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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a new academic year at Trinity School!

As we prepare to return to school, I would like to share with you our Covid safety precautions for the start of term. We have updated our Risk Assessments on the website (under the **Coronavirus Updates** section) and you can find a link to the current government guidance [here](#)

From the government guidance the main points are:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Our risk assessments fit in with this guidance. Although we are looking forward to students having access to all our specialist teaching rooms and equipment, we have opted to keep some extra control measures in place because reducing the number of students mixing will reduce the risk of an outbreak in school and the disruption this could bring. Some of these are listed below:

- Maintain separate entrance and exit doors for year groups and staggered dismissal by year teams at the end of the day to avoid crowded corridors
- Year group 'bubbles' remain in place for break and lunch
- Students in sixth form not allowed routinely offsite
- In some lessons students may need to remain outside the teacher area
- Seating plans remain in operation
- New lesson changeover routines, lesson starts and ends to avoid lingering and crowding on corridors
- Some one way areas and stairs maintained
- No bells to attempt to stagger movement
- Breaks and lunches remain outside
- Classroom doors and windows still open
- Separate toilets as far as possible and use at specific times to avoid crowding in those areas
- Online parents' evenings maintained
- Students may continue to wear face coverings if wished
- Face masks for staff in corridors and communal areas highly recommended
- Continued availability of cleaning fluid in classrooms



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All information will be shared with students when they meet their tutors for the first time this year. We will be updating the Covid Home School Agreement and will send this home next week for you to sign.

All schools are required to have an Outbreak Management Plan which gives details of what actions we might take should there be an outbreak in school or infection rates grow in the You can find Trinity School's plan in the **Coronavirus Updates** section on the website. Actions could be as extreme as going back to bubbles, so please be prepared for all eventualities! We will, of course, communicate with you as fast as possible should the situation change.

In school testing continues until Wednesday 8th September and students will receive home test kits soon to restart their twice a week routines. There will be a change to a different type of test at some point during the term and we will send information about this nearer the time. There are obviously changes to the self-isolation guidance, too, that will mean fewer students isolating. Please continue to let us know about any positive PCR or LFD test results and we can offer advice about what to do next if needed. You can let us know by emailing your child's year team, ringing main reception or using the dedicated covid email, covid@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk

Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms and take your child for a PCR if you suspect they have COVID-19. We have had some advice from Public Health about cases where it is unclear if the symptoms are COVID-19 related.

"If a pupil or student is a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case (especially if the positive case is a household member) and the pupil / student is unwell, but does not have one of the three main symptoms, parent or carers should get them a PCR test."

They also recommend that *"all secondary-school aged pupils and students should be encouraged to routinely self-test with lateral flow devices twice a week."*

We are hoping for a positive start to the term and are looking forward to some of the things we have missed: assemblies, information evenings in school, more extra-curricular activities and clubs, music and drama and some trips and visits. Your child's Head of Year will be sending a year group specific letter with more information soon. We look forward to seeing all students in school next week.

Yours sincerely

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