fridays
TR5 – Mrs Tack and Mrs Raw	Tuesday and Fridays
AI5 – Miss Ingle	Monday and Fridays
DF6 – Mr Folly	Tuesday and Wednesdays
HR6 – Miss Reeks	Tuesday and Wednesdays
AG6 – Mr Grieve	Wednesday and Thursdays

### See-Saw

For the two days they are not in school, we will place some activities on See-Saw for them to complete. When you log into See-Saw your child will now be in their new class for the year ahead.

### Get Ready!

In this final week of the holiday, please help your child to be ready for school by ensuring they are back into good bedtime routines. We expect they will find the first days back quite tiring....please help them be ready for this.



There are also some learning activity packs on our website which can be used to help your child prepare for the next school year – they contain a variety of fun activities related to maths and english.

### **Roundabout**

As the roundabout will continue to be used as a pedestrian route, please remember that it will remain closed to traffic during drop-off and collection times. We would encourage families to walk to school as much as possible. The bike sheds will remain closed at this time.

### **Equipment in School**

Each child will have a set place within the classroom to sit at during the day.

The only things that children will be able to bring into school will be:

- A filled water bottle
- A packed lunch (if not having a school dinner) – please bring this in their normal lunchbox
- Sun-hat
- Waterproof coat
- Their inhaler (if they need one)
- School library book and log book

All other equipment will be provided. For equipment that is in frequent use, children will have their own personal set of equipment. This will be kept at their place throughout the day. They will not share this with anyone else.

School equipment that might be used by others in a different class, including outdoor play equipment, will be sterilized after use. Children will need to place this in the sterilizing tubs as directed by adults.

### **Lunches**

We will be operating a rota system for school lunches. On alternate weeks, you child will eat in the school hall and on the other weeks, they will eat in their classroom.

If you would like your child to have a school lunch, there will be some provision from our caterer, ABM. This will be as follows:

Weeks in hall: Hot meals on offer

Weeks in classroom: Cold lunch on offer

**Year 4 and Year 6 will eat in the hall on the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September. Year 3 and 5 will eat in their classroom during that week.**

We will send a lunch menu and rota home to help you choose, and remind you of when your child will be in the hall or in their classroom.

Please book and pay for this a week in advance as usual, using Pupil Asset. Meals continue to cost £2.30

Children attending school who are eligible for a free school meal will now receive this.

Should you decide to send your child with a packed lunch, putting small ice packs within it may be helpful.



## Playtimes

Children will have time to play outside, and this will be within their class bubble. They will be provided with a zoned area to stay within, and will be able to make use of play equipment. Team games will not be able to take place at this time. All play equipment will be provided.

## Hygiene

Children will be reminded of handwashing, and opportunities built into the school day. They will also be reminded of not touching their eyes, nose and mouths. Access to each set of toilets will be limited to two classes at the most sharing these facilities. There will also be increased cleaning during the school day, so that all frequently touched surfaces eg. banisters and door handles will be cleaned thoroughly on an ongoing basis. There will be no access to the water fountains in school during this time – please make sure your child has their water bottle with them.

## Contact with school staff / office

Should you wish to talk to a member of staff, please email or telephone the school office. Members of staff will telephone or email you if they wish to discuss anything with you too.

## Symptoms of Coronavirus

If your child presents with COVID-19 symptoms, please keep your child (and any siblings) at home and follow medical guidance. Further information and a link to booking a test may be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Children who develop symptoms should remain at home for 10 days. All other members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days.

If your child should develop symptoms in school, we will move them to sit in a room on their own, and call you to collect. Should your child have medical test for COVID-19, please let us know the results as soon as possible. Should a child or adult test positive for COVID-19, then the school will follow the Health Protection Team's advice and this will mean that the child's class will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

**During this time, the school will provide the class with remote learning.** Because of this, we are limiting the number of classes, staff may have contact with in school.

## Holidays Outside the UK

If you have been abroad, and returned since 24<sup>th</sup> August please make sure your child remains at home – if you have visited any country that is now on the quarantine list. To help us support you with this, please let us know, and we will make sure that you are provided with remote learning during this time. You can check this information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors#countries-and-territories-with-no-self-isolation-requirement-on-arrival-in-england>

## Wider Social Distancing

The government and SAGE have made clear that for the return to school to be successful, it is vitally important that families continue to keep to the wider social distancing measures that are expected of us all at any time. Therefore, we expect you to play your part in this and make sure that you and your family are keeping to these – **in order to keep all staff and families safe in school too.**



We appreciate that some of these changes will make school a very different experience for children, and we will support them with reminders about the routines throughout the day.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the children again, and helping them to settle into school and its new routines.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe

