

Friday 26/6/20

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We hope that this letter finds you safe and well. We have continued to operate our Year 10 and key worker 'bubbles' in school, managing to operate these separately on the school premises. We would like to thank everyone for making this work.

The business of running a school has kept us very busy during this time: learning how to design lessons suitable for distance learning, receiving and assessing work, ensuring the weekly phone calls are made, continuing with academy and personal CPD courses, writing reports, updating the academy curriculum, adjusting schemes of work as we go to make sure students remain on track and can be picked up again when lockdown ends, looking after students in school (including during the Easter and half term holidays) and attending staff meetings using Microsoft Teams as well as writing new rules for how the school operates during a lockdown. We have had to learn how to run a school in a very different way over this time, and all have had to work hard to make that happen. We thank you for the understanding and support you have given us at this time.

Government update

Last Friday evening the government stated that they wanted all students to return in September. The exact details of how this is to happen and what measures they expect from schools are yet to be released, but we are busy planning again for what this could look like and we will let you know as soon as we are able. We will of course also be preparing for all eventualities in September to ensure that we are ready for all scenarios.

We are working on our 'recovery curriculum', whereby the teachers are considering where the gaps in knowledge lie and factoring this into their September planning. We will of course be revisiting our rules, routines and values in depth to help students adjust to life back in school when this does happen.

We are still awaiting news on GCSE exams in 2021. No details have yet been released, but we anticipate some changes to how the exams work or when they happen, to reflect the disruption caused by lockdown. Once we know what is happening, we will let you know. We are also making plans for GCSE results day this year, and will let parents of Year 11 know about this as soon as we can.

Home Learning

We are entering the final three weeks of home learning for this academic year. We will continue to support all of our students in their learning with work set by their teachers, which can be found in the Home Learning section of the Pembroke website, link here: https://www.priorypembroke.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=134.

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School Uniform

A reminder that Uniform Direct stores on the High St (Lincoln) and Dixon Way have reopened for uniform purchases to be made.

Attendance at school

We are continuing to provide emergency care for a number of children where no other option is available. If you do need to request provision at school for your child, then please use the pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk email address only; please do not call the school or ask the member of staff who calls during the week as they are unable to give guidance on this.

As always we thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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