



# Worksop Priory C of E Primary Academy

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RE: Weekly update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below some information that you might find useful, as part of our weekly update.

## Bank Holiday

Please be reminded that we have a Bank Holiday Weekend this weekend and that school will therefore be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday. I trust you will have a relaxing and safe time.

## Behaviour and attitude commendation

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who were commended for their excellent behaviour and attitude this week at their swimming session. There was a vast improvement in confidence to go alongside their polite manners and good behaviour. This was wonderful to hear and paints the school in a positive light in the community.

We are also delighted at the attitude of many of our pupils who have been working incredibly hard in school. Our recent assessments show that hard work and dedication is being richly rewarded by good progress and attainment. Well done to everyone who is working at the top of their capabilities. Please keep it up, superstars!

## Uniform

Now that shops are largely back open, we are keen to re-establish firm expectations on school uniform. Please can you ensure that your child wears the appropriate, full uniform. If this is not possible, please speak to your child's teacher.

## Online gaming

We are spending a huge amount of time and resource on dealing with issues arising from the mis-use of online gaming platforms and websites. The issues often arise from unsupervised use of age-inappropriate games and the time taken to resolve these issues in school is no longer justifiable. We have consistently reiterated our advice that children do not play on games consoles, or use the internet, without adult supervision (and/or appropriate filters) and that any games used are age-appropriate. The time taken to resolve these re-occurring issues comes directly from teaching time and is to the detriment of all pupils, particularly those who are not involved in these situations. That is completely unfair on the majority of our pupils. Mr Cawkill is always available to advise parents on how to add filters to internet connections. Please contact the school office if you would like any help.

Should inappropriate online behaviour continue to spill into school, where appropriate, we will treat those issues as an instance of bullying and this will be placed on a child's record and reported.



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## National survey of children and parents, The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today 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 we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

All schools are encouraged to support their pupils to [complete this survey](#) and we would like you to take the time to help your child complete the survey at home.

Parents, care leavers 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.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Yours sincerely,



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