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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you are keeping well during this third lockdown. School is quiet with a skeleton staff in the building to make sure that students are supported at home and to look after those whose parents are critical workers. We do have admin and reception staff working on a rota basis, so you are still able to use the same methods of communication if you need to get in touch. We have had no information from government yet about a likely return date but hope that we can get back to some sort of normality sometime after half term.

You will have seen in the news that there will be a consultation about exams and once we have more details we will write to the parents/carers of students in Year 11 and 13 separately. Mr Winter and Mr Guest have already been in touch and will continue to keep exam groups updated. The Year 9 Options process begins soon, and Mr Guest will let parents/carers and students know more about this in due course. We plan to continue with the taster sessions (for students) that we would have held in school and there will be a parent talk from Mr. Guest around the same time.

As you know the Teaching and Learning Team have written to you about remote learning and they will continue to monitor this. They plan to ask for feedback from students, parents and staff soon. Our staff are working hard to deliver variety in their lessons to keep students engaged and, although Teams and voiced PowerPoints are preferred, there are times when students need to do independent work to consolidate learning, act on feedback or revise. Assessments will be given where appropriate. Our aim is to provide as 'normal' a day as we can, following the normal school timetable from 8:30am to 3:05pm. We know that structure helps in these times of uncertainty, but understand, too, that different families have different pressures. With the current rates in Carlisle, it is inevitable that some of your child's teachers may contract Covid-19. If this is the case, work may be set by the Curriculum Leader instead. Many of our staff have young children, too, and not all have places in childcare hubs.

The government clarified their approach to access to childcare hubs in schools stating that the children of critical workers should only attend school if absolutely vital. If your child uses the hub, please continue to communicate with us through the hub email, letting us know which days you require a place the week before.

We have now delivered the majority of our allocation of laptops to the families that need them. We are aware of the difficulties of students sharing devices and the impact on wi-fi speed when a large family are at home working. Please let Year teams know of any issues and we will try our best to help. A possible solution for those with a limited number of devices, who have a Playstation or Xbox games console, is to use these instead. This link <https://www.tes.com/news/how-use-xbox-or-playstation-online-learning> gives more details.



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We have been asked by Public Health to continue to notify them of any positive cases of the virus, even though students are at home. Please continue to let us know if your child tests positive for covid, if you suspect covid or if they are isolating as a close contact. If you notify us of a positive test, please let us know the date of the test, the date of the result and when symptoms began. You can use the same email used over Christmas if this helps [covid@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:covid@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk) or ring reception and leave a message or email your child's Year Team. We also need your permission to share details with track and trace.

Finally, a reminder that there is lots of guidance and support signposted on our website and to contact us if you have any concerns about wellbeing. We are still offering our wellbeing services, counselling and listening service, online or by phone. The Chaplain plans to hold some lunchtime Teams meetings for those who want to join, and he will be sharing a Thought for the Week film every week for students to watch.

As always, my very best wishes to the Trinity family.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin  
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