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Dear Parent / Guardian,

26-08-2020

Re Transport to school at Priory.

If your child does not have school transport some of this letter is not relevant to you.

Thank you to all of you who responded to our short survey regarding face coverings on transport. We are committed to getting school open as quickly as possible for all students. We had 100 responses and whilst the overwhelming majority of you were keen for face masks to be worn there were also lots of good points made by you. We have been continuing to work with Vertas over the Summer and can now update you a little further.

Drivers and Passenger Assistants (PAs) on the transport will be wearing face masks and gloves. There will be a screen behind the driver and the passenger assistant will be wearing a visor.

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach is very important, please ensure your child carries tissues with them on home to school transport. Any used tissues will need to be disposed of in a bin on the transport.

Precautions for students:

- Please ensure that students are fit and well to be in school and that they are not sent into school if they or anyone else living in the household or that they have come into contact with have a suspected or confirmed case or shown any symptoms of Covid-19 such as high temperature, a new, continuous cough or any symptoms associated with the virus like a change in sense of taste or smell. Your child must **not** travel if anyone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19. If you or anyone in your household does have these symptoms, then public health advice should be followed as usual.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>
- Please ensure that students wash their hands just before getting on transport, however they will also be asked to use hand sanitiser unless specifically requested that this should not happen.
- The Government recommendation is that students should wear face coverings where possible. We realise that there is no requirement for those under 11 and those with special needs. However, there will be very little chance to socially distance on transport and so where possible we would ask that your child wears a face covering. You will not be refused transport if you do not have a face covering.



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- If pupils touch door handles, seatbelts, railings or any other part of the vehicle they should avoid touching their face until they have washed their hands or used hand sanitiser.

At school:

- On arrival at school those wearing face coverings will put their mask into an individually named bag to place the mask into – please ensure your child has one like a food/freezer bag ideally with a zip fastener. These can be kept safe until it's time to go home.
- Where a student needs help to put on a face mask staff will support this.
- Several parents asked us to consider using some parts of lessons to look at how to wear a face mask, we will try to do this.

Face masks in school:

As you may know the government advice on this recently changed. We appreciate that it will be difficult for many students to wear masks in school. However, the option will be there for any that wish to. If you are thinking that your child should wear a mask in school they would need to bring 2-4 masks in for the day and have the clean ones in one bag and another bag for the used ones. We will be publishing our updated risk assessment before the start of term.

How to put on and wear a cloth mask – this could be a useful video from the World Health Organisation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciUniZGD4tY>

Dates for school

There is a phased return to school and you should have had a letter recently.

- Thursday 3 Sept – KS5 and KS4 classes
- Monday 7 Sept – KS3 classes
- Wednesday 9 Sept - KS1&2 classes

Please check with the school if unsure which key stage your child is in

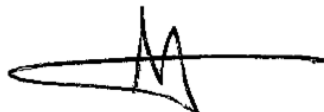
Vertas will be in touch soon to give you the collection times.

We hope that by the end of this week we should be able to share photos of the buses with the screens and the Vertas staff with masks and visors so that you can prepare your children,

Yours Sincerely,



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