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Dear Parents,

Daily Update – Friday 10th

Final Push

Next week will be our last week of term and today's update is a call for one final push from students to make the most of the time remaining and not to take their foot off the gas.

Recent months have tested most of us in ways we were not expecting and challenged our ability to adapt quickly to events completely beyond our control. Whether you are a student, parent, teacher, wider support staff, or governor, this time at home since March will have brought with it stresses and strains we could not have predicted.

Having said that, all our staff will continue to set work so that students can access our remote learning offer.

The Review Day for Year 9 takes place next week and as with all our other year groups, we are expecting very high attendance and lots of constructive meetings between students and their Personal Tutors.

Face-to-Face PLUS+ will continue next week and provide the additional support that our students might need, whether it be well-being support, ClassCharts help or a session with a subject specialist to help with remote learning work that might have been set.

Despite it being the final week, and with numbers of students steadily increasing, it is still not too late to request some additional support that your son/daughter might need as we get ever closer to the summer break.

Parents can e-mail and request either a meeting in school or a remote session using Microsoft Teams by using enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org. Please insert Face-to-Face PLUS support in the e-mail subject bar so that it goes straight to the senior leader co-ordinating the support.

Online Learning Update

As we are coming to our final week of online learning, teachers will be setting the final pieces of the curriculum for this term. All your son/daughter's teachers are now looking for a final effort to ensure that we finish the term on a high.

All work set on Class Charts next week will have a due date of **Monday 20th July** to ensure that students will be able to view the work.

Out of school activities for the summer

Below this Daily Update on the webpage is a separate letter from the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services about the provision and promotion of activities across Lancashire during the summer period.



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The letter gives an overview of how the local authority is working with out of school providers and holiday schemes / clubs and the plans to signpost next week, childcare activities on offer to support with childcare issues that many families will have over the summer break.

A reminder on additional reasons to ring/email us

It may be that you have considered ringing/emailing us but you are not sure if you should, or you don't want to put on us. If it helps, here are some of the reasons that parents are currently ringing/emailing:

- Log ons/passwords for online learning
- Support with pastoral issues in the home
- Issues and queries with online learning
- Flagging up safeguarding/mental health concerns
- Advice about how to support/motivate your children with their learning
- Just to talk to us, for advice or for another human adult contact.... which we are more than happy to do
- Free school meal vouchers/grocery box issues/enquiries

Should my child be in school full time?

We are still committed to supporting where we can so if you think your child needs to be in school please consider the following criteria:

- You are a critical worker, or you are now required to go into work because you can't easily work from home, you have nobody in the home to ensure your children are suitably supervised and you are concerned about their vulnerability at home alone
- Your child would benefit from additional support to access learning due to their special needs or other significant difficulties in engaging in and/or completing the work set
- You are concerned that your child's mental health is being affected by their absence from school
- You have any other safeguarding concerns and you feel these would be minimised if your child were in school

What we have in place every weekday when school is open:

- Open every weekday with a staffing rota between 8.30am and 4.30pm to support the learning of the children in school. We understand that this may change daily due to shift patterns so just keep us informed as the need arises/changes
- Keep in regular, close contact by phone with vulnerable children and their families, and provide tutor contact with other students and their families as appropriate
- Provide on-line Home Learning resources, links and updates so you can keep your children mentally and physically active at home.
- Where possible, deliver learning packs to those without internet access or equipment to engage in online learning.
- Be on the end of the school phone and address any concerns or queries you might have between 8.30am – 4.00pm weekdays.
- Deliver food parcels to those in most need on a fortnightly basis. Please don't hesitate to contact us and when you may be in need, whether through financial hardship or self-isolation, without other help at hand.

- Provide free meals for the staff and students in school, in a clean environment, observant of social distancing and other safety guidelines.
- Manage the provision of FSM vouchers

With best wishes,

Mrs Gwinnett (Executive Head and Trust Lead) and all of us in the Trust and at School

Stay safe