

Dear Parent and Carers

I am writing to inform you that unfortunately the following classes will be closed from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**Willow Class – The Priory School**  
**Oak Class – The Priory School**  
**Mangos Class – The Garth School**

At this time, we have a number of staff members who are unwell and have tested positive for covid. Where possible we always strive to keep the school open for face to face education, this includes sourcing support from local supply agencies, regular bank staff members and staff members between the two schools. However, due to the current reduced staffing levels we are unable to do this safely. During this period of closure home learning activities will be provided.

I appreciate such a sudden closure will cause some disruption to your household and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. However, as always, this decision has been made in the best interest of all.

**As at all other time - should your child develop any covid symptoms or test positive on LFD test then you should:**

- Inform school.
- Ensure that a PCR test is taken.
- Ensure your child self isolates until the result is given.
- Await a negative result. Then if your child no longer has symptoms they should return to school.
- Isolate as told by test and trace if the result is positive.

Please continue to monitor your email for updates and information regarding home learning. An update message regarding the reopening of these classes will be sent by 3:30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely



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