



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

18th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you are all well.

Following the announcement from the PM this week, we have decided to delay the 11+ Practice assessment until after the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. Our new date is Tuesday 20th July.

We did look at how we might run the Practice assessment on the published date, but a number of factors stood in our way. The children registered to sit the Practice paper come from 70 different Primary schools and 32 are the only children from their school. Under current regulations, which are set in law, we are only permitted to have 6 people inside from different households unless they are 2m apart or unless they are members of our school community. The social distancing rules and cleaning requirements mean that we would have been unable to offer toilet facilities on the day of the assessment and we were not prepared to do that.

A change of date at this late stage is not ideal, but I do hope that you will understand our desire to provide a proper experience for your child whilst meeting the demands of the law.

Our school sports day is planned for 20th July and is offsite. With PHSG students at the sports day venue, the children taking the Practice 11+ assessment will have the school to themselves. However, if the weather is inclement, we will still run the Practice 11+ on 20th July. Please be mindful that there may be some background noise during the day, but we will keep this to a minimum just as we do for public examinations.

I suspect that arranging to transport your child to Plymouth High on Tuesday 20th July will represent some logistical challenges for you, but there really is no other way of us meeting our statutory requirements around social distancing. The practice papers have already been purchased on your behalf and we anticipate that you should receive the results well before the 31st August. Unfortunately we are unable to offer refunds.

If the PM sets a further delay to the removal of restrictions, we will have no choice but to cancel the Practice 11+ assessment.

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Please ensure that you bring your child to the Alton Road school gate between 8.45am and 9:15am on Tuesday 20th July. They should bring a nut-free snack with them and some water, in a clear bottle, as well as a pencil (or two) and a rubber. The colour they were assigned on the letter sent last week is still important to remember. We will not be able to welcome parents onsite as we will be moving our students offsite for sports day and welcoming your children onto the site. Your child will be ready for collection at approx. 12:45pm.

I thank you for your understanding.

Very best wishes,



Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.