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Dear Parents

Could I take this opportunity to thank you, our parents and carers, our wonderful pupils and our hard-working staff for your continued support through this extraordinary period. In recent weeks, the number of infections of both pupils and staff has decreased and we are all looking forward to returning to some normality at some point in 2021. However, it is vital that we continue to be vigilant and remember the Government's advice of 'Hands, Face, Space'.

Government Guidance re: Face Masks on School Transport

From 2 December, in accordance with advice from Public Health England, children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school or college, unless they are exempt. Schools should support local authorities in promoting the use of face coverings when travelling to and from school or college and help them to resolve any issues of non-compliance where appropriate.

With this in mind, could you please emphasise to your child, the importance of wearing a face-mask when travelling on the school bus.

Year 11 Mocks

On behalf of our full Year 11 team, we want to express our gratitude to all Year 11 pupils and their families for the magnificent support and engagement with exams in these challenging times. Pupils worked incredibly hard, both in school and at home, with around 40 pupils sitting mocks via Microsoft Teams each day. Home support; from parents who gave up laptops, came into school to collect papers and, above all, kept pupils going made all of this possible. Many thanks to you all. (Mr Isherwood, Miss Stevens, Mrs Geoghegan, Year 11 tutors)

Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and pupils about the expectations regarding school uniform.

When your child/children have practical PE lessons and or Dance lessons they should attend school in their BTRCC PE kit. We ask that pupils do not wear hoodies or tracksuit bottoms that are not school kit.

On normal school days, pupils are expected to be in full school uniform. It is advised at this time of year that when travelling to and from school, pupils should wear a warm coat over their blazer. Windows will remain open in classrooms and we know that children may feel colder due to this. We would advise that pupils can either wear their school jumper underneath their blazer or a plain white t-shirt under their shirt/blouse as an additional layer. Please refer to our uniform policy. (<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/index.php/all-policies/372-uniform-policy>). We thank you for your support with this. Please do get in touch with your child's Year leader if you have any questions.

Christmas Appeal 2020

Please see the attached poster regarding the Blessed Trinity Christmas Appeal 2020.

Christmas Jumper Day(s)

Due to different year groups being in and out of school, we are having TWO Christmas jumper days this year - **Friday 11th and 18th December 2020**. Pupils who are lucky enough to be in both Fridays



have the option of wearing both days or just the one, it is entirely up to them. This year our charity is Save the Children who are doing tremendous work to help those most in need during this pandemic. Donations can be brought in on the day (envelopes will be placed in form rooms) or an online donation can be made (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200021674>). Prizes will be awarded for the best form in each year group.

Christmas Services

All pupils will take part in a Christmas Service during the final week of term.

On Friday 18 December 2020, school will close at 1.00pm. Buses have been arranged for this earlier time.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. Varey".

Richard Varey
Headteacher