



9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## Update re COVID-19 Response

### Full opening of school

The government has now published guidance for the full opening of schools from September 2020. We are really looking forward to welcoming back our students and senior leaders have already begun planning for all students, in all year groups, to return to school full time from the beginning of the autumn term. There will obviously need to be a detailed Risk Assessment in place, with specific actions to help keep students, staff and the wider community safe. Proportionate control measures will be introduced, whilst supporting the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum. The detailed arrangements have not yet been decided, but the essential measures will include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- new arrangements and routines around the site to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination, so far as is reasonably practicable

It is not possible to maintain 2 metre (or even 1 metre) social distancing between students when all year groups are back in school full time, but our plans will include arrangements to reduce student movement and keep groups of students apart wherever possible. The details are unlikely to be finalised before the end of the summer term because the Risk Assessment will take time to produce, and also consultation with staff and unions will need to take place. I will, however, share the final arrangements with you in August. In the meantime, I can confirm that:

- Year 7 and Year 12 students will return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 8.30am.
- All other students (Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13) will return to school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 8.30am
- The start and end of the school day will be as normal (8.30am until 3.00pm) each day, and will be the same for all students.
- The usual bus routes will be available for students to travel to school. From September all Prince Henry's buses, other than the X84, will be operated by Connexions Buses. Connexions passes will be valid on First Bus services until October half term, in the first instance. To find out more information, or to request updates regarding school buses, contact [schools@connexionsbuses.com](mailto:schools@connexionsbuses.com).
- All students will be expected to meet the full uniform requirements, as published on the school website.
- There will be a robust plan for helping students catch up missed learning (helped by additional government funding for identified individuals).

- The government has made it clear that school attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply.

### Staying safe - reminder 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.
- 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

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](mailto:info@princehenrys.co.uk) address.

### Progress Reports

A reminder that end of year subject Progress Reports and personal tutor comments are currently being distributed. KS3 Progress Reports were published on Firefly on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Year 10 and Year 12 Progress Reports will be published next Monday (13<sup>th</sup> July). These can be viewed in the reports section of the Parent Portal on Firefly.

### Key Worker / Vulnerable Student Provision

If your son or daughter attends this provision, please note that school will **close early at 12.00 noon next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** (the last day of the summer term). The school bus pick up time has been amended to match this earlier departure time.

### Summer Activities

Over the summer holidays there will be a range of activity camps available for our younger students (11 – 14 years of age) to attend, based at Prince Henry's and other local schools. Please look on the school website (under the "Community" tab – the "Extended Services Cluster & Holiday Activities" heading) for information about what is available and how to secure a place for your son or daughter.

Yours faithfully



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