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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: New term

We have enjoyed welcoming students back into school from today starting with the students that were tested yesterday. Testing is going smoothly so far, and we are pleased that we have had fewer positive results than expected from national figures. Once the testing in school is complete it is important that students continue to undertake their twice weekly tests at home. You will have noted that for a temporary period, students must wear masks in classrooms. Please can you ensure that students bring their own masks into school, storing any spares in a plastic bag. It is also advised that students bring their own hand sanitiser. We will again run through the messages around mask use with all students, including hygiene. We are also encouraging students to use our outdoor spaces at break and lunch so they can remove their masks twice a day.

As you know the rules around self-isolation have changed over the holidays and Secondary Schools are no longer under the enhanced measures that Cumbria had before Christmas. There is a letter from Colin Cox, Director of Public Health, which you can find on the school website and this explains the situation for schools currently. (This was prepared before the government changes that came into force regarding PCR tests, so note that a follow up PCR is no longer required if there is a positive LFD test.) Please do continue to encourage students to test twice a week and daily if they are a close contact of a positive case. We have test packs in each year group area that students can collect if they run out. Please let us know any positive results by emailing covid@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk or info@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk or by using the absence procedures. You no longer need to report negative results to school but should continue to report all results to NHS Test and Trace.

We have updated our Risk Assessments in light of new guidance and also our contingency plan. These can be viewed on the school website in the coronavirus section. We are still operating extra measures in school to ensure safety and to avoid year groups mixing at social times and we hope that this reduces transmission as much as possible. Please ensure that students with symptoms get a PCR test and do not send your child to school until the result is known.

If you have moved house recently or have changed your contact details in any way please make sure that you update them on the Sims Parent App, you can find further details about this from the website. Please, also, ensure that you have read our letter about potential rapid school closures and give consent (Years 8 to 11) via the link in the letter if you wish. For those who prefer to be contacted individually first, you do not need to give consent.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin
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