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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We hope that all families have enjoyed the festive period and wish you all a happy New Year.

I am delighted to be introducing myself to you as the new Headteacher of Priory Lincoln Academy. As a proud Lincolnite I am passionate about not just our city, but I am fiercely ambitious for each and every student at Priory Lincoln to reach what for them is individual excellence.

Education is a privilege which gives young people the opportunity to grow and flourish into well rounded young adults who can play an active part in the community in which they live. As an educator I am delighted to see students being successful whether that be in academic subjects such as English, maths and history, practical subjects such as music, art, PE or drama or technical subjects such as DT, bricklaying or auto motive engineering. Students should have the opportunity to thrive in as many of these areas as possible, as well as the responsibility to persevere in those areas of study which they find more challenging.

As Priory Lincoln moves forward in 2024, there will be a number of simple changes which will look to reinforce the standards and expectations which are in place to ensure that students are successful. As Headteacher, I wish to improve the way in which the academy and families communicate and work together. Students who are supported in their education by their family are far more likely to be successful in education.

As an academy we will be moving much more communication about behaviour through Class Charts and therefore we encourage all parents and careers to have downloaded the parent app from the Google Play Store (Android) or the App Store (Apple). If you are a new user to Class Charts, then please contact your pastoral team for the initial parent code.

At the start of 2024 we will be having a focus on students being **ready, respectful** and **engaged** in their learning. In order for students to be successful in this then we have the following expectations.

Equipment – In order to be **ready** for learning, students need to be equipped for school. In their school bag they should have two or more black / blue ballpoint pens, a purple ballpoint pen, pencil, eraser, 15cm ruler and a scientific calculator (Casio 83 or 85). Ideally these items should be in a pencil case to keep them safe, but this is not compulsory.

Uniform – All students are expected to wear full academy uniform at all times. Please see the link below to the Priory Lincoln uniform page on our website. Wearing of academy uniform gives students a sense of identity and is a key part of being a member of our learning community at Priory Lincoln.

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Please be aware that students will not be allowed to wear a hoodie of any type whether this be under their blazer, instead of their blazer or as a coat. Over the remaining winter months, we encourage students to wear coats in order to stay warm and dry, but these should be worn over the school blazer and provide protection from inclement weather.

Transition back to full uniform – The academy has taken the decision to move back to the wearing of full uniform on every school day. This will mean that students need to bring their PE kit in a bag on days when they have practical PE lessons and students will revert to getting changed in changing spaces.

In order to support this transition, we will be giving just over 4 school weeks for families to prepare for this change. It is our belief that for the vast majority of students this will involve the potential purchase of one more school shirt and pair of trousers / a skirt. Should your family require any support with this then please contact the academy on generalenquiries@priorycity.co.uk.

As of Monday 5th February the transition back to the wearing of normal uniform and getting changed for PE lessons will be fully in place. [Uniform and Equipment link](#)

Respect – We are delighted that the vast majority of students show respect to each other and their surroundings. Like in any community there are some who do not abide by the same standards. This will be a real focus at the start of 2024 as we have great pride in our academy and school community. There will be a real focus on litter being placed in bins, students showing respect to other students and staff and students paying respect to the facilities and surroundings.

Responsibility – As in society, at Priory Lincoln every student has a responsibility to be the very best version of themselves on any given day. No student is expected to be perfect, but every student is expected to make every effort to get the basics right and to be willing to work hard on every given day. As an academy we will look to reward students when they are getting it right. Equally we will look to address mistakes and educate students on their approach to academy life and give fresh opportunity to get it right. No one has the right to take away the opportunity for others to access the high quality education offered to them.

Parental Engagement Event – On Thursday 11th January, I would like to invite interested parents and carers into the academy to listen to a short presentation about the immediate areas for development of the academy over the next few months. This will include the opportunity for parents and carers to have input into the ways in which they would like to see their child(ren) develop as a member of the Priory Lincoln community. The Lincoln Learner will become the role model for the behaviours and attitudes which we wish our students and your child(ren) to adhere to in order to be successful in their education. There will be separate communication about this event.

Finally, I would like to thank families and staff for the generous contributions made which enabled the academy to donation 40 Christmas food parcels to families in our community. It is this sort of spirit and engagement which we wish to develop further to make Priory Lincoln even more of a hub within our community.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Whitaker
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