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Dear Parent

I do hope that you and your family are keeping well. As you will be aware, the numbers of children self-isolating due to close contact have continued to rise this week, including several cases in Year 7. Therefore, from Monday 16 November 2020, Year 7 forms will be replaced temporarily by academic home-base groups and a new teacher will act as the form tutor for this period. This will further limit the number of close contacts in school.

We have also seen a rise in the number of staff absent due to the coronavirus or through self-isolating. Therefore, staff in school are covering for absent colleagues, teaching the pupils in school and trying to set meaningful work for the growing number of pupils who are self-isolating at home. I would like to thank them for their resilience and commitment and to thank you for your understanding and patience. I could not ask the staff to work any harder. If you do have a concern or problem, please get in touch so that we can help to resolve it.

Where the vast majority of pupils in a class are self-isolating, some children in school will be directed to an alternative set to allow a better focus on quality home learning.

COVID safe KS3 PE lessons will be reintroduced from Monday 23 November 2020 and your child will be given the details of this next week.

As the number of cases and the associated absence continue to grow, it becomes more likely that we will move to some form of rota system in the near future. I will of course communicate with you to give you sufficient notice.

We have been asked by local businesses to remind our pupils the importance of wearing face masks in public.

We remind parents that pupils should **not** be attending school if they display any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or are awaiting COVID test results. Pupils should also **not** attend if **anyone** in their household or support bubble has symptoms or is waiting for a result for a COVID test. If your child receives a positive test result, please can you contact school as soon as possible, even if this is during the evening or at the weekend using [head@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)

Please see information for parents from the Department from Education:  
[what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

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

Yours sincerely

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