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Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back this week; it is really lovely to hear children's voices and laughter on our corridors and in classrooms. The vast majority have returned positively, looking smart and ready to learn. Thank you for supporting them in maintaining our high standards and observing the Government restrictions around Covid 19.

You may have seen an article this week in the Burnley Express regarding our increased pupil admission numbers for the 2021/22 Year 7 intake. I have to say the article took us a little by surprise. It is true that following a request from the Local Authority we have agreed to accept 30 additional pupils in next year's Year 7. One of our partner primaries does have a two form 'bulge' year in Year 6 and the other Burnley high schools have taken additional pupils in previous years to cover the shortfall in school places for Burnley. This temporary increase will only be for that one year group.

Year 11

We are delighted with the way our Year 11 pupils have settled back into school and continued to engage with learning. Without doubt, parents and carers, who offered such fantastic support by encouraging children to keep in contact with school during the Lockdown in January and February, have made a huge contribution to this.

Regarding Summer grades, before Easter we shall send home progress reports to you with updates to teacher predicted grades. Staff will submit final grades to Awarding Bodies in mid-June and these will be confidential. We want to reassure all parents and carers that every pupil will be treated fairly in this final process and ask that you support us by agreeing not to approach teachers directly with grade queries that might be seen to influence or bias staff. Any concerns you do have about the process should be emailed to rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk.

Pupil Home Testing

Further to Miss McCue's letter earlier this week, a reminder regarding self-testing for pupils:

- The 1st test needs to take place for all pupils on the evening of Wednesday 17th March (from 6pm onwards).
- The 2nd test for all pupils needs to take place on the evening of Sunday 21st March (from 6pm onwards).
- The 3rd test for all pupils needs to take place on the evening of Wednesday 24th March (from 6pm onwards).

Test results should be reported using the below link:

[Reporting Pupil Covid Test Results](#)

Please find below links to instructions on how to report your child's self-test results:

<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/btmedia/LettersHome/2021/POS-004-A-guide-to-regular-testing-for-parents-with-children-at-nurseries-and-schools.pdf>

<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/btmedia/LettersHome/2021/COVID-19-self-test-instructions.pdf>

<http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/btmedia/LettersHome/2021/POS-009-LFD-Covid-Self-Test.pdf>

Parking around school

Parents are reminded to be considerate to our neighbours when parking around school.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely



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