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A PRIORY ACADEMY

Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a long and complicated autumn term at Priory Pembroke Academy, I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support. Who would have thought that we would be going into Christmas 2020 in a national pandemic?

We have continued to experience the most surreal time over the last few months. I repeat what I have said before: the COVID-19 situation has really shown what a wonderful school we have here at Pembroke. There are so many positives to be proud of: committed and passionate members of Pembroke staff; moral purpose by everyone, in buckets; a real, genuine love of Pembroke and its community; a coming together of all staff, students and parents, who have been very much in this together; an ability to navigate chaos and difficulty; resilience that none of us thought we had and an opportunity to build relationships with each other in a unique way. I am sure there are more that we will find in hindsight. Over the last few weeks, our systems have been tested as the case numbers have increased across Lincolnshire. Nevertheless, lessons continued be they remotely through Microsoft Teams or in school. Well done to everyone!

Further to guidance received from the DfE, we can confirm that when student(s) or staff test positive for COVID-19 on or before Sunday 20th December, the Academy will support in tracing close contacts and informing families where other children need to isolate. If this is the case, we ask that you email the Academy using the following email address: pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk. Please include in the email your child's details, the date they started to show symptoms, the date of the test and positive outcome. We will then take the necessary steps to identify and inform any close contacts. If a child or staff member develops symptoms after Sunday 20th December, the Government guidance regarding testing and medical support should be followed; pupils and staff should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. To support in planning for the return to school in January, we ask that parents also use the email address pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk to inform us of any positive cases that occur during the holiday period along with the date that isolation will end. Please note this email address will not be routinely checked and is only to be used to keep the Academy updated. Government and medical support services should be used to gain any support or advice required during the Christmas period.

You may be aware that yesterday the DfE announced that students in years 7-10 should stay at home and learn remotely for the first week of term in January (unless provision is needed for the children of key workers etc as in the main lockdown). We are reacting to this news as quickly as we can. We have already put in place a timetable of lessons for that week and will have resources and lessons on sharepoint by the

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start of that week (term starts on Tuesday 5th January 2021). Students have today been reminded of how to access home learning, including using Microsoft Teams for lessons. I thank you for bearing with us while we get this arranged. There will be a series of letters issued today to provide further information on the first week back in January, please make sure you read these so that you understand how that week will look for your child(ren).

Despite COVID-19, Pembroke has continued as best as it can with its varied and broad offer. It is very difficult to include all of the events at Pembroke. Parents and friends of the Academy can best keep up with Pembroke life by following @PrioryPembroke on Twitter, searching for "Priory Pembroke" on Facebook or regularly checking www.priorypembroke.co.uk to keep up to date with the news and stories from the Academy.

I trust everyone in the Pembroke family will enjoy the rest over the next two weeks and we look forward to seeing everyone in January.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Evans', written over a long horizontal line that extends across the page.

S Evans