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Dear Parents



I would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to respond to our survey last week. We were overwhelmed with the amount of positive feedback and delighted to see that 96% of parents believe that we are doing a good job in continuing to provide a good quality of education for your children under the circumstances. We will be sure to pass on the comments of praise and support to all of our staff who will be thrilled to see their hard-work being recognised and appreciated on this scale. Over the coming days we will spend time addressing any feedback and concerns raised to allow for continued improvements. In the meantime if you have any concerns that you would like to raise on an individual basis please contact us in school.

As you will be aware, Boris Johnson has announced that schools will not return until 8 March 2021 at the earliest. We would not be surprised if this period of home learning extends beyond this date. It has also been announced that children in school will only be tested on their initial return and we will therefore not be testing pupils in school on a weekly basis.

In line with Government guidelines, school will not be open to any pupils during the February half-term week. Teachers will not be setting work during this week. School will close on Friday 12 February and re-open on Monday 22 February 2021. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 during the half-term break, can you please ensure that you inform Dr Tuohy by emailing: jtuohy@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk.

Access to Remote Learning

We continue to encourage all parents to notify school where pupils are experiencing difficulties with devices or access to the internet. Please email mgeoghegan@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk in the first instance.

How we can support your child with their Mental Health and wellbeing at Blessed Trinity

At the end of the letter, please find below a list of some of the services we can offer your child if you are worried about their mental health and wellbeing.

If you require any further information on how we can support your child with their mental health and wellbeing, please email Jo McCue for further information jmccue@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk

Library News

Please see information at the end of the letter regarding how you can download books for free.

PSHE

Please see attached wellbeing tips.

Could I thank you once again for your continued support and patience. I would also like to thank all of our staff who are working so hard during this difficult time. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. Varey".

Richard Varey
Headteacher

Well-being Services in school

- Improving low mood
- Reducing anxious thoughts
- Low intensity CBT
- Behavioural activation
- Sleep hygiene
- Breathing techniques
- Meditation
- Graded exposure
- One to one confidential counselling support in person at school or via Teams or telephone sessions.
- Lego Therapy
- ASD support therapies

There is also a range of well-being webinars available for pupils to access:

Student Webinar – Lockdown Motivation - GCSEPod – 28th January - 6pm to 7pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vgojYOYrS7W12XSkwIJuEg

Student Webinar – Stress to Success - GCSEPod – 23rd of February - 6pm to 7pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D7YDLM5EQ--jRCN0J6K47w

Student Webinar – Student Event - GCSEPod – 3rd of March - 5pm to

6pm https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_osYf0fJXRXGlzGoINc3VaA

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Your Reading Cloud login details are:

Username: 00 + your 4-digit school computer login number

e.g. a school computer username of Smith.J-4567 = a Library username of 004567

Password: Your date of birth (this must be 8 numbers) e.g. 4th September 2007 = 04092007

Please put a 0 before any date or month number from 1 - 9 to make sure you have an 8 number password.

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