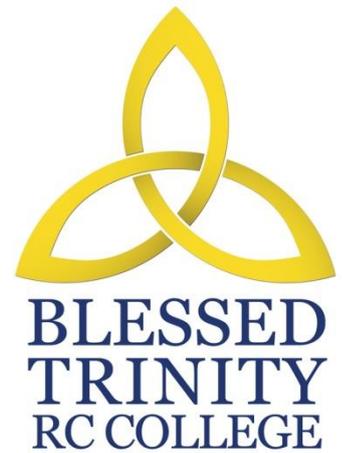


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13 March 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am contacting you to provide guidance regarding the change in the position of the Government regarding Coronavirus.

As the numbers affected by the virus continue to rise, we are continuing to monitor the situation carefully and we are following any advice and guidance we can access. I receive a daily update from the Department for Education, this update contains general advice for school leaders and contains a helpline number to call to seek further advice.

The school currently intends to remain open until we are instructed otherwise by the authorities or until we experience a confirmed case of Coronavirus which could potentially directly affect our school community. Happily, we do not have any confirmed cases which fit this profile.

However, the change in advice from the government and Public Health England yesterday is the following and we ask all parents and carers to remain vigilant and follow this advice:

- If your child has a new continuous cough OR a high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher), they should stay at home for at least 7 days from when their symptoms started.
- If the symptoms are serious and cannot be managed at home or persist longer than 7 days, please go to NHS 111 online, or call 111.

I will endeavour to keep parents and carers informed as soon as there is any change to the current situation. We also have a Coronavirus advice page on our website which can be found under 'Latest News', we will endeavour to keep this updated on a daily basis:

<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/index.php/2019-10-02-15-13-40/news/676-coronavirus-advice>

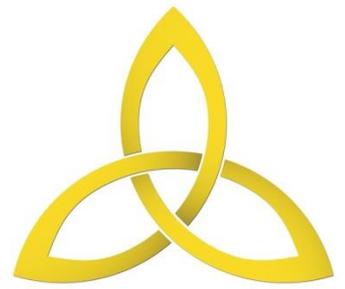
Please also be assured that we are preparing a business continuity plan in the event of a school closure and this will be shared with parents and carers immediately should the situation change.

Yours sincerely,



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