



26th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Update re COVID-19 Response

Wider opening of school

You may be aware that the government has recommended that from 4 July 2020 people keep two metres away from others as a precaution, or one metre when the risk can be mitigated by taking other precautions, as set out in the [staying safe outside your home](#) guidance. This change does **not** affect the current provision at Prince Henry's, which will not change as a result, because the government has also stated that secondary schools should continue to follow existing guidance and not exceed 25% of Year 10 and Year 12 students in school at any one time. At Prince Henry's, we will therefore maintain 2 metre social distancing and continue with our current programme until the end of the summer term.

Although the government has shared its ambition to have all students back in school full time in September, the guidance to support this has not yet been published, so I do not know at this stage what (if any) special arrangements will need to be made. I will let parents and students know arrangement for September as soon as I can.

Parents of Year 10 students

Our Year 10 students have been extremely well behaved whilst in school. However, some students are not arriving at school in time to wash their hands and get to their lesson on time. As a result, they are missing vital minutes of the already limited face to face time with their subject teacher. Please would you check that your son or daughter has planned their journey to allow time to arrive on the school site by 9.45am at the latest, as teaching begins at 9.50am prompt.

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 when they are travelling to and from school.
- 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 is currently displaying coronavirus symptoms or they develop Coronavirus symptoms then you, your son or daughter **should not come into school** under 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

Teachers will continue to provide distance learning until the end of term. If your son or daughter is struggling with their 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.

Progress Reports

Parents/carers of students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 will receive their child's final subject Progress Report and Personal Tutor comment before the end of the academic year. These will only be released for viewing via Firefly (instead of the usual dual system of paper distribution *and* Firefly). KS3 Progress Reports will be published on Monday 6th July and Year 10 and Year 12 Progress Reports will be published on Monday 13th July. To view these, you will need to access the Parent Portal of Firefly. If you have not already set this up, it is advisable to do this before the release date. Instructions for how to set up your Parent Portal for Firefly can be found on the school website (Parents and Carers / E-Learning & Online Safety / Firefly), or follow the link [here](#).

Refunds for school trips and visits

Please look out for a separate update letter about this, which will be sent out on Monday 29th June 2020.

Yours faithfully



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