



## Trinity School

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Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Carer

Now that the first full week of term is complete, I wanted to write to pass on our congratulations to all students for playing their part in helping to keep our school community safe. With many new rules and routines to learn, students have lived up to our motto of Standards, Responsibility, Opportunity, for all. Lessons have been focused and productive, with high standards of learning, students have shown responsibility by listening and following important safety messages and this has created new opportunities for year groups to be closer than ever in their bubbles. We have had very few instances of students who are not following the Covid-19 behaviour rules.

It has been a positive start to the term and already 12,890 achievement logs have been awarded. For those of you already signed up to ClassCharts, you should have received information about these for your child. Please make sure you sign up if you haven't already as this will be where work will be set in the event of any bubbles being sent home. So far, we have not had any positive Covid-19 tests for any member of the school community attending school. We are keeping watch of the Carlisle statistics and if numbers of confirmed cases begin to creep up, we may change our policy on wearing face coverings. Some parents have asked about this and other aspects of our safety measures. I have prepared a FAQ sheet to cover some of the questions you have asked so far, which is attached with this letter. We are appreciative of the many messages of support from parents and carers and are delighted to be back, teaching your children.

Please note that we have reviewed the start and end times of the school day and will be making some changes from next Monday, which we will confirm and send later this week. This is largely due to the excellent way in which students are coming into school, sanitising hands quickly and making their way to class promptly. We have designated five areas outside for students to wait in their bubbles and, although to an outsider it may look like a large group, on closer inspection, students are waiting with their friendship bubbles, as recommended. We have asked students not to gather on Zero Path or Strand Road so that members of the public can pass through safely. For students who cycle to school, there is area for each bubble in the bike sheds and students are respecting the need to avoid others from different year groups. There is now a seating plan in operation on the school bus. We have had some complaints from members of the public about traffic around DFS as parents/carers drop off their children. The same is true of Strand Road. We know that this may be, in part, due to the early arrival of the school bus and we have raised this with the Local Authority. School transport is the responsibility of the Local Authority, but we try to work together to find solutions where we can. We will be sending a survey to check whether Covid-19 has changed travel routines, the local authority will use this to help plan transport needs in the city.

This term we have a number of parents' evening and information evenings. All of these will be online, and information will be sent about how they will operate. We plan to use the same technology we used in the summer term for the pastoral and progress meetings before we broke up. Please remember that all meetings will be virtual and parents/carers must not turn up at school without an appointment.

The new lunch pre-ordering system is working well, and this has helped to prevent large queues from forming at lunchtime. Unfortunately, it has meant that we have had to suspend food at break due to the large number of lunches that need to be made in advance each day. We are hoping to start break time food again, starting with Year 7, 10 and 11 from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The service will operate like a 'tuck shop' and once food is sold the shop will close. This service will operate on a cashless basis. Students in year 8 and 9 should continue to bring a snack if they want food at break.



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Please remember to check the website and Twitter regularly for information. You can also see some of the great things our students are getting up to. Thank you, once again, for your support during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. Jo Hawkin  
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