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Dear Parents,

Return to School for Year 6

Thank-you for taking the time to talk with us last week about your decision about the return to school next week. As we now know, the government have announced that the school can now re-open to Year 6 children, and we have planned for this to take place from the **2nd June**.

School will be a different place for the children on their return, and we would appreciate you taking time to read this information carefully, and ensuring your child is prepared for these changes too.

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 this 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**.

Bubbles

Your child will be working and playing in a bubble – a group of children and specific staff. They will not be able to play / mix with other children in other bubbles, and staff will keep to the same bubble.

Each bubble will have a separate drop-off and collection time. One adult should bring your child to school and drop them off at the gate, when the member of staff asks them to come through. Your child will then need to use the hand sanitizer to clean their hands before going into the building. As you drop off, you will need to go through the playground and leave through the opposite gate.

To collect your child at the end of the day, you will again need to queue at the same gate (by the roundabout), and a member of staff will radio for your child to join you. You will then leave through the opposite gate.

Parents should not gather at entrance gates – and follow the wider social distancing expectations at this time.



Timings of drop-off, collection times are shown on the next page, along with the members of staff in your child's bubble and the classroom they will be using.

Drop-off Time:

Collection Time:

Friday Collection Time:

Members of Staff with your child's bubble:

Classroom:

Door to School to Use:

There will be 6 bubbles of Year 6 children in school, and they will be spread across the wings of the building with each group having their own toilets.

At no point will children be able to change the bubble they have been placed in. Unfortunately, due to the number of children involved, we will be unable to make any changes to the bubbles at any point.

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 the toilets will be limited to one child at a time.

A member of the site cleaning team will also be in school during the 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.

Equipment in School

Each child will have a set place within the classroom to sit at throughout the day. All their belongings will be kept at this space.

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)
- Sun-hat
- Waterproof coat

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. They will not share this with anyone else.



For school equipment that might be used by others, they will have their own set to use during a lesson, or out at play, and this will be sterilized after use. Children will need to place this in the sterilizing trays as directed by adults.

Learning routines

The children will be following the same learning as children learning at home during this time. They will not post it to See-Saw though. All work will be self-marked in class, and saved in a folder in their tray under their table.

The expectation is that your child will attend full-time. Should you subsequently decide that you wish your child to not attend (for any period of time), the provision on offer for your child will stop and they will not be allowed to rejoin the bubble at a later date.

Lunches

If you would like your child to have a school lunch, there will be a cold provision at this time. Please book and pay for this a week in advance as usual. Lunch will be eaten in class, and school lunches will be delivered to the classroom for this. Children attending school who are eligible for a free school meal will now receive this and vouchers will no longer be sent. Should you decide for your child to bring a packed lunch at this time, putting small ice packs within it may be helpful.

Playtimes

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

Uniform / PE Kit

The children will need to wear their school uniform to school, unless it is their allocated PE day. On PE days, they should come to school wearing their PE kit.

Your child should wear their PE kit on the following days:

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 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/>

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 bubble that the child is in will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

Staff Absence

As explained last week, if we have a member of staff absent from a bubble, we will also have to close that bubble too, until they are able to return to school. This is because we do not have any means of providing cover for staff absence at this time.

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. Should we feel that your child is finding these changes hard, we will discuss this with you. It may be that if we cannot guarantee that they can follow the routines, which are there to keep everyone in school safe, we may have to say that they cannot attend at this time.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the children again next week, and helping them to mark the end of their four years at Priory Junior School with us.

Keep safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe

