



# Priory School, Lewes



## Newsletter

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### COVID-19 CASE

As you should be aware we have experienced the first positive Covid-19 case in our community. The case was made known to us on Monday morning and we held a Crisis Management Team Meeting to manage the situation.

The school contacted the DfE and followed the advice along with our procedure (as detailed on the website).

The case has meant a significant number of students are now self-isolating for 14 days. Where these are whole classes we are following the 'Remote Learning Policy' and delivering a blended learning package.

The school remains open for students who have not had a letter from us explaining the need to self-isolate.

There are some key learning points from this namely:

1. Social gatherings outside of school should be avoided. It is important we all follow the government guidance during the lockdown (students need to avoid meeting together and having sleepovers)
2. Follow the controls in school including 'no touching' and trying to maintain social distancing.
3. The importance of face coverings in school
4. The need to wash/sanitise hands regularly.

### INSET DAY

Our INSET Day on Friday 6 November was devoted to the topic of Improving Outcomes with a focus on SEND.

There were three main sessions:

1. **Speech, language and communication barriers to learning.**  
Speaker: Jodi Lea Trowman, Consultant Speech and Language Therapist.
2. **Understanding Autism**  
A webinar by Jodi Lea Trowman
3. **Maximising Teacher Impact**  
A live session with Jo Nulty, SENCO
4. **Modifying the language of learning**  
A live session with Richard Hetherington, Teacher of the Deaf.

The day enabled staff to reflect on classroom practice and adapt our approach to ensure we maximise the learning opportunities of all students.



## COVID-19 Risk Assessment

We have updated our Covid-19 Risk Assessment and the revised version can be found at: <https://www.priory.e-sussex.sch.uk/1239/covid-19>

It is imperative that the controls outlined are followed by all. I would like to draw particular attention to:

1. The need to wear face coverings in school when moving about the building
2. The need for regular hand washing/sanitising
3. Not to touch your face with hands – and if you do to sanitise immediately
4. To avoid gathering outside of school
5. To walk or cycle to school where possible
6. Parents and Carers to avoid entering the site, where possible (please try to avoid dropping items in reception)
7. To support the high expectations of students to follow the controls



## NATURE TRAIL COMPETITION

### Priory School Winners

Congratulations to Kingsley and Josh whose entries into the Friends of Lewes (FoL) Nature Trail Competition were selected as two of the winning entries. You can see more at the FoL Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLewes>



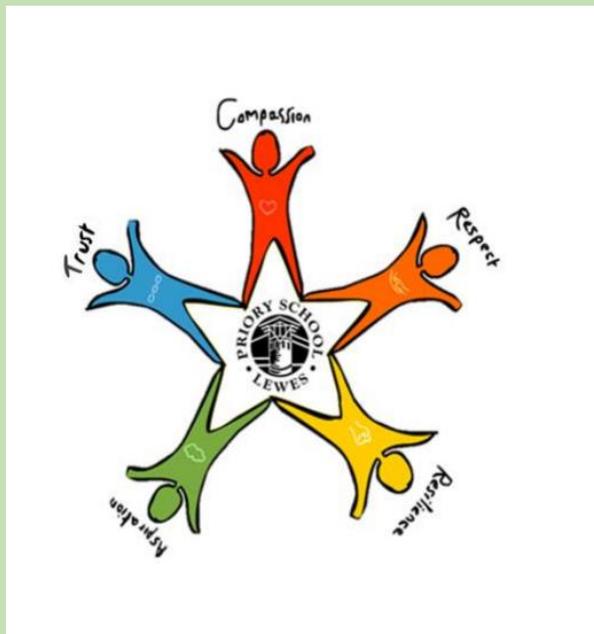
The competition was launched alongside the publication of the Town Nature Trail Leaflet to celebrate the natural environment of Lewes.



## CREATING A POSITIVE CULTURE

We work hard to support our students and create a positive culture. For us it is important to recognise and reward the positives in our school. We have summarised the data for Term One and I am delighted to report that there were 23835 achievements points awarded in Term One and 3191 behaviour points. This means there were 7.5 achievements points for every behaviour point! We would love to see that ratio increase further still.

We aim to be true to our 5 Star Values (Aspiration, Resilience, Compassion, Trust and Respect) and to recognise when these are embraced and seen in action.



## EAST SUSSEX SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

School Health One Point (SHOP) The front door of the service is the School Health One Point (SHOP). This is a single point of access, referral and advice open from 8.30am-5pm Monday to Friday. Stakeholders and parents/carers can use this line to discuss current or potential referrals, arrange school training or other general advice.

### Text Your School Nurse

**Aged 11-19?** Need emotional support in these unsettling times? East Sussex school nurses are still here to help. Text **07507 332473** to speak to a school nurse who can contact you by text, phone or video

**Parents:** During these unsettling times, as a parent/carer of child aged between 5-19, you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need. East Sussex school nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues. Parent/carers of children aged 5-19 can send a text to: **07507 332473**

### Virtual Drop Ins

Children and young people aged 12 to 19 can use a confidential virtual drop-in session with a school nurse every Tuesday from 3 to 5pm or every Thursday from 11am to 1pm.



## CONTACTING the SCHOOL

### Courtesy

The majority of people work constructively with the school to resolve issues and we are grateful for this. It is easier to resolve issues when all parties are working together in a productive way. When contacting reception (or any member of the school community) please can you remember to act in a civil and responsible way. Recently our receptionists have been subject to rude, abusive and unpleasant comments.

As with most services this behaviour will not be tolerated and if people are rude and abusive then, unfortunately, the school will end conversations and cease to engage.

## 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);
- 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.



# Friends of Priory School, Lewes Online Christmas Market 2020

Fundraising has been particularly difficult this year but now more than ever your support is so important. We can't run our usual Christmas cafe and craft stalls so we are launching an **Online Christmas Market**.

You can support us by selling from one of our 'stalls' or buying from one of our sellers. Head over to our **Facebook** page @**FriendsofPriorySchoolLewes** and join the Christmas Market Group. Also see details on our **Instagram** page @**fop\_christmas\_market\_2020**

## Selling

If you would like to sell your product a 'stall' for our Christmas market is £10 per stall (all of that money goes towards Friends of Priory). Please pay via the Paypal link below. Click the link: <https://py.pl/6CKd8HMDmMK>

Once you have paid, create an album in the group. This is your stall and buyers should be directed to the albums. You can also advertise your products on the group wall. Within your album state your prices clearly and any delivery costs. This should be decided directly between the buyers and sellers.

We will be sending out information to all the students' parents and carers as well as advertising on the local Facebook pages too. Please share the group and posts as much as possible.

## Buying

Please visit our Facebook group page **Friends of Priory School, Lewes Online Christmas Market**

To browse stalls head to the albums section of this page (located in the grey menu bar to the right hand side - if on a tablet or laptop this may say 'media' instead of albums).

In the albums you will find all of our stallholders' albums for their virtual stalls. Please see info on their albums and individual photos for info about what they have on offer and how to place an order - any questions please PM the stallholders directly using the links they have provided.



Thank you so much for supporting our school

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