

12th May 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We hope that you were able to enjoy the weekend and the VE Day celebrations. The weekend finished with an update from the government on lockdown and some early measures to get things moving again.

Government update

The government last night appeared to suggest that in the coming weeks more people should return to work, but only if they can do so. The DfE last night clarified that schools, nurseries and daycare settings should prepare for new students from June 1, beginning with primary schools, then (we anticipate) including secondary school students from later on in June. Further information is being released this week on this matter. This is part of the government's conditional plan which it says will remain under regular review.

In the short-term, nothing has changed, and school is closed to all pupils, except those of key workers who have already been attending when necessary over the last 6 weeks. The guidance on the definition of 'key workers' has not changed. Whilst we all want the schools to reopen, we want to do so at the right time.

This means that for now, as a secondary school, we will continue as we have been and we will expect to see the same students that we have been in school and will continue to provide home learning materials for students in all years on the website and sharepoint. We are continuing as a school and a Trust to plan for reopening and once we know when this this is we will provide you with more information. Please be assured that the safety of the school community will be paramount in any planning.

Home learning

Please check the website regularly and as a first port of call for finding the work set by teachers. We have created a Home Learning page with a separate area for each year group containing their work pack; challenges and competitions; a parents/carers support page; and links to online learning resources. <u>https://www.priorypembroke.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=134</u>. We thank you for your continued support. As always, please stay safe. If you need to contact the school please continue to use the <u>pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk</u> address.

Yours faithfully

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