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Dear Parent

As we have come to the end of our first full week in school, I am writing to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and to praise our wonderful youngsters for the way that they have adjusted to the new school day. Their attitude has been exemplary and we feel safe in our new way of working together. You will be aware that some local schools have had positive coronavirus test results for pupils or staff and this has led to some pupils being sent home from school. Fortunately, this has not been the case at Blessed Trinity, however we would not be surprised should there be cases in the future.

- Please **do not** send your child or other children in the household to school, if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus. Please contact the school to inform us of your child's absence. Public Health England guidance would recommend that in this instance you should have your child tested. Please inform us of the results of this test. Refer to the table at the bottom of the letter describing common symptoms of coronavirus. Full guidance for parents and carers is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>
- Thank you for encouraging your child to wear their face mask as they enter and exit the building and when on corridors. Please ensure that your child brings their face mask with them to school each day.

Work for pupils when isolating at home

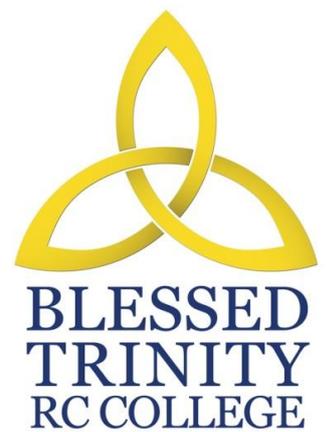
Staff have been working incredibly hard this week on our system for sending work out to pupils who are isolating at home. There are 3 scenarios in which this may happen which are outlined below. We plan to have our work response system for each Scenario ready by Monday 21 September 2020. If your child needs to isolate before this date, we shall arrange for work to be uploaded onto Show my Homework as previously.

- Scenario 1: Individual pupils are isolating at home
When you take your child for a coronavirus-test it is really important to keep in contact with school. As soon as you can let us know either the results of your test, or the length of time you have been told to wait for test results, we will be in contact to organise the work for your child. The work you can expect whilst in isolation will be a programme of lessons for each subject which we shall email to you. This programme will include hyperlinks to electronic resources and video clips of lessons, as well as other paper based activities.

To ensure that your child receives the work and is able to access it please ensure that:

- The email contact we have for you on our system is correct
- You let us know if your child does not have access to a suitable electronic device on which to view the content of the lessons

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- Scenario 2: The school informs you that a Year Group Bubble is required to work from Home. In this event we will contact you to explain how pupils in the affected year group can access a programme of works, which will include streaming of live lessons.
- Scenario 3: The school informs you that there will be a full Lockdown. In this event we will contact you to explain how all pupils can access a programme of works, which will include streaming of live lessons.

As we have had to plan for several different scenarios, we do appreciate your patience and understanding if we have some initial teething problems.

We welcome your feedback at all times and know that, by working in partnership with you, we will be able to support our young people in achieving their potential this academic year.

Please send any feedback to MSnowden@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk.

Pupil Equipment

Just a reminder that we do require all pupils to bring their own equipment to lessons. Your child will need

- Pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Scientific Calculator
- Highlighters

The Scientific Calculator we recommend is the Casio FX83GTX, or the Casio FX85GTX.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Richard Varey
Headteacher

REMEMBER – SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (CORONAVIRUS-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature (fever)
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Any one of the above symptoms gives reason for high level of suspicion for CORONAVIRUS-19.

A well person or child: feels 100% well, seems themselves and not displaying any changes in behaviour or their daily routines.

An unwell person or child could be a possible case of CORONAVIRUS-19.

A combination of symptoms below gives reason for high level of suspicion for CORONAVIRUS-19.

- Vomiting/nausea/off their food, diarrhoea, sleeping more than usual, complaining of not feeling themselves, listless/restless/agitated, shortness of breath, feeling cold, headache, severe body aches, sore throat/congested or runny nose - anything that is not feeling themselves.
- For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature’.