



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week! I have adored going into classes and seeing the children. It has been great hearing them talk excitedly about mixing with other year groups and going into the hall for PE and assemblies - long may it continue!

We are closely monitoring the number of Covid cases locally and within classes. To help us minimise these, we ask that if your child does present with one of the three main symptoms:

- a high temperature,
- a new continuous cough
- or a loss of taste or smell,

that they **do not** attend school and take a PCR test as soon as possible. Please do not send your child in until you have received a negative result. It will help to keep case numbers down and prevent the need to bring back restrictions into classrooms.

We hope you enjoyed seeing the diary dates for this term. We are extremely excited about all the events and celebrations throughout the coming weeks and months. We hope that you also felt that the weekly diary sheet was helpful and gave a clear overview for the week. We have plans to continue to develop this sheet and adding as much information to it as possible!

Thank you to the parents and carers who have emailed me to raise their concerns about the end of day proceeding for Key Stage One children. We have spent a significant period of time looking at every possible scenario to keep everyone in the community safe, but we would like your input on how we can improve end of day handover. Although it seems like a simple solution to open the gates for parents at the end of the day, it actually causes a huge number of issues: safeguarding the children; monitoring who is entering our site and obviously, the continued risk of covid. We would not be able to monitor any school equipment being used and touched, increasing the risk to our pupils and staff. I would really appreciate you voting for the option that you feel would relieve the current congestion at the end of the school day. Here is the link <https://forms.gle/xuagpdyQqvKYTEkQA>

Our Forest School sessions started this week with Mrs Ratcliffe from Wrekin Forest School. This term, she will be working with our two- and three-year-olds and Reception children every Thursday. We are extremely excited about rolling this out across the rest of the school and developing our Forest School provision! You can see what they got up to on our Facebook and Twitter pages!



A lot of new clubs also started this week and have been extremely successful! Information about even more clubs for the term will be sent out in the next few weeks. Details can be found on the weekly diary sheet, which can always be found on our website.

We are very excited to announce that we will be launching Tapestry for the whole school over the next few weeks. For parents whose children have recently left EYFS, you will likely be familiar with this fabulous app and tool. It allows staff to share photos and videos of your child's work, and to help track progress in a range of subjects. We will be sending out consent forms and information over the next few weeks, which will hopefully allow you to access a lot more information about your child's week!

On Wednesday, we have individual pupil and sibling photos. One of our fabulous parents asked the question about children wearing PE kits on Wednesday. I would recommend that children who have PE on Wednesday wear full school uniform but with trainers. If your child has a sports' club after school, they can come in uniform but bring their kit to change into (just for this week).

If you do ever have a comment or question, please do not hesitate to contact us. It's always helpful and can help to inspire change!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper
Head of School

