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Dear Parent

As the coronavirus continues to circulate in the community, we have had to ask increasing numbers of children to self-isolate. To try to reduce these numbers, we are going to make some temporary changes to some of our school's procedures.

From Monday 9 November 2020, in Years 8 and 9 only, form-time, registration and PSHE will now be delivered in your child's academic set rather than their pastoral form group. This will mean that for most children, they will have a temporary change to their form tutor.

As we enter into a second lockdown, in response to the changes to national guidance to team sports and physical activity, in the short term, there will be no core PE lessons. During normal PE time, pupils will be supervised by PE staff in their home base or academic classrooms. This is not a change that we want to make but we do have a growing concern over the numbers of pupils asked to self-isolate so far due to the close contact in PE lessons. We will be exploring opportunities for physical activities and would encourage your child to try and remain physically active at home.

Therefore, pupils can wear their full school uniform and do not need to come in wearing their PE kit for PE lessons. Pupils can however come into school wearing their PE kit for their dance lessons.

We remind parents that pupils should not attend school if they display 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.

The school COVID-19 risk assessment is available to view on the school website:

<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/btmedia/LettersHome/2020/BTRCC-COVID19-School-Opening-Risk-Assessment-23-October-2020.pdf>

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

Yours sincerely

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## **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’.