



TRINITY

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

BELVEDERE

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16th July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is difficult to believe that, yet again, we find ourselves heading towards the end of another academic year that has been filled with uncertainty and challenge. I want to express my thanks for the support you have given the school throughout this time, and how you have dealt with the ever-changing advice and guidance from the Government, which in turn has resulted in a fairly constant barrage of information from the school! The pupils, too, have demonstrated outstanding resilience, and we are very proud of each and every one of them.

As I am sure you are aware, the Government guidance again changes from the 19th July. Given the tremendous amount of work undertaken by the entire school community to remain as Covid-secure as possible, we will not be making any changes to our current measures before the end of term. It is deeply regrettable that we have had to ask increasing numbers of pupils to isolate over recent days, and we thank you for your understanding and support in this matter. Today we have received notification from the Director of Public Health Bexley, indicating that case rates in Bexley continue to rise exponentially, particularly in young people, and as such we know that continuing with current procedures is the appropriate path to take.

Next Academic Year

Timings of the School Day

Please see the attached document detailing the timings of the school day for next academic year. We have had to operate a number of variations this year, and based on feedback from pupils, parents and staff, we have carried a number of these changes into the new academic year. Most notably, we will now operate a 'split' lunchtime, enabling pupils to have increased access to catering and recreation facilities. The start/finish times of the day remain as before, and pupils should be on-site by no later than 8.40am to attend registration/worship at 8.45am prompt.

Uniform

We will be returning to full uniform rules from September. Pupils are **not** permitted to wear kit on days they have PE lessons.

Pupils must arrive in full school uniform, which consists of:

- Trinity School sweatshirt & polo shirt.
- Black trousers or black skirt (trousers must be plain, full-length, tailored, NOT leggings. Skirts must be tailored and of an appropriate length).
- Plain white or black socks, or plain neutral or black tights.
- Plain black sensible shoes with low heels. No trainers.
- Pupils are allowed an outside coat with a hood, but hoods must be down at all times (No hoodies).



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Hair and Make-up

- Make-up must not be worn, this includes nail varnish and nail extensions. Hair must be of an appropriate length and natural colour. Extreme haircuts are unacceptable including patterns or stripes.
- Head coverings are not permitted, other than for religious purposes.

Jewellery/Accessories

- A watch and one single small stud may be worn in each ear.
- Facial/nose piercings are not permitted.
- Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones switched on during the school day. Whilst we appreciate pupils may carry them, they must remain 'off and away'.

If a pupil arrives at school not wearing correct uniform, they will be sent home to change. If you have difficulty sourcing school uniform, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Pupils must come to school with the 'T7', which will be checked during tutor time:

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| 1) <i>Timetable</i> | 5) <i>Eraser</i> |
| 2) <i>Pens (black/blue/green)</i> | 6) <i>Reading book</i> |
| 3) <i>Pencil</i> | 7) <i>Subject-specific equipment</i> |
| 4) <i>Ruler</i> | |

On-site Covid Testing

Schools are required to undertake on-site testing with all pupils at the start of the Autumn term. This is a key strategy in breaking chains of transmission, and ensuring that disruption to education is minimised. The vast majority of parents/carers have previously provided consent for this to take place. If you did not provide consent and would like to do so, **or** if you would like to withdraw previously given consent, you must complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/WK7iD4zrCoa9jbPg6>

Parents and carers of new Year 7 pupils are required to provide or withhold consent using the following form: <https://forms.gle/wF8hTqLDNq2AHHc89>

Start of Term Timings

To support with on-site testing we will be operating a staggered start to the new academic year.

Please see the attached document with details for the start of term for each year group.

I hope that we are able to have a relatively calm and undisturbed final few days of term, and I wish you all a well-deserved and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon Godden
Principal