



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Home Learning

Thank you for your most diligent and successful efforts in supporting students through their home learning. I trust you and your child are now settling into the rhythm and routine of our new way of working in the same way that we are as staff. As stated last week in my letter, it goes without saying that as parents and carers you are fully supported by the Academy to make decisions on how the day is structured for your child and if at any point you feel they are doing too much work or spending too much time on the home learning, then you can make the decision to reduce some of the work to alleviate the pressure. The flexibility is there for you to include activities such as cooking, gardening, cleaning, family exercise/walk and other essential life skills to break up and vary the day. There will be no new home learning set over the Easter holiday so your child may wish to use some of this time to catch up any tasks or learning which they have not completed or alternatively try the "Pembroke Easter Challenges". These will be posted on our social media pages very soon!

Teachers are doing an absolutely fantastic job of setting meaningful, challenging and plentiful home learning. Many are emailing their students at their school email account to clarify work set, offer advice and words of encouragement and many students are interacting, responding and communicating with their teachers successfully. Please remind your child to check their school email account daily so that they do not miss out on what is often additional clarity of the work and an opportunity to touch base with their teacher and seek advice. Note that staff will not be expected to check and reply to emails over the Easter holidays. If you have any questions please email pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk

Year 11

We are still waiting for specific guidance from Ofqual of how grades will be awarded for GCSE qualifications. Once we know more we will let everyone know.

There is a link below to the most up to date information currently available.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

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Free School meals

We are currently issuing the Co-op vouchers to all eligible families. This provision will continue through the Easter Holidays and vouchers should have already arrived at your home. After Easter, we aim to be using the national voucher scheme for free school meals, which is similar in nature but I will write to eligible families with more details in due course.

If your family circumstances have changed over the last month due to COVID-19 and you now think you may qualify for FSM then please apply through this link <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>. Please can you let us also know if you are making an application. Email us pembroke@poryacademies.co.uk

Pastoral and Safeguarding

The Pastoral team are using the 'Pastoral and Safeguarding' page on the website to provide parents/carers with guidance to help young people through this time. The links include a range of websites designed to provide advice to young people who may be anxious about the current situation as well as a link to CEOP who are providing parents with information on how to keep young people safe at a time when they might be spending more time online. You can find the page under the 'Parents' tab or by clicking [here](#).

SEND

If you require any guidance or resources to support your young person with SEND, either with their home learning or in understanding the current situation, please check the SEND area of the website under the 'School Information' tab. Mrs Chapman and Mrs Warnock will update this area on a regular basis.

Finally, we will continue to be open over the Easter holiday, with a very skeleton staffing provision for children of key worker parents, but reiterate the Government's message that these children should only attend school if they cannot be safely cared for at home. This will enable us to support our staff in maintaining social distancing and reduce any unnecessary movement and travel which potentially puts them at risk.

I would like to say how proud I am of the whole Pembroke community but in particular our young people, in adhering to the social distancing and lockdown measures and for doing the right thing where those in other communities may not have been so diligent.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support at this time and we wish you all well.

Stay safe!

Mr Evans & Pembroke team.