

15 December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### REMINDER: Non-school Uniform Day & December Food Drive



We are holding a non-school uniform day on the last day of term (Wednesday 20 December 2023). Similarly to previous years, this is a normal non-school uniform day, however, students are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or festive top. Christmas jumpers are not mandatory, so please don't feel you need to purchase one for this day!

As we have done for a number of years, we will be collecting food donations for WSM Foodbank (our Charity of the Year). Donations can be brought into school between 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and students can drop their donations into their tutor rooms. **We have extended the last day for donations to next week so there is still time to drop any donations in to your tutor group.**



Please click on the below link to go to the Foodbank website and view their "urgently needed items" for donation.

<https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

### Parent Governor Outcome

At the start of the recruitment process we had two Parent Governor vacancies to fill. Following the first round of recruitment we were able to fill one of the two roles. Mrs Aly Davies was successfully appointed as Parent Governor for PCSA. As we had less applicants than roles available this did not need to go to a parent/carer ballot.

Following the advertisement to find a suitable candidate for the second role we had three applicants. As there were now more applicants than positions available we held a parent/carer ballot. I am writing to inform you of the result of our election for Parent Governor following the parent/carer ballot which closed on Thursday 14th December 2023. There was one Parent Governor vacancy. Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to vote in the election.

The results were very close for all three candidates, however, I am pleased to let you know that following the ballot, Mrs Sharon Wood, was elected as Parent Governor at Priory Community School.

On behalf of the Chair of the Academy Council, the Governors and the Principal, I would like to thank all the great candidates who put their names forward for this role.

### Car Park Safety

With the weather turning the car park is becoming increasingly busy. I would like to ask for your support with this matter, please don't drive into school during the mornings and afternoons unless it is absolutely necessary. **Vehicle access should be for taxi services and the school bus only.** The car park within Sainsbury's is a very convenient place for you to drop your child as it is a very short distance from the school and can be accessed safely via the underpass or pedestrian crossing.

We want to create a safe environment for all our students, whether cycling or walking to school, and the amount of cars in the morning and afternoon are making this difficult.

Staff on duty will of course move vehicles along who are parking/waiting in unsafe positions whether that be parents/carers or taxis.

Similarly, if you are picking up or dropping off your child in the mornings via Wansbrough Road, please ensure you are not stopping local residents from entering or exiting their roads or driveways. The yellow markings on Wansbrough Road are also not an area to be used for picking up or dropping off your children.

Although you may only stop for a brief moment, when lots of cars are doing this at the same time it can cause issues for many members of the local community. We appreciate your cooperation on this.

### Upcoming Events

After-school clubs and KS4 Prep for Success sessions continue – head to our website to find out what's on next week. Please also refer to the calendar on your Weduc app. This gives you all the upcoming events for the rest of the academic year and is regularly updated.

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**Wednesday 20 December**

Last day of term (non-school uniform day)

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As always, if you have any questions or queries, please get in touch with the school directly and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Markoutsas  
Principal

