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Dear Parents

As we come to the end of another busy week, I thought I would take this opportunity to update you. Firstly, could I begin by thanking you for the great work so many of you are doing in supporting your child's home learning. The teachers tell me that there is so much good work going on. Our Twitter account celebrates our pupils' continued learning. I would like to reassure you that your efforts are really appreciated and we do not under-estimate how difficult home learning can be. A parent yesterday told me of her struggle to work through simultaneous equations with her child! When school returns to some form of normality, rest assured, we will address any gaps or misconceptions to the best of our ability.

It seems increasingly likely that our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils will not return until September and it is a possibility that our full-time return to school may be delayed. We are hoping to get back to our normal business as early as possible but will follow guidance on social distancing in regards to any wider opening. This may result in smaller class sizes and, subsequently, part-time learning for some or even all pupils.

I informed you last week that Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, the Director of Public Health for Lancashire, was reviewing his decision regarding wider opening for Year 10 pupils each Monday. On Monday 15 June 2020, he will give us further guidance regarding whether it is safe to open our school to year 10 pupils from the 22 June 2020. We will contact Year 10 parents as soon as we have further news. We already have detailed plans in place for face-to-face supported learning in school for Year 10 pupils and will share them with Year 10 parents when a return date is confirmed.

The school remains open for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers. The children and teachers are carefully observing social distancing. It is important for all pupils, whether in school or out of school, to continue to follow the government guidelines on social distancing and hygiene; including the frequent and thorough washing of hands (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>). It is vital that we all stay alert in order to minimise infection from coronavirus. There have been some concerns from some parents regarding members of the public not observing social distancing.

Year 8 Mini-Options

Today is the deadline for Year 8 mini options. Can parents of Year 8 pupils please respond so that we can organise our class groupings for next year. If you have any questions, please direct them to Mrs Wright (rwright@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)

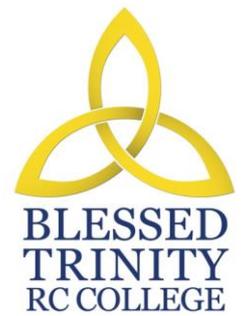
Year 9 Parents

Look out for a message about your Options on Show My Homework this week.

RSE Survey for Parents

A reminder to complete the RSE survey before Friday 19 June 2020 using the link below <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xfsmUvH8MU6AWufP-sj0KhC6qtRI-ClKjQpLjrmbK6FUNFVWVjE2Vk9SWElYODdaUE1KRUhWWFU4Ri4u>

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Thank you once again for your continued support and also for the hard-work and commitment of all of our staff. This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, perhaps you would want to visit our Twitter page via the website, to join in our reflections to celebrate this important feast day. I pray that you and your family remain safe and well.

I will finish with a final reminder, that as a parent, have the confidence to prioritise your child's well-being over any anxiety regarding online learning – you know your child best, when you decide your child has had enough, it is time for them to stop. Any time taken to support your child's learning is valuable and, as I said last week, just do your best.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning or well-being, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely

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