



TRINITY

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

BELVEDERE

PRINCIPAL:
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MR S GODDEN
MR D PALMER

8th September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a refreshing and peaceful summer, and you and your families are safe and well. I cannot express the joy we have felt as a school community in coming back together as a 'whole' at the start of this term. Pupils have returned with both vigour and focus, working and socialising in harmony as they live out our school values of Hope, Compassion and Forgiveness.

At this time of year, I would like to take the opportunity to provide you with a number of key pieces of information and reminders. I do understand that there is a significant amount of information contained within and attached with this letter, but I am sure you will find it all useful. As always, if there is anything you are unsure of or if you require support in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school at your earliest convenience.

COVID-19 Lateral Flow testing

I would like to thank pupils for the mature manner in which they have approach on-site asymptomatic testing at the start of term. By the end of this week, all on-site testing should be complete. From next week, pupils are asked to engage with home testing twice weekly to continue to support the suppression of the virus, and will be issued with test kits to do so.

When conducting home testing, we ask pupils to complete a test every Sunday & Wednesday evening. This will avoid a rush in the mornings, and will also support the school in addressing any positive results in a timely fashion. We also ask that you continue to submit asymptomatic LFT results via the online form:

<https://forms.gle/vRfV5SKwCGzjvN8W9>

If the LFT is **positive**, please inform the school as soon as possible via email pastoral@trinity.bexley.sch.uk including your child's name and year group.

The Department for Education will be reviewing the position on home testing at the end of September, and we will inform you of the outcome when we have additional information.

Start of Term: Standards & Expectations

- All pupils are expected to be **Punctual, Prepared & Positive**
- School Day: A reminder that all pupils should be on site by **no later than 8.40am** to be on time for registration and their Act of Worship.
- Pupil Detentions: We congratulate pupils for the excellent approach they have demonstrated upon their return to school. However, there are occasions where a period of detention for pupils is an appropriate sanction. Although the list below is not exhaustive, it indicates the routines the school will follow
 - Lateness detentions will be issued and completed on the same day with pupils required to stay for 30 minutes at the end of the day. Pupils will be allowed to contact home.
 - 30 minute detentions for unacceptable behaviours can be issued for the same day and, again, pupils will be allowed to contact home.
 - Departmental, Pastoral or SLT detentions lasting an hour will be given a minimum of 24 hours' notice. This information will reach you via your ClassCharts app.



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- Uniform: **All pupils should be wearing full uniform including black shoes at all times.** Infringements will be picked up.
- PE lessons: Pupils should ensure they bring the correct kit for PE lessons to school. They will need to change in and out of PE kit and the beginning and end of lessons. They must **not** come to school in PE kit.
- Pupils must arrive at lessons on time with their correct T7 equipment and a suitable bag ready to learn:
 - *Timetable*
 - *Pens*
 - *Pencil*
 - *Ruler*
 - *Eraser*
 - *Reading book*
 - *Subject specific equipment*

Other protocols

- On-site appointments and meeting staff: whilst we continue to manage our COVID protocols, we are required to keep parental attendance on the school site to a minimum. Please ensure you have booked appointments with members of staff before coming onto the school site.
- Traffic and parking: After around 20 years of campaigning we are finally pleased to see a zebra crossing close to the school gates helping to ensure pupils' safety. It is therefore essential that parents and carers follow road markings in this area. For newer parents you should be advised that there are regular occurrences of traffic enforcement officers in this area, which we fully support. Parking on the school site is exceptionally limited and parents are not permitted to come onto the school site to drop-off or collect pupils at the start/end of the school day.

Pastoral Support

We have always taken great pride in the level of pastoral care afforded to our pupils at Trinity. Whilst we are certainly moving towards a more settled position, we are aware that the events of the past 18 months may have significantly affected individuals. If you feel your child requires additional support please encourage them to speak to a member of staff, or feel free to contact your child's tutor in the first instance. You are able to email pastoral@trinity.bexley.sch.uk if needed, and pupils are reminded that they can email speakeasy@trinity.bexley.sch.uk to seek support with regard to anything that is concerning them.

School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taken on Wednesday 15th September. Further information about how to purchase these will follow.

Online payments

All parents and carers have been issued with account information to set-up online payments via the school system SCOPay. We strongly encourage parents and carers to use this method to top-up pupil accounts to purchase refreshments, as the caterers do not have the facility to accept cash. If you do not have an account / are unable to access your account, please contact reception. More information can be found [here](#).



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Attachments

There are two attachments at the end of this letter. The first is to help you understand the differing software packages parents and pupils access. The second details the extra-curricular opportunities available to pupils in PE across the school. We encourage you to ensure you have looked at these carefully.

Beyond the information provided about the range of software used, I'd ask you to pay particular attention to the following two programs:

- ClassCharts: the school uses this package to support with rewards and sanctions. Pupils can be awarded positive and negative points, and you are able to view this 'live' as a parent/carer by downloading the app and logging into your parent account. If a pupil is set a detention, this is where you will receive notification. It is also used for the setting of homework, and this enables you to monitor the work set for your child. **You will receive a separate email with details of your parent account tomorrow.**
- School Gateway: this is an exceptionally important link because it enables you to access and manage a range of information. This includes your child's timetable, attendance information, achievement and behaviour, and look at your child's Interim Reports. It also enables you to ensure your contact details (address, telephone numbers, email address etc.) are all up to date. School Gateway is available on PC, tablet and as an app on your phone, and instructions on how to register are in the attached document. **School Gateway also enables you to quickly and easily check your eligibility for Free School Meals.**

All members of staff look forward to working together with pupils and families on what I am sure will be a very productive and fruitful year!

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon Godden
Principal