



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

28th January 2021

Dear parents and carers

Another week has passed; well done for all your relentless enthusiasm and dedication to support your children with remote learning, whilst managing your own jobs and everything else that is going on. The students have been great and the engagement during lessons has been incredible.

Today I am providing you with a brief overview of each area, with links to support where necessary. As I always say, if you have any concerns or queries please make sure you let us know straight away, we are always happy to help.

Dates for the diary;

Friday 29 th January	Year 7 virtual appointments with Mrs Trimnell
Monday 1 st February	Start of the National Children's Mental Health Week. Please visit our website for different resources supporting this.
Tuesday 2 nd February	Intermediate Maths Challenge
Wednesday 3 rd February	School INSET day. Please be aware that the school will be closed to all students.
Tuesday 9 th February	Is the National Safer Internet Day, activities for this will be shared closer to the date.
Monday 15 th -19 th February	Half term week. Please be aware that the school will be closed to all students.

Supporting your child to work at home through remote learning

Thank you so much for all your hard work in ensuring your child is ready to learn from your home each day. Our teachers have been impressed by the eagerness of students to learn in what is a very different environment from school and one which has evolved significantly since the first lockdown. We have kept lessons to mimic the 5 period day with a break and lunch over the same time spans. We have reduced each lesson by 5 minutes to allow students a few minutes to take the opportunity to move away from their screen before the next lesson. We want students to integrate seamlessly when they return and keeping them in 5 lessons per day will help with this.

Well being

I hope all students are now finishing each lesson after 55 minutes, to ensure they have a breather before the next. I know I mentioned it last week but this is really important and something we fully support. As a reminder, here is the [link](#) to the well-being support page on our website

Home visits

The school is continuing with their robust safeguarding procedures. If we do not hear or see from a child during tutor times then Mr Currie has been carrying out home visits. This is to establish that the children are safe and discuss whether any further support is required during this time

Laptops

I am really pleased to say that the school has to date supported 75 children with the loan of laptops during this lockdown period.

Reporting Attendance during remote learning

Please ensure you continue to inform us if your child cannot logon to remote learning due to illness or they have a medical appointment in the normal format;

Email: studentservices@priorycofe.com

Phone: 01306 887337

This is very important as we will be monitoring students who have not logged on and do not want to make unnecessary contact. If your child is coming into school, please also let us know if they are not coming in on their regular day.

COVID Testing

Covid testing has resumed as normal with students being tested twice within three to five days when possible. Staff testing has increased to twice a week to ensure we are following government guidelines.

Best wishes



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