



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful break with your family and friends, and you feel recharged, and ready for a new term. I actually can't believe it is only our first week back as it has been so busy! The weather has been rather chilly. Can I just say a huge thank you to everyone who has sent their child in with lovely warm coats, and with hats and gloves - the named ones are most likely to come home, as gloves have the same ability as socks and magically disappear!

This week, our Year One children have accessed their first ever Forest School session with the wonderful Mrs Ratcliffe. Our Reception children will be starting a new Forest School session in the next few weeks, but being led by our own staff, who are about to become fully qualified to run the sessions themselves! Mrs Brewer and I have been very excited to be able to visit so many classes this week, and spend some time with the children during their lessons. It has been delightful to see how hard they are working, and to see the fabulous progress they are making! We have seen a wide variety of lessons and children starting their new units and themes with such enthusiasm. We are extremely excited to be starting so many new clubs next week, and to be offering so many lunch time club sessions. We will be rotating the children who are invited to the lunch time sessions, and the children who have been selected to attend this half term, will come home with a letter next week. Our Pre-School children will be welcoming a new member to the team. Biscuit the guinea pig will be part of the Little Seedlings team, and we can't wait for the children to meet her!

You may have seen lots of coverage in the news about the new covid guidance which started at the end of December, and guidance which comes into force next week.

In summary:

- From Tuesday 11th, if someone tests positive on a lateral flow test, you no longer need to go for a PCR. You automatically isolate for the minimum of 7 days or 10 days
- If someone tests positive they can take a lateral flow test on day six, and day seven of isolation and if they are both negative, you can then leave isolation on day 8, but if you do not take a lateral flow test, or you still show as positive on days 6 and 7, you continue to isolate until day 10
- Close contacts do not need to go for a PCR, they just need to carry out daily lateral flow tests for (anyone aged 6 and above)

If you're uncertain please don't hesitate to contact us, or visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We have created a beautiful new display in our hall, which features the world map. We would like to celebrate our school's links to other areas in the world, or even the country and to do this we have purchased lots of lovely gold stickers. If you would like a sticker adding to the map to represent a link to your family, please complete the google form below: <https://forms.gle/aLJ1b59TQCSV3gb27>

We know that some of our families may be reorganising and sorting through toys, dressing up costumes and books after Christmas. If you have anything that you no longer require and would like to donate, please pop it down to our school office. Even items like handbags, costume jewellery, hats etc are greatly appreciated by our children in Pre-School and Reception!

Finally, can I please ask that everyone thinks about where they park, as we have a number of local residents expressing great concern about unthoughtful parking decisions, which is preventing them leaving their own property and to be quite honest is very dangerous for our own pupils and parents.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper
Head of School

