



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another module we would like to take this opportunity to ask for your continued support in maintaining our high standards of uniform. We have very high expectations of the standard of student uniform and do appreciate the crucial support of parents and carers in this and ensuring students arrive at the Academy each day in the correct uniform. Full details of the academy uniform expectations are available here:

[The Priory Academy LSST - Uniform \(priorylsst.co.uk\)](https://www.priorylsst.co.uk)

Some key points to note are:

- No nose piercings are permitted and ear piercings can only be one silver or gold stud in the lower lobe of each ear – no earrings (Year 12 and 13 students can have additional ear piercings) - **Please note that incorrect jewellery will be confiscated and we will ask parents to collect this at a time that is convenient;**
- No bracelets, no necklaces, only one plain ring;
- False eyelashes, false nails and nail varnish are not permitted;
- Coats must be plain navy blue or black – no hoodies - coats must not be worn in lessons;
- Blazers must be worn at all times – In Years 12 and 13 suit jackets must be worn at all times.

We would also like to remind parents, carers and students that aerosols and body sprays are not permitted in the Academy and any deodorant brought to the Academy must be a roll-on deodorant. The use of aerosols and body sprays in certain areas can cause the triggering of smoke detectors. The use of these sprays can also impact on those who suffer from asthma.

For the continued safety of students, please can we ask parents to remind students to use the designated crossings at the front of the site when they are dropping students off at the Academy.

In recent weeks we have noticed an increasing impact on lessons caused by the numbers of students requesting to use the toilet during lesson time. This not only disrupts and impacts the learning of the student making the request, but also other class members who may be distracted. As well as this, when students are out of lessons it can cause significant safeguarding issues as they are unsupervised at this time. For context, if a student were to miss just five minutes of a lesson each day to use the toilet this would equate to over three weeks of lessons missed over a full academic year of education.

In an attempt to better monitor this and the potential impact this is likely to have on a students' outcomes, for the next module we are going to be using Satchel:One to track when students are using the toilet during lesson time. We understand that there are rare and exceptional occasions where there is a genuine need for a student to

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use the toilet during a lesson, as well as a very small number of students who have medical conditions that mean they may need to use the toilet more regularly. However, our hope is that by having a full and accurate picture of where students are frequently missing learning time to use the toilet our pastoral and senior staff can identify these instances and support these students in remaining in lessons and not missing valuable learning time.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support and we wish you a very enjoyable half term break.

Yours faithfully

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