



The Priory School

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this finds you all well. This is a shorter message with a few updates; I will be in touch with a round-up of our first few weeks and highlights in due course.

As there has been so much change lately I wanted to reinforce and clarify some points with regard to the current Covid guidance – please see the attached as well as the main points which I have also included, below. The most important thing is for families to continue to carry out LFTs on a regular basis (twice per week) and to book a PCR test if their child has any symptoms (no matter how mild) or is deemed a close contact.

- Please continue to test your child at home, twice a week, using the LFT kits provided by school or sourced locally.
- If your child receives a positive LFT then book a PCR test on the same day and DO NOT send them into school.
- If they are identified as a close contact use MUST book a PCR test and NOT use an LFT whether they have symptoms or not. Please don't just do an LFT.
- They can return to school if they do not have any symptoms.
- NHS test and trace will now identify close contacts, not school. Please give them as much information as possible
- Please DO NOT send your child into school if they have any symptoms of Covid. Do NOT send them in before the end of their isolation period.
- Main Covid Symptoms: High temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell, headache, sore throat (it may appear as a mild illness in young people).

Thank you to everyone who has been adhering to this, so far.

Uniform

We are having to remind a number of students around our policy on piercings. This is clearly outlined in the school's uniform policy on our website:

Jewellery -

- Stud earrings – **one stud per ear** (all other visible piercing is not permitted unless on religious grounds)

- One watch (no smart watches)
- No other jewellery is permitted except on medical grounds
- Please advise the School in writing if either exception is relevant to your child
- All jewellery must be removed for PE (for health and safety reasons)

Due to the wearing of face masks some students may have been able to conceal nose piercings but these are not permitted. However, they can be replaced by a clear nose stud, especially if the piercing is recent.

With regard to skirts, should your child choose to wear one then please remember it should be, on or below the knee. If there are issues around supplier and size then please let us know and we will assist but there are 3 types of skirt to now choose from, all different styles which should help to find one that meets the requirements. Alternatively, black, school trousers or tailored shorts can be worn.

Thank you to everyone who is and has been, supporting us in a positive return to the new term. It is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "A. Pope".

Mrs A Pope
Headteacher