

Dear Parent / Carer

As we begin our second week of distance learning, may we thank you for your patience and understanding in these testing times.

Prior to the closure staff were already preparing for the possibility and as a result of this you will be aware that all departments have created distance-learning opportunities, using a variety of online resources, learning materials and links to useful sites. Given we are uncertain as to how long this situation will continue, we are aiming to develop a system which is sustainable, whilst considering the demands beyond the confines of the Academy which may be placed on staff, parents and students alike.

We are endeavouring to replicate the expected curriculum demands as per timetabled lessons and staff are preparing weekly chunks of work which is uploaded to our on line learning platform, Sharepoint, at the start of the week. As parents / carers, you will be able to see the work, which is being asked of students through the home page and the relevant folder thereafter.

As we stated in previous correspondence, when teachers request work to be submitted, students should do this in accordance with the instructions provided by their teacher. Circumstances permitting, we aim to maintain some level of dialogue with our students over the coming weeks and this is one way of achieving that aim. Staff have already reviewed practices this week in an attempt to improve this. In normal circumstances, informal assessment tasks take place all the time in the classroom. To this end, some activities may be quick and self-reflective with answers provided later, but students may still contact their teachers regarding their progress or any difficulties. Please encourage your child/children to engage as fully as possible with everything we are trying to do to support their learning. We have put some guidance documents on to our academy website to explain how your child/children can access their LSST desktop using Citrix Receiver and submit work on SharePoint. Here is the link:

<https://www.priorylsst.co.uk/page/?title=Parents&pid=39&action=saved>

Further to the information already posted there, we have now added additional extra resources to complement our curriculum being delivered through departments. Mr Sleight will be sending out a further message relating to this today.

Staff continue to do their very best to support their students and we are reviewing our systems all the time in order to achieve this. Many thanks for your understanding at this time.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson