



# Worksop Priory C of E Primary Academy

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RE: Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Covid update

Unfortunately, we had to take the very difficult decision to close a class bubble this week. The only surprise to us has been the length of time we have managed to go without needing to take such an action. You only need to look at the disruption being caused in other schools and across many local families to see that the virus is very much around us. Thank you to everyone who is working with us to keep our community as safe as possible in these trying circumstances. It is having a definite impact.

One of the most difficult tasks we have is to keep the rising rates of Covid cases in the local community away from school. This is becoming increasingly difficult. Please be assured, however, that we are working as hard as we can and that we are not aware of any cases reported to school that have *definitely* been spread within in the school building.

You will most likely have seen that the government have released plans to relax most covid regulations on 19<sup>th</sup> July. This will, in part, be a welcome situation as we gain further freedoms. However, it is one that causes much worry for many given the rapidly rising number of cases both locally and nationally. As a result, we will not be making any changes on 19<sup>th</sup> July and will therefore continue to operate the school in exactly the same way as currently, until the end of the academic year on 26<sup>th</sup> July. This means that we will be keeping class bubbles, mask wearing and social distancing in the playground. We would like to thank you for your continued support as we close in on the summer holidays.

Before the end of term, we are hoping to update parents on how the school intends to operate in September. At the moment, we are planning to return to normal operation in September, following the most recent government guidance, but we will send details to parents and carers nearer the time.

Finally, to all those Priory families who are self-isolating (with or without a positive covid test) we send our best wishes to you. Please be assured that if we can be of any assistance at all, you can simply contact us for help.

## Euro 2020 Finals

In lighter news, many of us are looking forward (nervously) to England's Euro 2020 Final against Italy on Sunday night. We know plenty of our children will want to watch the game and, if they do, they will most likely benefit from an extra hour in bed on Monday morning. Whilst school will be open from the normal time for those who wish to come then, we will not be closing the registers until 9.45am, so don't feel the need to rush in if there are sleepy eyes in the house!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Phil Abbott  
Headteacher



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