



Priory School, Lewes

Newsletter



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SUSSEX TEACHER of the YEAR

Mr Roberts (Maths)



Congratulations to Mr Roberts (Maths) on being awarded the Sussex Teacher of the Year.

Mr Roberts' passion for maths is infectious! He has achieved so much in developing students' knowledge of maths as well as supporting his colleagues with professional development.

It is something of a cliché that teachers change lives but this really is the case and Mr Roberts has changed the lives of so many students with his dedication to the school, the subject and the students.

DIGITAL 5 a DAY

The digital 5 a day provides a simple framework which reflects the concerns of parents/carers as well as young people's digital behaviours and needs.

Based on the NHS's evidenced based "five steps to wellbeing" the campaign gives young people and carers easy to follow, practical steps to achieve a healthy and balanced digital diet.

Please see more at:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>





COVID-19 CONTROLS

Face Coverings

The vast majority of students have responded well to the requirement to wear a face covering in the building when moving around. The wearing of a face covering is an important control to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

We have, however, had to supply a large number of coverings (over 100 per day) as students have forgotten to bring one in and/or lose the covering. This is expensive for us to sustain so please can you ensure that your son/daughter brings a face covering (and if possible a spare) each day.

Please see the guidance on the website about face coverings and encourage students to bring a sterilized bag to store the covering in when not being worn.

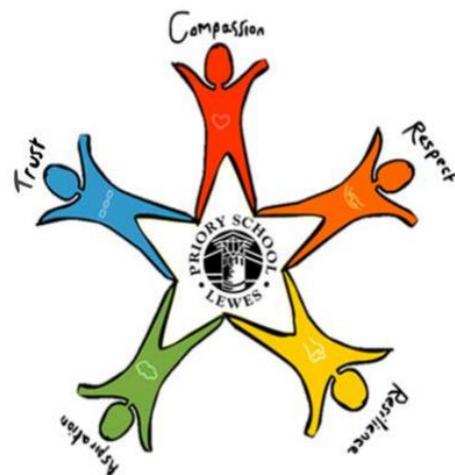


BEHAVIOUR in the COMMUNITY

Our students have responded well to the expectations about behaviour in school. This has meant the school is much calmer and purposeful.

Sadly, we have had a small number of reports from the local community that some students are not adhering to social distancing and the wearing of masks, both on public transport and in shops.

We will reinforce this message but ask that you support us in doing so too. *'Understanding the strength of community taking collective responsibility for ourselves and others'* is a key strand of our revised vision.





COVID-19 CONTROLS

Test and Trace (from NHS)

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of students, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your son/daughter has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your son/daughter feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)

2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste, or things smell and taste different to normal

Your son/daughter does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.

- If a student in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does **not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school.



ATTENDANCE at School

Congratulations to everyone for excellent attendance during the first two weeks of term.

We know how important it is to attend school and to maintain regular attendance. This helps ensure learning is not missed and our students are able to make strong progress.

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	
BE SMART BE THERE! <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>		

CAREERS HUB

The East Sussex Careers Hub have produced a number of videos and training sessions to support teachers, students, parents and carers. These are all available on the [Careers Hub Youtube](#).

Students can watch 'Skills to Succeed' videos and hear employers talk about their career journeys in a number of sectors, including the NHS, construction, creative and digital, finance and law.

There are a variety of webinars and training sessions for school and college staff on topics such as identifying skills and pathways in a post-Covid economy, delivering remote careers guidance, bringing labour market information and careers into the classroom, and running careers events. Further content will be developed in the coming months.

East Sussex Careers Hub team will be launching a two-week social media campaign from 28th September-5th October to promote the resources - #CareersGoVirtual. Please help us promote the campaign and resources by following the Careers Hub on [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Instagram](#).

All resources can also be found through the Careers Hub website: <https://www.careerseastsussex.co.uk/advice/>



CONTACT 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);

- sending in a signed letter;

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

Thank you for your understanding.

RECEPTION

Please be aware that the school is trying to keep visitors to a minimum. We would therefore appreciate support in this. We ask that you refrain from dropping off items at reception except essential items such as medication or lunch.

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