

15/07/2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### School opening September 2020

I write to you ahead of school reopening in September and following previous correspondence sent on 09/07/2020.

**The Priory School will officially reopen for pupils on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.** This decision has not been made lightly but as a school we must ensure we are fully prepared for the academic year ahead and that all health and safety standards are met. In light of the current situation routine training, carried out by all staff members, will need to take place over a longer period of time to ensure all can be appropriately trained ahead of pupils returning.

A phased introduction for year 7 pupils will be carried out in the days prior to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Year 7 pupils will be split into two groups. Each group will attend a two-day induction before all pupils attend school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the below information.

Group	Induction dates
Year 7 Group A	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> of September.
Year 7 Group B	14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> of September.

You will receive separate correspondence regarding which group your child is assigned to.

I have included some additional points below, shared previously, for your information.

#### Lunchtime

Children will eat their lunch within their classroom. Meals will only be provided for those pupils in receipt of free school meals. All other pupils should bring a packed lunch to school.

#### Arrival and departure from school

Ahead of next academic year I will be liaising closely with Transport Connect regarding arrangements for September opening. Where possible, I will be asking all parents and carers to transport their child to and from school. I feel this is the safest thing to do as we cannot guarantee that pupils will be transported within their allocated bubble and this is also suggested within government guidance.

**We are advising all children who use transport to wear a suitable face covering for their journey.**

**Protect our school community: At this time all children, parents, carers and any visitors, such as suppliers, must not to enter the school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.**

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Each child will have an allocated time for arrival and departure. For the small number of pupils who walk to school you will be allocated a time of arrival. Please do not arrive before the allocated time. There will also be a clearly marked space where you should wait until school opens. You must remain within your vehicle until instructed to leave by a member of staff.

Please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

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