



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer

I have been impressed with all of our students and how they have settled back into school life. They are following our guidelines, although we know constant reminders will be needed. Since the beginning of term the students have received 1810 reward points and only 37 consequences. Long may it continue!

I intend to send out regular updates to parents, as I did throughout lockdown. I will aim to keep them short and to the point.

Sixth Form

We would like to welcome Sixth Form parents whose children have joined Presdales from other schools. We have 146 students in Year 12, the highest number we have had for many years.

Risk assessment

The school's risk assessment is continually being updated. It can be found on the school website [here](#).

Water

Students are able to refill their water bottles in the canteen when their bubble goes to lunch. Any child who needs water in the interim period due to medical issues can go to the school office.

Visitors to school

All visitors to school will be asked to wear a face covering. Only essential visitors will be allowed in school e.g. mental health support, outreach support for students, YC Herts or meetings with parents that cannot be conducted virtually.

Parents dropping off items to their children

As we are trying to reduce any contact from outside of school during the day, parents will not be able to drop off items during the school day e.g. forgotten books, PE kits, lunches. Students will not receive a consequence for forgotten items if they are one-offs, but they will if it happens on a regular basis. If they forget their lunch, then they can access the school canteen. Exceptions to this policy are for parents dropping off medication or a lunch where the student has a specific dietary requirement that we cannot accommodate in our canteen.

Please can we ask that parents do not arrive in school without a prior appointment.

Outside bubble location changes

We have made changes to the outside bubble areas as we want students off the grass.

- Year 7 – moving to the car park outside of the sports hall (car park will be closed to cars from Monday)
- Year 8 – moving to the first tennis court next to the swimming pool
- Year 9 – moving to the second tennis court next to the swimming pool

Eligibility for Free School Meals

We are aware that circumstances will have changed for families during the current crisis. If you wish to apply for financial help, such as free school meals, this can be done quickly online. The link to the site is here: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Parent parking

Please be mindful of where you are parking when dropping off and picking up your children. I would suggest parents and children agree a spot further away from the school where they can be dropped/picked up. The vets at the bottom of Hoe Lane is private property, they have asked us to remind parents of this.

Calendar changes

Further to my update earlier this week, I can confirm that the following events will no longer be taking place, or will be delivered in a remote way:

Event		Change
All year group information evenings during Sep/Oct	Various	Cancelled: Information will be shared in a letter
Secondary Transfer evening	15/10	Cancelled: Information available remotely. No tours will take place this year
Year 13 Parent consultation evening	3/11	Cancelled in school: Investigating virtual delivery
Year 11 Parent consultation evening	12/11	Cancelled in school: Investigating virtual delivery
Sixth form open evening	19/11	Cancelled: Information available remotely. No tours will take place this year
Christmas fayre	20/11	Cancelled
Concert	3/12	Cancelled
Year 11 Prom (from last academic year)	10/12	Cancelled
Speech day	14/12	Cancelled: Prizes will still be awarded by post
Carol concert	15/12	Cancelled
Student Christmas lunch	16/12	Investigating alternative ways of providing this.
Sixth form review	17/12	Cancelled as a live event: Investigating remote event
Sixth form prom (from last academic year)	17/12	Cancelled

Travel to and from school

A reminder that students should be wearing face mask on buses. We are lining students up at the end of the day and ensuring they are wearing them for the journey home.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope you have a pleasant weekend

Kind regards

Matt Warren
Headteacher