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Dear Parents

I hope you are well and continuing to remain positive through this difficult and frustrating time. I'm sure, that like us, you are desperate to get back in to our normal way of living. I can't convey enough, our hope that all of our children will return to school as normal, as quickly as possible, so that we can go about our core work; teaching your children face to face. Unfortunately, whilst the Government continue to insist on social distancing, the logistics of the building mean that we cannot admit more than a small fraction of our school cohort. We are hoping for a full return in September but are also planning for some form of partial return, just in case.

Thank you for your continuing support and your patience. Your efforts to support your child's home learning are very much appreciated.

Following the guidance from Lancashire County Council, we are able to move into our phase 1 of return to school for Year 10 pupils from Monday 22nd June. It will be fabulous to catch up with them and support them as we take our next steps in to wider opening.

In these challenging times, the need for support from our local food banks has been unprecedented. As a school, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our local community to help us raise in excess of £3000 to support Burnley in the Community. If you, or a family you know require the support of the food bank you should contact Burnley Together on 01282 686402.

Year 10 Parents

Phased Return

Everyone in school is looking forward to the phased return of our Year 10 pupils from Monday. You will already know details of your Phase 1 interview and we are now pleased to be able to provide some additional information about the face-to-face lessons that will begin from 6 July 2020. The information is given in the attached letter

The Bus Companies have also asked if we will require their services from 6 July for Year 10 phase 2 only. Our decision will depend upon how many of you intend to send your child into school by bus. Please read the information attached and follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xfsmUvH8MU6AWufP-sj0Kqvu0Jdn485Gvf8E4KsMZ45URUlaWDIVOFNKMFENDdCQ0w3ODQ0WFBZSi4u> to complete the form if your child requires transport by the end of Monday 22 June 2020.

Microsoft Teams

We are continuing to get high levels of engagement from home with 90% of pupils logging onto Show My Homework every day. To develop our remote learning strategy even further, we will be launching Microsoft Teams from September in order to provide pupils with much more face to face teacher interaction. It will be used to support our pupils' independent learning from home with opportunities for live lessons, workshops and wellbeing sessions. It will primarily allow pupils to have some vital face to face contact and feedback from their teachers moving forward. We will as a school be running test lessons and sessions before the end of the academic year, so it may be that your child is asked to be part of these. Thank you for all the work you are doing from home.

Year 9

It was a delight to speak to so many Year 9 pupils about their Options on Show my Homework last week. Those polite, well-mannered children really are a credit to you all.

If your child did forget to check in this week, then you are welcome to get in touch with Ms Stevens by email: rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk

Year 7-10 Form Tutor Check Ins

If your child is in Years 7-10, their form teacher will be contacting them each Wednesday as part of a pastoral check. It has been lovely to see so many responses. Form teachers are great at helping pupils to tackle any minor issues. Thank you for ensuring that your child responds to their form teacher's weekly message.

Reducing the Use of Cash In School

Given the current COVID situation, please note school will only be accepting online payments from the new academic year in September.

School currently offers parents access to a secure online payments system. This enables you to check balances for catering and trips and make payments to school. You can also use your account for other tasks such as checking your child's meal history. The same account can be used for any children at this school, and for children at other schools which also use the Tucasi secure scopay.com system by linking the accounts.

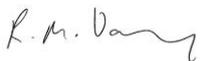
For pupils commencing in Year 7 at Blessed Trinity in September, online access codes will be issued once they have started at school.

If you do not currently use the online system for payments please email office@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk and we can arrange to provide you with the online access code and details of how to register and access the system. If you have a problem making payments via the online system, please contact the school office to discuss this further.

A reminder that work will not be set on Friday 26 June 2020 as this was a planned INSET day for school. The school will remain open for the vulnerable children and key worker children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Richard Varey
Headteacher