



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

I write this letter in preparation for the return to school next week. The details have been shared last week via a letter from Mr Bibby. In short, Years 9, 10 and 11 all return on Tuesday and Years 7 and 8 return on Wednesday. Before the return, we are urging pupils to book a LFT (Lateral Flow Test). This is to help the national crisis in helping to reduce infections. Thank you to everyone so far who has completed the consent form and placed a booking.

I also write this letter to help us reset for a positive and prompt start. We have had a number of staff additions since January 2021.

Maths

Mr T Allen
Mr R Greene
Mr P Massey

Science

Mr D Richardson
Miss S Howells

Art

Mrs S Smethurst

SSA's

Mrs H Morgan
Mr S Podbury

Many of you know that Mr Brewer had a new hip last month. In order to support his absence, we have Mr K Gilberthorpe for the rest of this term. He will be taking all of Mr Brewer's ICT and MFL lessons.

I also want to share the great news that two Pembroke staff, Miss Burnett and Miss Neal, recently had their babies. All are doing well and now enjoying their maternity leave. Both staff hope to return in September 2021.

We are in exciting times; this week we found out that the number of Year 7s for September 2021 will be 119. This is an incredible feat and shows clearly that Pembroke is now a firm choice when people are considering a secondary school in this area. If we put this in context, the previous school only had 12 pupils in Year 7 in 2016. This puts us in a much stronger position and the Priory Federation Trust have granted us the funding to totally refurbish the Science Block. This includes four new science labs as well as refurbished toilet areas. This is another significant investment into our growing school. There will be more exciting news to come on this over the coming months.

There will be much anxiety over the next week and module. It is important that we "achieve together" to be successful. We must always remember that we continue to be in a pandemic. The following procedures and systems remain in place with some amendments regards facemasks.

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Safe Practice within school

Bubbles. Bubble A and B will continue as before Christmas. The timing will also remain the same. As before PE Kit to be worn on the day of the lesson.

Further details of temporary changes in safe practice were also given in the latest government announcement. It is important that we update and remind all students, parents/carers and staff of safe practice within Pembroke:

Face masks must be worn at all times when inside the school buildings. This includes during lessons in classrooms. Exceptions are only given for those with a medical condition, or when taking part in certain aspects of PE lessons. All students will need to provide their own well-fitting face mask, and keep a spare mask with them. Use of face masks will be reviewed by the government at the end of this term. Government guidance on face masks can be found through this [LINK](#).

Social distancing must be maintained wherever possible. Our systems of control within classrooms ensures all students face forward and there is sufficient airflow through the room. Students will need to continue to be responsible for maintaining social distancing at social times, when moving between classrooms and travelling to and from school.

Catch It, Bin It, Kill It remains standard practice. This helps stop the spread of any virus. Tissues are available in classrooms.

Hand washing and sanitising are vital forms of stopping the spread of the virus. Hand sanitiser is available throughout our site and hands should be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Anyone showing any COVID symptoms should not attend school, should self-isolate and inform Pembroke. We will support all students and parents/carers during this time and can provide guidance on next steps.

We are informed that the Education Transport Network will operate in full from 8th March 2021 for all eligible children and should only be used where absolutely necessary to reduce interactions between students. The Council has updated its information page for parents and carers. Please visit <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport/covid-19-information-school-transport> for more information. As previously, we encourage students to maintain social distancing, wear a face covering and follow all other infection prevention control measures wherever possible on education transport. If you are concerned that education transport is not running as expected from 8th March 2021, please email TSG@lincolnshire.gov.uk

As has been said many times before, this has been a strange and difficult period for everyone. I also personally extend my gratitude to all students and parents for the support given in the last 12 months. Achieving together has never been more appropriate! As ever, if you have any questions, comments or queries you can contact the office via our usual contact details at the bottom of the page or via pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk.

Stay Safe.

Mr S Evans
Headteacher