



19th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Update re COVID-19 Response

Wider opening of school – Year 10 and Year 12

I am pleased to report that the first week of wider opening to Year 10 and Year 12 students has been very successful - it has been great to see these students return to school. All the planning and hard work to prepare for wider opening has paid off, as students say they feel very safe in school and that they have found the face to face sessions a really valuable support for their distance learning. Attendance has been excellent, and students have met our new expectations re social distancing, hygiene, movement around school and the other measures designed to keep everyone safe.

A review of the first week has led to one change: From next week (Monday 22nd) all **Tuesday and Thursday programmes for Year 10 will finish at 2.40pm**, rather than the previously stated 3.00pm. The amount of teaching time students receive will remain the same - the day is shorter due to a reduction in the time allocated for lunch. Social distancing means that the usual lunchtime activities cannot take place, so it makes more sense to condense the day to enable students to leave earlier. The school buses have been notified and will pick up students at this earlier time.

Please remember that, as previously stated, from Monday 22nd all Year 10 students should arrive at school for 9.50am. They should enter the building via the door they entered through this week and immediately wash their hands in the same toilets that they used this week, before going straight to the room where they have their first lesson (there will be no assemblies).

Staying safe - information for all parents

- I would be grateful if all parents would remind their son or daughter about the importance of [socially distancing](#) outside of school, and especially if they are travelling to and from school. The two-metre distance should always be maintained, including whilst walking to school or waiting at bus stops.
- Please be aware that parents and carers should not come into the school building unless by prior arrangement. Face-to-face meetings with parents/carers will not take place, except in exceptional circumstances,.
- If you, your son or daughter, or another member of your household are currently displaying coronavirus symptoms or they develop Coronavirus symptoms then you, your son or daughter **should not come into school** in any circumstances and you should follow government [guidance](#) about self-isolation (including isolating for at least 7 days) and including test and trace.

Distance Learning update

Staff are working hard to further increase the opportunities for our students to have 'live' online sessions as part of our distance learning offer. Now that our Year 10 and 12 students are accessing some on site face to face sessions, the focus is on providing some 'live' online sessions for Key Stage 3 students ('live' sessions for Y10 and Y12 will continue). Additional KS3 'live' sessions are being scheduled from Monday 22nd June and each subject has been given an allocated slot to use, so that

we avoid clashes and minimise the risks of students becoming overwhelmed. Your child has already been given guidance on how to use Microsoft Teams appropriately in accordance with our on-line remote learning protocols. [This information](#), along with the Key Stage 3 timetable for 'live' session, has also been put onto the school website for you to refer to.

If your son or daughter is struggling with distance learning, please do get in touch with school for advice and support. Your child's Year Manager is usually the best point of contact – you can make a request through the info@princehenrys.co.uk address.

Year 12 - support for careers

Personal Tutors are in the process of inviting every Year 12 student to a 1:1 meeting (either on-site face to face or on MTeams) to take place in the last week of term. If your son or daughter does not receive an invite by Friday 3rd July, please contact school (via email) to alert the sixth form team.

Additional Support

As all children are spending more time online, Leeds Prevent have produced some very useful information and advice about keeping children safe. I recommend you take time to read it, especially as it also provides links to further information to help children understand COVID-19 and deal with lockdown stress. You can find the information in the "School Closure" section on the homepage of the school website.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Janet Sheriff
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