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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the summer has been a good one for you and everyone is ready to come back to a new school year. We have been working hard behind the scenes over summer to make the school ready for the largest number of students we have welcomed in some time – approximately 570, compared to the 168 we began with in 2017. This has been incredible growth which has changed the way the school looks and feels for all of us who work and attend there.

## Ready to learn

A significant change this year is the start of the school day being brought forwards by 5 minutes to 8.35 am in order to satisfy the government directive for school opening hours. Students will line up as usual on the tennis courts/quad area at 8.35. Students who are new to the school should come to the main school reception to be directed where to go to meet their peers and form tutors.

In order that all students make a good start we would like to remind students of how they can be ready for the return to school:

## Equipment

Students should have with them:

- 1. A blue or black pen for writing in their exercise books
- 2. A pencil for drawings and diagrams
- 3. A ruler for underlining titles
- 4. A green biro for making corrections and assessing their own work

Pencil crayons, a rubber and a pencil sharpener may also be desirable, but the items listed above are essential.

# Uniform

Uniform is part of who we are as a school; it shows that we all belong to the community of the school and helps to stop competition over clothes. We are proud of how smart our students look when they come to school. Full Pembroke uniform should be worn each day. The full list of uniform can be found on the website (under the parents tab, in uniform). Students can wear their Pembroke PE Kit on days when they have PE, but they must not wear their own sports clothes. Again, this can be found on the website under the parents tab. Please note, there will be no PE on the first day back so all students should be in normal uniform on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.







#### The environment

We are proud that the vast majority of our students show great behaviours and attitudes each and every day and help us create a calm and purposeful environment. In order to maintain this we remind students to be respectful in their language to everyone in the school community and calm and quiet around the school site. We must ensure that classrooms are left tidy and litter goes in to the many bins that are around site.

## Safety

The use of mobile phones in school can be a cause of conflict. We understand that students like to keep up with social media and friends in other schools, but this can disrupt learning and lessons and lead to unsafe practices such as starting conflict with other students or recording, photographing or videoing members of the school community. Use of mobile phones is a matter of safety for the whole school community and as such they should be turned off and kept hidden from view in a bag or blazer pocket whilst in school. If phones are seen, they can be confiscated by staff. Please refer to the student handbook, which will be brought home on Tuesday, for more details.

We hope that this helps our students to prepare themselves for the return to school after the holiday. If you have any questions please contact us at the school, or use the <a href="mailto:pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk">pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk</a> email address.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully,

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