



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

With one full week of the academic year 2020/21 nearly complete I hope your child is gradually settling into their new routines.

I would like to take this opportunity to both sincerely thank you as parents/carers for your support and patience at the start of this academic year and to compliment your children since their return to the Academy. With so many changes in place the students have adapted quickly to our new expectations and showed much resilience in the challenging times we find ourselves in.

As the new term begins, I would like to welcome and introduce to you the following staff who join the Priory Academy LSST in either a teaching or support capacity:

Mrs N Reddington – Learning Student Classroom Assistant

Mr C Dewane-Bayford – Site Assistant

Mrs M Holman – Teacher of MFL

Miss V Brinded – SCITT in MFL

Mr P Evans – Senior Science Technician

Miss E Phynn – Teacher of Science

Miss E McRae – Teacher of Science

Mr M Billings – SCITT in Science

Mr O Ventress – Art Technician

Mr L Bird – Teacher of History

Miss D Mason – SCITT in Geography

Miss H Skipp – SCITT in RE

Mrs A Marshall – Teacher of English

Mrs R Palmer – Teacher of Mathematics

Mr J Simon – SCITT in Mathematics

Mr L Mazingham – SCITT in Physical Education

We welcome these staff to our staff body, knowing that they will endeavour to support your children in their learning, as do all of our staff. To this end and given the challenging times, each member of staff will be uploading their lesson PowerPoints and/or resources at the end of each day. This is not only to consolidate learning beyond the classroom, but also to ensure those students who may be absent also have access to the learning materials. Much in the same way as we did during lockdown, these resources will be found in the relevant subject area. Under current circumstances any completed work

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should be emailed back to the relevant staff. Should we need to alter these arrangements we will let you know.

In order to continue 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. When informing the Academy of an absence when your child has coronavirus symptoms, please can you specify which symptoms they are displaying and when the symptoms first started. It is imperative we receive this information as we continue to work with the NHS Test and Trace system via Public Health Lincolnshire. In line with Local Authority and Government guidance can we remind parents that all students using school buses, both public and designated school transport, must wear a face mask if they can. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport/covid-19-information-school-transport/1>

At this time of year we remind each other of basic expectations and routines which we have at the Academy. To this end uniform checks have taken place last week for all year groups and it is pleasing to see the vast majority of students looking incredibly smart and I thank you for your support in maintaining the high standards of appearance of our students. Please continue to support us in this through following the uniform requirements on the website under the Uniform page of the Parents' section of the website. As we start the new academic year can I please also emphasise the importance of punctuality and arriving at the Academy on time each day. With the changes to the timetable the day now starts with the period 1 lesson at 8.30am. Students can go straight into their period 1 room as they arrive at the Academy from 8.00am and we ask that students do not arrive before this time. Students must be in their period 1 lesson by 8.30am to begin the lesson promptly. Any students arriving late in Year 7-11 must sign in at the Cross O'Cliff Hill reception and those in Sixth Form arriving late must sign in at the Sixth Form reception. Sixth Form students signing in and out during the academy day must do so at Sixth Form reception. Students in Year 7-11 who need picking up during the academy day will need to be picked up from main reception at Cross O'Cliff Hill. Students should only be on site after 3.05pm if they are attending homework club or waiting to catch the late bus. In this case they must go to the IT concourse at the end of the day where staff will supervise students in designated year group rooms. This is available until 4.15pm and after this time there should not be any students on site so the cleaning of rooms can be completed. Sixth Form students can access their allocated study rooms after school until 4.15pm. There are currently no other extra-curricular activities or clubs taking place after school, with the exception of CCF and Priory Leisure, which can be accessed by those students studying dual languages only as part of their curriculum offer. In October we will review the situation with extra-curricular clubs and update students, parents and carers accordingly. Due to safeguarding reasons,

when collecting your children from the Academy, please either wait in your car in the tennis courts or outside the Academy grounds.

In order to comply with The Priory Federation Safeguarding Policy, we require all staff, Sixth Form students and visitors to be identifiable whilst on the academy site. Sixth Form students have been or are being issued with silver lanyards. It forms part of their uniform. Sixth Form students are required to wear their lanyard around their neck whilst on the academy site at all times so they can be identified easily as an academy student.

If you use the Urban Street pedestrian entrance (back gate) to drop off/collect your child from the Academy, please be aware that parking is very limited and as this is not a through road, turning around in this area is difficult. For the safety of our students, please avoid turning on the zebra crossing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Student Reception Shop

The 'shop' which previously operated in Student Reception has now gone 'online' as students cannot access this area in person. Products which students previously bought in person can now be bought online using SIMS Pay by parents in the same way trips and other activities are paid for. Each day, items paid for up to the start of a school day will be delivered to year group offices for students to collect during tutor time at 12 or 12.30pm. Year 7 parents have recently had an InTouch message about registering to use SIMS Pay. If anyone needs any help with this, please call us.

As always, my colleagues and I will keep you updated throughout the academic year. All Heads of Year have produced an Information Booklet for their students which is on the Pastoral and Safeguarding page of the Parents' section of the website. Please can I encourage you to read this as it provides some up to date detailed information on how to support your child over the course of this year with some basic reminders such as how and who to contact at the Academy. However, for the most important and up to date news stories please can I remind you to view <https://www.priorylsst.co.uk/> and then the News tab. Alternatively you can use Twitter - @PrioryLSST, or Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/priorylsst>.

Also on the website you will be able to find details of the Priory Association who organise and lead an annual quiz for all and support many academy events. The Priory Association is the academy charity and Parent Teacher Association for the Priory Academy LSST. As a PTA they try to support as many extra-curricular activities as possible for the benefit of all attending the Academy. Their simple aim is to raise money for, and spend it on, activities that benefit the children at the Academy outside of their normal school curriculum. One of their most recent initiatives has been to collect and recycle quality items of uniform, a move which has been keenly welcomed. If you would like to be part of this enthusiastic and much appreciated group of parents/carers then you are most welcome to attend their first meeting on Monday 20th September which will be held on line, details of which have already been emailed out.

In order to maintain and enhance communication between the Academy and yourselves please do not hesitate to contact the academy staff should you need any advice or have any concerns relating to your child. Often your child's form tutor is the best person to speak with in the first instance. I look forward

to continuing to work with you all to ensure we achieve the very best for our students during this academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Hopkinson
Headteacher

