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Dear Parents

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well.

We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school next week. However, to allow for the recommendations set out in the recent Government guidelines, and to ensure a safe return for all, there will be a phased return for all pupils.

Testing

We will be inviting all pupils who have consent for testing to come into school following the details set out below. (An additional test will take place during lesson time through to Tuesday 14 September).

Pupils do not need to wear their uniform on the day they come into school for their test. Pupils 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 clear instructions regarding the procedures. For Year 7 pupils, please use the following link to indicate if you do or do not give consent to testing. [Consent to testing](#)

For pupils in Year 8-11, your consent to testing from last academic year will remain in place. You do not need to complete another consent form.

Facemasks are not mandatory but are advised as is social distancing.

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

Tuesday 7th September 2021:

Year 7- 8am-11.30am

Year 11- 12pm-2pm

Families with multiple children 2pm-3pm
(Pupils to return home after testing)

Year 7 and 11 pupils will begin school in full school uniform on Wednesday 8 September

Wednesday 8th September:

Year 8- 8am-10am

Year 9-10.30am-12.15pm

Year 10-12.30pm-2.30pm

(Pupils to return home after testing)

Years 8, 9 and 10 pupils will begin school in full school uniform on Thursday 9 September.

School is open fully for all pupils on Thursday 9 September.

Pupil entrances from September 2021

Year 7-Top gate onto top yard
Year 8-Top gate down to main yard
Year 9-Top gate down to main yard
Year 10-Main Entrance
Year 11-Theatre

Please note that all entrances will be open from 8.15am, apart from Year 10. Year 10 pupils will line up outside the Main Entrance in the designated area.

All pupils will be able to access the school building from 8.35am.

Please refer to the additional attachment for details on Form rooms for the new academic year.

Facemasks and movement around school

Following recent Government guidelines pupils do not need to wear a face covering within school (but pupils are free to do so if they so wish), but it is expected and recommended that **facemasks are worn when travelling on public or dedicated school transport**. Please see below information regarding school transport.

<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/btmedia/LettersHome/2021/PHE-Best-Practice-August-2021.pdf>

<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/btmedia/LettersHome/2021/School-transport-Covid-19-guidance-for-schools-August-2021.pdf>

The main protocols for school will return to the arrangements prior to the pandemic. All pupils will move freely around the building to access their lessons and pupils will have access to all of our toilet facilities.

To ensure that we are all safe, hand sanitisers and antibacterial spray for the desks will be available for use in all rooms. We will also ensure that windows are open for fresh air and ventilation.

Break and Lunchtime details are outlined below,

Break

Year 10: 10.15am-10.30am
Year 7: 10.30am-10.45am
Year 9: 10.45am-11.00am
Year 8: 11.00am-11.15am
Year 11: 11.15am-11.30am

Lunch

Year 9: 12.30pm-1.05pm-Dining Room
Year 10: 12.30pm-1.05pm- Café/Theatre
Year 7: 12.55pm-1.30pm- Dining Room
Year 8: 1.30pm-2.05pm-Dining Room
Year 11: 1.30pm-2.05pm-Café/Theatre

Uniform

On our return to school for the new academic year, we will be expecting all pupils to attend in full school uniform. We will be reopening the PE changing rooms and therefore **pupils will not** need to attend school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE lessons. Full school uniform should be worn every day. Please refer to the attached letter and if you have any further questions please contact Mrs R Keighley at: rkeighley@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk

Pupil Access Team Lancashire

We have recently received a large amount of online Free School Meal Applications submitted by parents who already have an active Free School Meal claim. Please note that parents of pupils who are already entitled **do not** need to reapply every academic year as their claims will automatically renew for the next academic year.

This also applies to those children who will be transferring from Primary to Secondary School in September 2021 – Their new school information will automatically be updated on 1st August 2021 and their free school meal entitlement will automatically continue.

Please enjoy the remainder of your summer holiday. I thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back into school in September for the beginning of the new academic year.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher