



9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Our New Year 7 – September 2020

The government has announced its ambition for all pupils to return to school in September and has now published guidance to help schools plan for this. As a result, staff at school are really looking forward to welcoming all our new Year 7 students, who will be able to attend Prince Henry's 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. In the meantime, I can confirm that:

- Year 7 students (and Year 12) 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 every school day will be as normal (8.30am until 3.00pm), and this 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 wherever possible.
- 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 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.

### Transition Activities

I know that many parents and students have already visited the [Virtual Transition](#) section of the Prince Henry's website. If you or your child have not yet engaged with all the activities, then I highly recommend you set some time aside to do this. You will find a wealth of information, including FAQs covering all aspects of the transition process and the start of term and a video tour of the school. There is also a wide range of resources and activities, designed to support all new Year 7 students and their parents at this time.

### Summer Activities

Over the summer holidays there will be a range of activity camps available for younger students (6 – 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.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best for the summer, I very much look forward to meeting your son or daughter in September.

Yours faithfully,



**Ms Janet Sheriff**  
**Executive Headteacher**