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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus Update

Just for your awareness, we are continuing to take several measures to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus throughout this term, as we know how important it is for our young people to continue to attend school.

Such measures include:

- Encouraging all staff and pupils to test regularly,
- Ensuring our staff and pupils practice good hygiene;
- Making sure our spaces are well ventilated; and;
- Encouraging all members of our community to isolate and book a [PCR test](#) should they develop symptoms of the virus or have a positive Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test result.

Your son/daughter has been provided with home test kits from school, so to support the measures we have in place whilst the pupils are in school, please continue to support us by encouraging your child to take their test and report their results. Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms.

We are therefore asking all parents to continue to encourage your child to test every Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Testing is free of charge.

Should you require, you can see this useful video to show you [how to take the test](#) - tests usually take a few minutes to do and you get the results in 30 minutes.

Then all you need to do is to report the result to:

NHS Test and Trace: www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

Please note: You do not need to inform school of a negative result. However, if a test result is positive, please inform the school by telephone or by emailing attendance@priory.lancs.sch.uk. Please follow this by booking a PCR test and, again, contact school with the result.

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Financial support is available if your child tests positive and you need to self-isolate

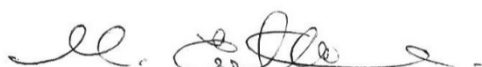
If you are unable to work due to your child having, or displaying symptoms of, COVID-19, you may be entitled to a one-off payment of £500 through the [NHS Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](#) if you are required to stay at home and self-isolate.

You will be eligible if you live in England and meet all the following criteria:

- you have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, including by the NHS COVID-19 app
- you are employed or self-employed
- you cannot work from home and will lose income as a result
- you are claiming at least one of the following benefits:
 1. Universal Credit
 2. Working Tax Credits
 3. income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 4. income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 5. Income Support
 6. Pension Credit or Housing Benefit

By testing your child on Sunday and Wednesday evenings you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus and thus help keep your child in school over this term, so we thank you in advance for your support in ensuring we all try to keep each other as safe as possible.

Yours faithfully



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