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Important Information

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope all our families are keeping well as lockdown is eased and life starts to move back into a 'new normal.' We are cautiously thrilled with the news from the Prime Minister that all children will be expected to be back at school full time in September. This means we can begin planning for this now, to be ready to start back on 7th September. Please be reassured that we are continuing to focus on ensuring that the children, staff and parents safe,

In discussion with our governors and senior leaders we would like to advise parents that we will not be offering breakfast or after school clubs in September. We will however have a breakfast option available, breakfast in a bag, (croissant, yoghurt and a piece of fruit) for those parents who would like to take up the offer. Please contact the school office to book this. KS2 children can bring in a fruit-based snack to have outside at breaktime if they wish. We will be providing packed lunches from September, there will be no hot meals. Please also note that the cost of a school meal will be £2. 30 per day, from September.

We cannot say at this moment exactly how school will look in September as this depends on government advice and the continued falling infection rate, but it is clear that we will be making some changes. We will be continue to work very closely with you to ensure that transition for your child is well considered and provides them the support they need to return to school life. One thing we will be doing in September is to try and build in a transition period, albeit a short one. Members of staff will phone parents during the first three weeks of term to ensure that you receive an update as to how your child has settled in.

We are very much aware that although we have provided extensive online learning opportunities many children have not been into the school building for many months. As a result, we are looking carefully at our curriculum. The government has announced measures to support schools to help children to accelerate with their learning. We will of course provide parents with more updated information when we know more.

As I am sure parents will appreciate there is much to organise including different start and finishing times. Please see the timings below:

Year Group	Entry/Exit	Times
YR	Reception unit, market place entrance.	9.00 - 3.05
Y1	Big playground, market place entrance.	9.00 – 3.05
Y2	Small playground, St Nicholas Road entrance.	9.00 – 3.05

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Pod	Big playground, market place entrance	9.00 – 3.05
Y3	Delivery yard, St Nicholas road entrance.	8.40 – 3.15
Y4	Small playground, St Nicholas road entrance.	8.40 – 3.15
Y5	Big playground, St Nicholas road entrance.	8.50 – 3.10
Y6	Big playground, St Nicholas road entrance.	8.40 – 3.15

Please be advised that the government has stated that penalties for nonattendance have been reintroduced.

We have received fantastic support from parents up to now and do hope that you will support us in ensuring everyone returns safely. Children will be expected to attend in full school uniform. Please do refer to the school uniform policy on the website for further information. We respectfully request parents and careers do not come on to the school premises, this includes the school playgrounds.

At the end of the school year it is always sad to see members of staff leave. Mrs. Emma Newman will be moving on to a new position from July and we would like to thank her and wish her all the very best for the future. In September we will be welcoming Miss. Lucy Baldwin in Year 6, Miss. Lauren Daniels and Miss. Beth Noble into Year 5, Ms. Kat Michaels into Year 4 and Mr. Oliver Hawksley into Year R.

During the summer there continues to be many online learning links to support parents with learning. It would be great if you could support your child to access these

I would also like to personally thank our governors and amazing Priory team for all their hard work to support each other, children and parents during these extraordinary times and it only remains for me to wish everyone at Priory and in our community a very safe and happy summer holiday. See you in September.

Maria Grimmer
Head Teacher

