



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

12th August 2021

Dear parents and carers

I trust this letter finds you well and you are enjoying the much needed sunshine we currently have. I wanted to write to you all in preparation for your child starting back to school in September.

COVID testing

As you are aware from my last letter, the Government has stipulated for all secondary schools to test their students twice before school begins as normal. With all the disruption schools have had over the past two years, I really want all our students to return as quickly and safely as possible and settle back into the school routine ready to pursue their studies. Therefore, I would really appreciate it if you could all adhere to the time allocations of each test for your child. If you cannot make both, please could you make sure your child attends one of the appointments and completes an LFT before they leave for school on Monday 6th September.

A reminder of each time allocation;

	Year 7	Year 8 / P6	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Test 1 1/9/21	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:00	1:00 - 2:00	2:00 - 3:00	3:00 - 4:00
Test 2 3/9/21	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 1:00	1:00 - 2:00

Although it is no longer compulsory, we will continue to encourage all our students and staff to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be adhered to in the corridor, and sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day.

If there are any guidance changes to school regarding this area, I will write again to update you.

Uniform expectations

I am aware that many students have outgrown their old uniform, if this is the case for yourselves, please can I ask for any old uniform to be donated to school. In the current climate we have many families that would benefit from being able to access your donations.

Please can I remind you that when you are purchasing a new uniform for your child that it is in line with the school policy; it is also important that they follow the correct rules regarding jewellery, hair colouring, fake nails and eyelashes.

Item	Requirements	Clarification
Blazer	Black blazer with school badge	Compulsory – is to be worn at all times when in the school buildings, unless given permission by a teacher
Skirt	Black knee length pleated school skirt with green stripe	Skirts must not be rolled up – no leggings worn underneath
Trousers	Black school Trousers	Skinny trousers/jeggings/leggings/black jeans are not permitted
Shirt	White school shirt	Must be tucked in at all times (not sports shirt) and top buttons done up
School Tie	Relevant house tie must be worn	
Shoes	Black leather/suede or leather-look shoes	No boots, trainers or sports logos on shoes
Socks/Tights	Natural/black tights or plain grey, black or white socks	No leggings or footless tights. No socks worn on top of tights
Jumper	Black v-neck jumper with school logo	Optional
Hair	No extreme haircuts. Dyed hair should be one natural colour. No shaved lines in the hair or eyebrows	No extreme haircuts. Dyed hair should be one natural colour.
Make-up and nail varnish	Make-up must not be worn No nail varnish, gels/shellac/acrylic nails or fake eyelashes	Students will be asked to remove it
Jewellery	One pair of small plain studs worn. No other jewellery is permitted. One watch is allowed. Smart watches linked to mobile devices will be confiscated if used for communication purposes.	Earrings must be removed for PE No facial/body piercings or anything other than one ear piercings in each ear No hooped earrings

The school has high expectations of all its students and staff, and works on ‘fairness for all’ whilst keeping these standards. I want all our students to start their first day back on a positive note ready to focus on their studies. I really don’t want their first day to be a time where they need reminding of our expectations. The school has purchased numerous new pairs of shoes in all sizes, ready for any student that may arrive at school with incorrect footwear. These will be available until your child is in the correct uniform.

The school day

With many restrictions lifted regarding COVID, we have made changes to our day in order to ensure that our lunchtime clubs can start again and for our students to begin mixing and socialising with each other. Please see below the new timetable, which will start from Monday 6th September. We will monitor the situation and if there are any changes which could jeopardise the safety of our students and staff, we will review the timetable again.

Time	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 13
8:55-9:55	P1	P1	P1	P1	P1	P1
9:55-10:55	P2	P2	P2	P2	P2	P2
10:55-11:20	Break	Break	Break	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor
11:20-11:45	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Break	Break	Break
11:45-12:45	P3	P3	P3	P3	P3	P3
12:45-1:45	P4	P4	P4	P4	P4	P4
1:45-2:25	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:25-3:25	P5	P5	P5	P5	P5	P5

For the first week back, our Year 7 students will access the canteen 10 minutes earlier than the rest of the school at both break and lunchtimes.

Monday 6th September

As from this date, all students must access the school at the start of the day via the top playground entrance. Students will no longer be able to enter the site via the main school driveway.

For the first week, students must wait in the allocated areas they used last year. Year 7 students will be shown to the Main Hall.

As with every first day of school, tutors like to spend time with their tutor groups to help ensure they are fully prepared for their first day of timetabled lessons. Therefore, on Monday, all students will spend P1 - 3 with their tutor, arranging timetables, assemblies and having their school photo taken. They will then attend their timetabled lessons for P4 and P5. Students will not require their PE kit on this day.

New staff

This year we welcome the following staff to our Priory community;

Mr White - Geography
Miss Parkins - English
Ms Jones - Reception
Andy Thompson - Chaplain

You will also need to be aware of the following name changes;

Miss Evans (RE) is now Mrs Page
Miss Creber (English) is now Mrs Fox
Miss Choolun (English) is now Mrs Everall

If you have any concerns regarding the information above, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to seeing all our students again and welcoming our new Year 7 intake.

With very best wishes



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