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Dear Parents and Carers

### The Priory School – Learning Continuity Plan

I write to you ahead of potential partial or full school closure in response to confirmed COVID-19 cases within school. Should such instances arise the school is working to ensure a learning continuity plan is in place so your child can continue to learn within the home.

#### **What will prompt a partial or full closure**

Bubbles will close when the school is informed of a positive test reading from either a pupil or staff member. In addition the taxi bubble will also close should a member test positive for COVID-19. At this time pupils will be required to complete a period of isolation in line with when the sick person started to display symptoms.

When the school receives a notification of a positive COVID-19 case the bubble will close with immediate effect. We therefore will require all parents and carers to collect their child from school promptly and should not rely on regular transport arrangements.

#### **Resources for home learning**

All pupils will be provided with a learning pack when they are required to isolate and learn within the home. This will include a textbook for English and Mathematics, a workbook and essential resources (pen, pencil, colouring crayons etc). Where possible any additional resources to support learning will be provided. If your child is not present in school at the time of a closure we will ensure this pack is posted to you. Additional information of curriculum coverage and lesson content can be found on the school's website under the continuity of learning tab

<https://www.spaldingspecialschools.co.uk/PrioryHomeLearning.asp>

Full information of your child's learning timetable whilst isolating will also be posted within this area.

#### **Expectations of learning**

Ensuring consistency of pupils' learning is a high priority and as such we expect all pupils to continue their learning within the home. We appreciate that not all parents and/or carers will feel comfortable to support their child with learning specific parts of the curriculum, therefore we will ensure advice and support is available whilst they learn within the home.

**Protect our school community: At this time all children, parents, carers and any visitors, such as suppliers, must not to enter the school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.**

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### **Communication whilst learning within the home**

A member of the school team will contact you at regular intervals as your child isolates and learns within the home to see how they are managing with the temporary arrangement. In addition time will be allocated where parents and carers can contact class teams to discuss learning activities.

Parents and carers should also continue to regularly check their emails and text messages as the school will continue to send update messages using these portals.

### **Reporting sickness whilst isolating**

Whilst isolating it is important that you contact the school if your child is unwell. This is particularly important should they develop symptoms of COVID-19. We can then discuss any further action and provide support where necessary.

If you have any questions relating to the continuation of learning within the home please contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

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