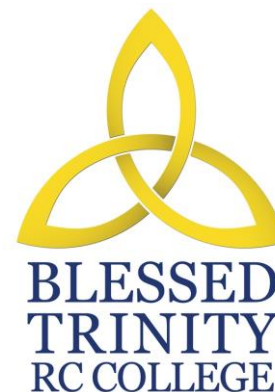


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Dear Parent

We have today had an update from Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education. The Government has changed their guidance on in school testing with immediate effect. He states that:

“Further evaluation work is required to understand the impact of daily contact testing, instead of self-isolation for those who have been in contact with a case... In light of that assessment, we are pausing daily contact testing in all but a small number of secondary schools and colleges. Regular testing of staff should continue and will increase to twice weekly as further reassurance and to break chains of transmission during this period.”

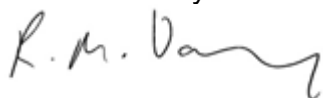
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Although we will continue to test staff and pupils twice weekly to identify individuals who may be asymptomatic, **when there is a positive case, we will not carry out daily testing for close contacts but will rather be sending pupils home to self-isolate (effective immediately)** as we did prior to the Christmas break.

Thank you for co-operating with us as a school despite the frequent Government guidance changes and with so little notice, however we must do as we are instructed in order to minimise the spread of the coronavirus.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support.

Yours sincerely



Mr Richard Varey
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