

Newsletter



School News

In non COVID news, pupils have been having a lovely time being reunited with their friends and staff. The weather has been kind, and we have taken advantage of it by spending as much time as we can outside.

We have enjoyed getting back in to routines and as always, our students blow us away with their resilience. Some are a little weary by the end of the week as it's hard to be back full time after such a long break.

Having said that we have had wonderful times in the three weeks since we reopened fully.

World Book & Investigation Day



Comic Relief 2021

We have enjoyed Comic Relief with lots of silliness and the most dreadful jokes!

Thank you for all of your donations which topped £200, which will help to make a difference to so many lives.

Happy Easter Break

It just remains for me to wish you all a happy Easter break and let's hope we can all be back together for all of the summer term.

As always, stay safe,
Janis

Message from Janis

Dear Families,

Well, here we are at the end of another term that really wasn't what we had planned. It has certainly been a time when we have all had to adapt, learn new skills and dig deep to get through it. I really do appreciate the challenges you have faced as families and still face for those of you whose young people are still shielding. Roll on next term when they can also return, and when staff who have been shielding can come back into school too.

Thank you to all of you who have been able to carry out the home COVID tests on your youngsters. It's not an easy thing to do so please don't worry if you've not been able to for all sorts of reasons.

Some of you will know that we unfortunately did have to close a bubble last week. It was the home testing kit, later confirmed by a PCR test that identified two cases in this group, so we have been able to stop these cases unknowingly spreading further. Families are also able to access home testing kits or can attend rapid testing hubs.

Please find below details of the 3 community testing sites currently open in Middlesbrough. The link to book an appointment is:
<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/community-support-and-safety/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-community-testing>

Venue	Postcode	Days	Appointment Times
Middlesbrough Sports Village	TS4 3AE	Wed-Sun	08:00-14:45
Newport Community Hub	TS1 4EE	Tue-Sat	11:00-17:45
North Ormesby Community Hub	TS3 6JB	Mon-Fri	09:30-16:15

There is plenty of free parking at all 3 sites, people over the age of 12 can be tested, the process takes around 10 minutes in total and you receive your results via text and e-mail within about 1 hour. You can also access home testing kits here.

As we get to the Easter break, I am again asking that you inform us if your child tests positive after symptoms which begin Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday. If the positive test is from a home kit, please have this confirmed by a test at a testing site. Please inform us by emailing

COVID@priorywoodsschool.com

This will enable us to support tracking and tracing of contacts they may have had in school.

Safeguarding Information

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Janis French, Hazel Souter, Emma Fox or Paula Smith. Our safeguarding Governor is David Mudd.

Out of school hours, please contact Middlesbrough as below:

During working hours:

Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 5pm

Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Middlesbrough Multi-agency Hub

Tel: 01642 726004

Email: MiddlesbroughMACH@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Out of hours:

Emergency Duty Team

Tel: 01642 524 552

In an emergency contact Cleveland

Police on: 101

