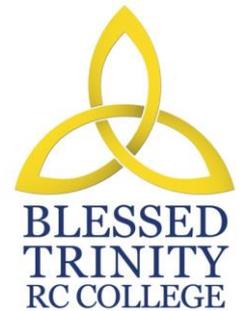


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5 January 2021

Dear Parents



I hope that this letter finds you well. I do not think that any of us can be surprised with the Prime Minister's decision to go into national lockdown and, although his timing is less than ideal, I would think that most of us think it is the right decision at this time. The most important message for our pupils at this time is that they should stay at home and minimise contact with other people in order to reduce the possibility of infection during this lockdown. In the short term, the announcement does not affect our plans for this week in that Year 11 will be taught live on Teams and the other year groups will have a live Teams form time and Show My Homework for all other lessons. From 11 January, we hope that all lessons will be live Teams lessons for all pupils. The school continues to be open for children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils.

If you have any issues or questions regarding home learning, please contact: Mr Snowden ([msnowden@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:msnowden@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)) or Ms Stevens ([rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)).

If you are having any technical issues relating to home learning, please contact [michael@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:michael@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk) or [jez@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jez@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk).

Could I reassure parents and Year 11 pupils as we await clarity to any changes to exams, Year 11 pupils should just continue to work sensibly with their teachers and try to enjoy their learning in each subject. Ms Stevens will also contact you separately and we will give you further information as soon as we have it.

We appreciate that for some pupils this may present difficulties in accessing work remotely due to limitations with, or lack of access to, suitable devices. Please contact [mgeoghegan@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:mgeoghegan@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk) if you are experiencing difficulties.

School will continue to provide food vouchers throughout this additional period of lockdown and all eligible families will receive weekly vouchers, as was previously the case. Please notify us immediately if there are any issues.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health and wellbeing please contact Miss Jo McCue on [jmccue@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jmccue@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk).

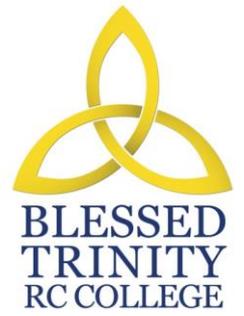
It appears that this period of home learning for all pupils will continue until at least the end of February half-term. We will continue to communicate with you regarding home learning. If you have any concerns or difficulties, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. I am very proud of the way our community has responded throughout this difficult time and I am confident that by working together we can continue to educate our children positively and effectively as we move towards an end to this pandemic. A marathon is won in the last mile, which is often the most difficult to complete. We have to show resilience and determination to get through this last push towards a return to normal life.

Thank you for your continuing support

Yours sincerely

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