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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to take this opportunity to pause and thank you for the continued support you have shown, not only to your sons and daughters, but to us as a school since our return.

Thank you too, to those of you that have taken the time to email and thank staff for all that they are doing to support your son or daughter. Your kind words and recognition of the challenges we face continue to be a great source of motivation and encouragement for us all in these ongoing, challenging times.

As so many of you recognise, the modifications and adjustments which have had to be made for us to continue to function, have been extensive. Pupils and staff have been conscientious and diligent in adhering to our new systems and these ways of working have now become established. The fact that we have been able to remain open this half term and provide the full curriculum offer to all year groups has been extremely positive for us and whilst we know the situation could change at any time, we feel the measures we have put in place, together with the maturity with which our pupils have responded to our new protocols, has really helped in this respect.

I would like to thank all our pupils too therefore, in understanding their individual contribution towards our ongoing collaborative aim of keeping everyone in our school community safe.

As we prepare for half term, it seems that still the situation could change at any time. So, whilst we fully expect to see our pupils back with us on Monday, 2 November, should the situation change, we will continue to communicate with you via our usual channels.

Equally, despite not being in school, it remains just as important to let us know over the half term break if your son or daughter falls ill or indeed tests positive for Covid 19. Of course, we hope this will not be the case, but if it is, then please email to let us know on enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk. This will ensure we can take the necessary precautions in relation to track and trace, contacting other pupils as necessary before they return back to school.

Once we return after half term, it is likely that the weeks leading up to Christmas may be even more challenging, with rising infection rates and the prospect of having to provide remote learning to more pupils who may have to self-isolate. However, please be assured, we will continue to do our best to support our young people in the best ways we can.

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There is no doubt that the last eight weeks have been one of the greatest challenges in our professional lives and the staff, like the pupils, are looking forward to the restorative benefits of rest, which we hope half term will bring.

I hope too, that you and your family can enjoy some time together and that your half term is a happy, safe and healthy one.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing and welcoming back all our pupils the week after next.

My very best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Eastham
Headteacher