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Dear Parents



We are so excited that our children will return to school next week. There is a real buzz at Blessed Trinity as we prepare for your child's safe return. This week, we have tested over 900 of our pupils for COVID-19 and, as you will be aware, this testing will continue over the next two weeks. As part of the Government's cautious relaxing of lockdown it is important that we maintain their recommended controls in order to continue to reduce infection in the school and the community. In school, pupils will remain in bubbles, be encouraged to maintain enhanced hand hygiene and wear face-masks indoors. The Government has temporarily extended the use of face masks to include classrooms.

Please see the link below for our updated risk assessment:

<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/btmedia/LettersHome/2021/BTRCC-COVID19-School-Opening-Risk-Assessment-March2021.pdf>

Can I remind you of the details of our gradual phased return:

Monday March 8: Year 11 and Year 7 back in school from this date

Tuesday March 9: Year 10 and Year 9 back in school from this date

Wednesday March 10: Year 8 back in school from this date

Today is the last day of provision of places for key worker/vulnerable children. These pupils will return to school next week on the same day as the rest of their year group.

Year 9 Parents

We emailed Year 9 parents this week with information about your child's next steps in the Year 9 Options Process. Please get in touch if you did not receive this information. Otherwise we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the online Options Evening on Wednesday 10 March 2021. Please direct any queries to Miss Stevens rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk

Year 11 Parents

We have emailed parents this week with an update to our information about GCSE and Vocational grades this Summer. Please get in touch if you did not receive this information or have any queries. Please direct queries to Miss Stevens rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk or Mr Isherwood aisherwood@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk.

School Transport

Please see enclosed information we have received from the local authority.

It has been a long and difficult 12 months for everyone. It is truly joyful that we are returning to school next week. Some of our children may be a little nervous regarding their return. Please reassure them that everything will be fine. Please contact us if you have any concerns or queries. I would like to take this opportunity again to thank our incredibly committed staff, our fantastic children and you, our patient and supportive parents. Thank you for all you've done in supporting your child through the ups and downs of remote learning, Show my Homework and Teams. Although this has been a challenging period, I am sure that this experience will have given our youngsters great resilience, which will serve them well in the future and the opportunities that arise from the post pandemic recovery. We are all looking forward to working together to help fulfil the potential of our wonderful children. I hope you have a pleasant and restful weekend, looking forward to the return to school and an end to home learning.

Yours sincerely

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School Transport

Please note, parents/carers must be advised that students must not board home to school transport if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

On wider public transport it is the law that children and young people aged 11 years and over must wear a face covering and abide by social distancing.

- Social distancing does not apply on dedicated school transport
- Children and young people aged 11 and over **MUST** wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport to school, unless they are exempt.
- Standing is not permitted whilst the vehicle is in motion. Students should remain seated until they leave the vehicle.
- It is recommended that students travel with their own sanitising hand gel as this is unlikely to be available on board.
- It is advised that there is no eating or drinking on board.
- Students should try to talk at low levels and refrain from shouting
- All students will be required to show their valid pass/season ticket or pay their exact fare.
- Please note, it is not mandatory that bus drivers wear face coverings whilst working. Drivers are not expected to enforce the wearing of face coverings but will relay concerns relating to non-compliance to the school bus managers who will then advise the school.
- For more information please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>