



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

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Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope this letter finds you well and you and your family have enjoyed a summer break, albeit a little different to that in previous years.

Since July there has been little change to the document “Guidance for full opening – schools”; (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>). Therefore, we are delighted to confirm the plans we sent you in July 2020: (https://www.priorylsst.co.uk/_site/data/files/lsst/2019-20%20jo%20oldham/89FA49BD0E1BAD1B6CCCCE022F5A45C8.pdf) outlining how the Academy will function on our return, can now become a reality. The most up to date risk assessment can be found on our website: (<https://www.priorylsst.co.uk/page/?title=Risk+Assessment&pid=285>) Please be assured we have and continue to use this document when planning for the Academy to return in September. In addition the DfE have recently supplied materials that they have requested we make you aware of. These can be found here: <https://www.priorylsst.co.uk/pheguidance>

Thursday 3rd September 2020

As previously stated, there are no staggered start times to the beginning of the day. We would ask students to try to arrive no earlier than 0800. On arrival, at either entrance, we ask them to go directly to their form room (see attached list). They are asked to sanitize their hands prior to entering the building using the new automatic hand sanitizers located at the entrance to all buildings. Once in their form room we ask them to sit and await further guidance. If your child is unable to remember their tutor group and you have access to the parent app, please do check this for them. Alternatively, please email general enquiries. Staff will be on duty from 0800 to support students as they arrive at the Academy.

All students are to arrive in their academy uniform on the first day; no student will need to attend in their PE kit. All students will be spending the morning with their form tutor on Thursday 3rd September before moving to timetabled lessons in the afternoon. This time will be used to guide students through the new systems we have put into place across the Academy including access and movement to their year group area, specialised teaching spaces, allocated restaurant and social areas.

While we fully understand that due to the current pandemic the majority of students will prefer to bring their own food and drinks to consume at both break and lunchtime, all students will have access to buy both hot and cold food at their allocated restaurant. Sadly we have been unable to convert these to card payment systems and therefore cash will still be required unless your child is eligible for free school meals.

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We understand that following the recent Government guidance regarding face coverings in schools you may have further questions as to the impact this will have on your children in the Academy; the guidance regarding getting to and from school has not changed. Within the Academy significant steps have already been taken to reduce risk and we hope that you have been reassured by the steps taken and guidance provided. As we are currently not in a local area of lock down the wearing of a face covering is not mandatory. However, if your child wishes to wear a face covering in areas outside of the classroom, the wearing of face coverings will be an optional additional measure. If your child does decide to wear a face covering please ensure they are aware of the guidance regarding the safe use and disposal of these: (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>). We will continue to follow the guidance provided and communicate any updates as they become available.

Transport

The guidance continues to recommend that children walk and cycle to and from the Academy where possible. The County Council has provided further guidance on transport to schools in Lincolnshire. To follow the guidance we are putting measures in place to help organise students in their year group bubbles as they board the designated school buses. It would be very much appreciated if parents and carers could also encourage students to remain in their year group bubbles as much as possible when using transport to school. Please refer to the following link for more information: (<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport/covid-19-information-school-transport/1>). If you are dropping your child off in the morning from the Cross O'Cliff entrance, please do exercise extreme care and follow the guidance given by our marshals. There is an area to pull into on the right-hand side to drop off your child and then continue your journey following the one-way system. At the end of the day, please can we request you arrive no earlier than 1450 and wait for your child in your car on the tennis courts. Please be assured there will be staff available to support your child at both ends of the day. I understand our new Year 7 students and their parents and carers will be extremely anxious but we politely request you not to leave your car; we will support them.

Extra-Curricular

With the exception of access to Priory Leisure for any of our Dual Linguists in Year 9 to 11, some CCF activities and homework club, there will be no after school extra-curricular clubs for the first four weeks of term. Once our current systems are fully in place, operational and embedded we will review and update you further. Homework club will commence on Monday 7th September. For students wishing to access this they are asked to make their way to the IT concourse once they have been dismissed from Period 5. Dual linguists and CCF cadets will receive further information from Mrs French and Mrs Thompson respectively via their academy email accounts.

Prevention

In order to prevent the spread of COVID 19 it is imperative we work together to ensure we minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend the Academy. Therefore, we ask that your child does not attend the Academy if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive within the last 10 days. Please be assured should any student or member of staff develop those symptoms during the academy day they will be sent home and advised to follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms. If your child is unable to attend the Academy due to either them or a member of their family they live with isolating, as a result of them or others showing symptoms or testing positive, please contact your child's Pastoral Learning Mentor. It is imperative we receive this information as we continue to work the NHS Test and Trace system via Public Health Lincolnshire.

We fully understand many of our students have not been to school since the end of March and may be feeling anxious regarding their return. As always please be assured we will support them using our normal pastoral systems of Form Tutors, Pastoral Learning Mentors and Heads of Year. When in the Academy please encourage your child to speak with their form tutor in the first instance. If you wish to speak to someone prior to your child returning to the Academy, please do contact your child's Pastoral Learning Mentor or Head of Year.

We are all excited regarding welcoming your child back to the Academy on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopkinson
Headteacher

