

June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Update – Induction Evening and Taster Day**

Just a reminder that normally, over the coming weeks, you would come to Priory for an induction evening and an induction day, where you would get to meet your child's form tutor, teachers, some of our current pupils and of course, lots of other Year 6 pupils who will be on the same journey. You'd also get the opportunity to meet Mrs Farley again, your transition manager and head of year.

Unfortunately, given the ongoing circumstances we find ourselves in with Covid restrictions, the Induction Evening (30 June) and Taster Day (1 July) have had to be cancelled.

### **What will happen instead**

To compensate for this as much as possible, we will put in motion several alternative arrangements to help transition from primary to Priory to be as smooth as possible for you all.

Therefore, over the next couple of weeks, your child's form tutor will be in touch, by phone initially, to introduce themselves to you. They will also want to have a brief chat with your child where possible about how they feel about starting at Priory.

In addition, accompanying this letter, you will find a document containing profiles of all the staff that work here at Priory. We hope this will allow your child to familiarise themselves with all the adults in school and what each of their particular roles are.

There is also a booklet containing photos of all our great facilities as well as a handbook that answers our most frequently asked questions. Please do have a good look through these with your child as it can answer a lot of questions you didn't even know you had!

If you head to our website, there are several videos available showing the fantastic facilities we have for them to enjoy, [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/transition](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/transition) as well as information about where to go and what to do on the first day [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/plans-for-reopening](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/plans-for-reopening). We hope all of this will help to familiarise pupils with the school before they start with us and alleviate any worries or anxieties they may have.

### **Summer School**

We have had a fantastic amount of you signing up for Summer School and Mrs Cowell will be communicating with you separately with further details about this. We are sure it will be a fantastic opportunity for pupils to come and get to know your school and staff before you officially join us in September.

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### Things to do

1. We ask that you keep an eye on your emails, and also check in your 'junk' folder for an important email containing a link to some **enrolment forms** and our school policies. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible and **before 9 July**. You can also access the forms by scanning this QR code:
2. Should you be unable to access a phone or computer for any reason, please get in touch and we will provide a paper copy.
3. You will be receiving another information pack in the next week or so, containing all the information you need regarding setting up the online payment system and the system for pre-ordering lunches.
4. We ask that once you have received this information, you access each of the systems as soon as possible so that we can be made aware of any issues prior to your child starting with us. These systems will also allow you to purchase a school tie, and a locker. More information to follow.
5. Finally, there will be a summer work pack which will include activities from our Maths, English and Science departments for your child to complete. Pupils will only need to bring the completed work pack with them on their first day back to school in September (Thursday, 2 September) and staff will use these as the basis of their very first lessons with pupils in these subject areas.



### Finally

Given the ever-changing situation, should anything alter over the coming weeks or months with any of our planned arrangements, then we will be sure to let you know. As mentioned earlier, we know many pupils are joining us for our Summer School and we are sure this will ease a lot of initial worries that children are having about coming to Priory and getting to know the school and their new peers.

Mrs Farley has nearly completed her transition visits, in which she has answered many individual questions and hopefully put any worries to rest. Mrs Holland, our SENCo, is also busy gathering information for those pupils with additional needs and will be in touch regarding this. However, if you feel that your son or daughter is still concerned, anxious or worried about anything, please do get in touch with Mrs Farley and she will be happy to speak with you.

Yours faithfully

**Mr M Eastham**  
Headteacher

**Mrs L Farley**  
Transition Manager and Head of Year 7