



Priory School, Lewes

Newsletter



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START OF TERM

The first week



We have enjoyed a good start to this term. Year 11 are showing strong commitment to the assessment programme.

The site is calm and focussed so we are grateful to the students and parents/carers for supporting us with the return to the classroom.

We have been able to open up the field and this has certainly helped in providing more space for our students at break and lunch times.

The Risk assessment for the school was updated for the start of this term and can be found at:

<https://www.priory.e-sussex.sch.uk/1239/covid-19>

Next Monday (3 May) is a National **Bank Holiday** so the school will be closed.

Please note that there will be an INSET Day on **Friday 21 May** to enable the school to undertake some standardisation of Year 11 work as part of the grading process in the absence of GCSE examinations.

THE BIG ASK

National Survey

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that the government can put children at the heart of the country's recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak.

Parents, carers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.





MASS OBSERVATION ARCHIVE

12 May 2021

On 12th May 2021, the **Mass Observation Archive** will be repeating its national call for day diaries, capturing the everyday lives of people across the UK.

In 2020 Mass Observation (MO) received over 5000 diaries, which have already been used to support research, teaching and learning.

This continues to be a difficult time for lots of people and MO were incredibly touched that so many people chose to share their stories with Mass Observation last year.

Diaries can record 12th May and reflect back over the past year and look forward to the future and life beyond this year.

Share your lives, your hopes and your dreams with Mass Observation for future generations.

People of all ages from across the UK are welcome to take part.

Schools and Community Groups

We welcome diaries from school children, community groups, prisons or other organisations.

Diaries can be written in any style and can include drawings, photographs, prose or poetry.

There is a downloadable diary template and further resources to explore.

How to take part - Please visit MO website <http://www.massobs.org.uk/write-for-us/12th-may>

HOMEWORK

All year groups

The school has resumed the setting of homework for all Year Groups. Homework is now set using Microsoft Teams as this platform allows a lot more functionality.

Edulink will no longer be used to set the homework so it is important to ensure students are accessing the Teams platform to complete homework.

It is important to understand that the school will set a variety of homework tasks and not every task will be written and 'marked' by the teacher.

There are a number of useful documents on our website which provide detail about supporting learning: <https://www.priory.e-sussex.sch.uk/406/homework>



UNIFORM

Summer uniform

As we are now in the summer terms it is acceptable for students to wear black/dark blue shorts or skorts. These should be plain without logos and/or additional colour.



PEER ON PEER ABUSE

Sexual Harassment

We are aware of the 'Everyone's Invited' platform.

We would like to reassure students and their parents and carers that we take all allegations of sexual harassment and abuse very seriously and have strict processes and measures in place to safeguard and protect young people in our care.

We continue to work with our students to educate them on appropriate sexual behaviour and relationships through a range of tutor programme sessions, workshops and lessons.

We would encourage young people, parents and carers to report any incidents to us. We need to know so that we can investigate fully and ensure appropriate action can be taken.

Alternatively, Support and advice can be accessed from:

1. The dedicated **NSPCC helpline on 0800 136663**
2. [Stop abuse together \(campaign.gov.uk\)](https://www.campaign.gov.uk)

These are accessible systems and safe spaces for pupils to talk to trusted adults, externally, who are trained and knowledgeable in how to respond.

Please visit the follow link for more detail:
<https://priorschool.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Disrespect-Nobody-.pdf>

COVID Controls

Face Coverings

As stated in the first item of this newsletter the Covid-19 Risk assessment was updated for the start of this term.

Face Coverings are still required at all times in the building. We ask that students bring their own face covering as part of our uniform expectations.

We do have a small supply to help those who have encountered issues such as the strap breaking. Unfortunately there are a large number of students arriving without a face covering and we are issuing between 100 and 200 face coverings each day. This is adding to our expenditure at a time when we are trying to manage uncertain financial pressures.

Please remember to bring a face covering every day – thank you.





SAFEGUARDING

Priory School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children.

We expect all members of our school community to share this commitment. We are all alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow agreed procedures to ensure that all pupils and families feel supported, protected and kept safe.

Direct designated safeguarding support provided by one of our Safeguarding Leads detailed below;

Miss Suzanne Howells - Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ext 377)

Mrs Sab Sahota Lyons - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ext 376)

Please telephone 01273 476231 during school opening hours.

Alternatively, you can contact us by e-mail on:

Suzanne.Howells@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

Sab.Sahota-Lyons@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

Pastoral support provided by the House Heads detailed below:

AIR: Ext 379 Mr J Kirk (Mon Tues & Weds)

JAK@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

Mrs A. Brown (Thurs & Fri)

AB@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

EARTH: Ext 207. Mrs E Sheffield ES@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

FIRE: Ext 205. Mrs D Plant DJP@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

WATER: Ext 308. Mrs K Coppard KEC@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

Please be aware that during the current time monitoring of the House phones will be limited.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Changing details

Changing your contact details:

Sometimes contact details change and it is important to update the school of any changes; unfortunately, for security reasons, **we are unable to accept change of contact details via email or telephone**, please may we ask that you inform us one of two ways:

- completing the Change of Contact Details form (available on the school website: <https://prioryschool.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Change-of-details-form.pdf?t=1544527326>)

- sending in a signed letter;

If you haven't as yet provided us with your email address, please can you do so via the Change of details form.

Without receiving this, we are unable to change any details.

Thank you for your understanding.



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

Telephone: 01273 476231

Email: info@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.priory.e-sussex.sch.uk/>