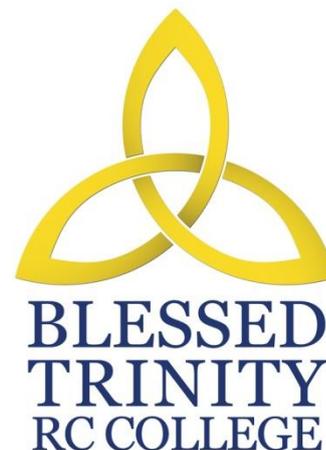


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Dear Parents

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

In response to the announcement from the Prime Minister about the return of pupils to school from 8th March, I am writing to you now to inform you of how we will be managing the process of testing and the return of pupils to school.

Testing

We will be inviting all pupils who have consent for testing to come into school before the 8th March to complete their initial test.

- Thursday March 4: **Year 7- 8am-10am**
Year 9-10.30am-11.45 (Surnames A-P)
Year 11- 12.30am-2pm
Families with multiple children 2pm-3pm
- Friday March 5: **Year 8- 8am-10am**
Year 9-10.30am-11.45am (Surnames Q-Z)
Year 10-12.30pm-2pm
Families with multiple children 2pm-3pm

(Two further tests will take place during lesson time through to Friday March 19).

Please note that on Friday March 5, some learning will be set via Show My Homework and Microsoft TEAMS. We will be using this day to ensure protocols regarding testing and a full return to school are safely in place for all pupils and staff.

We ask that your child checks both Microsoft TEAMS and Show My Homework on this day.

Pupils do not need to wear their uniform for any testing on March 4/5. They should arrive at the Spirit of Sport car park on their allocated day and at the allocated time. Pupils will be greeted by a member of staff who will give them instructions regarding the procedures. Pupils will be expected to socially distance whilst waiting for their test and to wear their face mask at the appropriate times. Please reassure your child that the team of testers are made up of members of staff and they will help and reassure them at every stage.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms J McCue at, jmccue@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk

Please note:

- *Pupils will only be notified of positive test results*
- *Pupils who test positive will need to be collected from school immediately and both **they and the household must self-isolate for a period of 10 days.***

Return to school

We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school from next week. To allow for the continuation of testing and the safe return of pupils, we will be inviting pupils back as part of a gradual phased return. All pupils will be back in school by Wednesday March 10.

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

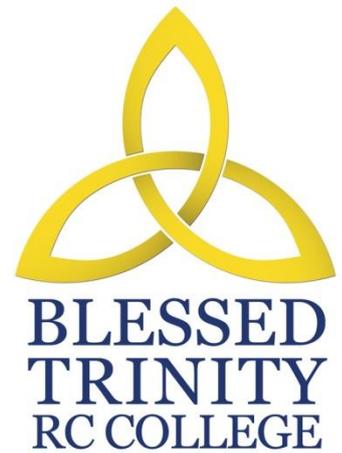
Tuesday March 9: Year 10 and Year 9 back in school from this date

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

Pupils at home on Monday March 8 and Tuesday March 9 will continue to access 'live' learning via Microsoft TEAMS and they will follow their daily timetable as normal.

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Pupils of critical workers and vulnerable pupils, who are permitted to attend school since the lockdown, can continue to attend school up to and including Friday March 5. From that date they will return to school, as per the timetable above.



Facemasks and Health and Safety

The main protocols for school will largely revert to the arrangements that were in place prior to the Christmas holiday. Pupils will be working mainly in their Homebase's; and we will continue to minimise movement around the school. All pupils will enter and exit school through their designated entrance, as was the case before Christmas. **In response to a change in national guidance, pupils will be required to wear face coverings at all times while in the school building, including during lesson time, (excluding those pupils with medical exemption).** We are currently considering ways for pupils to have 'mask breaks'. If you have any questions to ask regarding this information, please email the Headteacher at, head@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk

School Transport

Public Health England advice is that pupils must wear facemasks on dedicated school buses.

Uniform

On our return to school, we will be expecting all pupils to attend in full school uniform, may I remind you that false tan, false eyelashes, false nails, makeup and extreme hairstyles are not permitted in school. Wearing uniform is very much part of what it means to be a pupil at Blessed Trinity. The uniform for pupils is simple and smart and gives pupils a sense of belonging to the school. We want our pupils to be able to focus fully on their education without the external pressures that come from following fashion, make-up and expensive designer brands; we also want to remove this pressure from our parents. The full uniform policy can be found on our website: <http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/index.php/college-policies/372-uniform-policy>

PE/Dance

As we did prior to Christmas, pupils are to attend school in their PE kit on the days on which they have PE and Dance.

Yours sincerely

Richard Varey (Mr)
Headteacher

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'.