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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued support in getting all pupils back into school safely over the past couple of weeks. I am very grateful for the shared responsibility everyone has taken in engaging with our reopening plans. The collective accountability shown from pupils, parents and staff to the steps we have put in place have ensured a smooth and orderly return.

However, despite this positive start for us here at Priory, I know you will be increasingly aware that, already, some schools have had to partially close, either to classes, year groups, groups of pupils or several year groups at a time.

I know therefore, you will be keen to understand what might happen if, or more likely when, a pupil, class or year group/s at Priory are asked to stay at home over the coming months.

That is why I am writing to you today in order to keep you fully informed.

Whilst no one expects schools to fully close unless it is following official advice, I feel we must all be mindful that we are likely to be impacted in some way in the future. As such, we must all be prepared for the possibility of future full school, class or year group bubble closure as well as individual isolation away from school.

Whilst we hope this will not be the case, should any of the above be necessary, the notice for this is likely to be sudden. So, I ask each of you to be prepared for such a notification and to consider the implications for you and your families.

This may mean ensuring IT facilities at home can best support your son or daughter's home learning, or considering, now, what the subsequent effects of any future home learning for pupils might have on your own circumstances at home or with work.

Of course, should any form of isolation be required in the future, we will let you know our plans to deal with that at the time.

However, I would like to assure you that regardless, we will continue to provide our remote learning for your sons and daughters come what may, and we will continue to be here to support all those in our school community as we normally would.

In fact, it is our intention, that should an entire class or year group have to stay at home to isolate, pupils and staff will continue to follow their normal school timetable, with staff delivering live lessons, albeit remotely, wherever possible.

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In other words, we will continue to be committed to providing the best education possible for your child, whilst at the same time, doing our very best to maintain the health and safety of all in our school community.

For now, then, thank you for your continued support of us as a school in these challenging times and thank you too for continuing to follow public health guidelines and encouraging your children to do the same.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Eastham
Headteacher

